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1 Database Connection Tools

1.1 gsql for Connecting to a Database

1.1.1 gsql Usage Guide

Description

gsql, provided by GaussDB, is a database connection tool running in the command-line interface. You can use gsql to connect to the server and perform operations and maintenance on it. gsql enables users to perform basic operations on the database and provides several advanced features.

Basic functions:

- Connect to a database: By default, only the local server can be connected. To connect to a remote database, you must configure it on the local server. For details, see "Database Quick Start > Connecting to a Database > Using gsql to Connect to a Database > Remotely Connecting to a Database" in *Developer Guide*.

NOTE

If gsql is used to connect to a database, the connection timeout period will be 5 minutes. If the database has not correctly set up a connection and authenticated the identity of the client within this period, gsql will time out and exit. To resolve this problem, see [FAQ](#).

- Run SQL statements: You can interactively enter SQL statements and run them, or run specified SQL statements in a file.
- Run meta-commands: Meta-commands can help administrators view database object information, query cache information, format SQL output, and connect to a new database. For details about meta-commands, see [Meta-Command Reference](#).

Advanced functions:

[Table 1-1](#) lists the advanced features of gsql.

Table 1-1 Advanced gsql features

Feature	Description
Variable	gsql provides a variable feature that is similar to the shell command of Linux. The following \set meta-command of gsql can be used to set a variable: <pre>\set varname value</pre> To delete the variables set by the \set command, run the following command: <pre>\unset varname</pre> NOTE • A variable is a simple name-value pair. The value can be any characters in any length. • Variable names must consist of case-sensitive letters (including non-Latin letters), digits, and underscores (_). • If the \set varname meta-command (without the second parameter) is used, the variable is set without a value specified. • If the \set meta-command without parameters is used, values of all variables are displayed. For details about variable examples and descriptions, see • Variables.
SQL substitution	Common SQL statements can be set to variables using the variable feature of gsql to simplify operations. For details about examples and descriptions about SQL substitution, see • SQL substitution.
Custom prompt	Prompts of gsql can be customized. Prompts can be modified by changing the reserved three variables of gsql: <i>PROMPT1</i>, <i>PROMPT2</i>, and <i>PROMPT3</i>. These variables can be user-defined or set to the values predefined by gsql. For details, see • Prompt.
Historical client operation records	gsql can record historical client operations. This function is enabled by specifying the -r parameter when a client is connected. The number of historical records can be set using the \set command. For example, \set HISTSIZE 50 indicates that the number of historical records is set to 50. \set HISTSIZE 0 indicates that the operation history is not recorded. NOTE • The default number of historical records is 32. The maximum number of historical records is 500. If interactively entered commands contain Chinese characters, only the UTF-8 encoding environment is supported. • For security reasons, the records containing sensitive words (such as PASSWORD, IDENTIFIED, GS_ENCRYPT_AES128, GS_DECRYPT_AES128, GS_ENCRYPT, GS_DECRYPT, GS_ENCRYPT_BYTEA, GS_DECRYPT_BYTEA, PG_CREATE_PHYSICAL_REPLICATION_SLOT_EXTERN, SECRET_ACCESS_KEY, SECRETKEY, CREATE_CREDENTIAL, ACCESSKEY, and SECRET_KEY) are regarded sensitive and not recorded in historical information. This indicates that you cannot view these records in command output histories. Sensitive words are case-insensitive.

- Variables

To set a variable, run the `\set` meta-command of `gsql`. For example, to set variable `foo` to `bar`, run the following command:

```
gaussdb=# \set foo bar
```

To reference the value of a variable, add a colon (:) before the variable. For example, to view the value of variable `foo`, run the following command:

```
gaussdb=# \echo :foo
bar
```

This variable reference method is applicable to regular SQL statements and meta-commands except `\copy`, `\ef`, `\help`, `\sf`, and `\!`.

`gsql` pre-defines some special variables and plans the values of these variables. To ensure compatibility with later versions, do not use these variables for other purposes. For details about special variables, see [Table 1-2](#).

 NOTE

- All the special variables consist of upper-case letters, digits, and underscores (_).
- To view the default value of a special variable, run the `\echo :varname` meta-command, for example, `\echo :DBNAME`.

Table 1-2 Settings of special variables

Variable	Setting Method	Description
DBNAME	<code>\set DBNAME dbname</code>	Name of the connected database. This variable is set again when a database is connected.
ECHO	<code>\set ECHO all queries</code>	- If this variable is set to all, only the query information is displayed. This has the same effect as specifying the -a parameter when <code>gsql</code> is used to connect to a database. - If this variable is set to queries, the command line and query information are displayed. This has the same effect as specifying the -e parameter when <code>gsql</code> is used to connect to a database.

Variable	Setting Method	Description
ECHO_HIDDEN	<code>\set ECHO_HIDDEN on off noexec</code>	When a meta-command (such as <code>\dg</code>) is used to query database information, the value of this variable determines the query behavior. • If this variable is set to on, the query statements that are called by the meta-command are displayed, and then the query result is displayed. This has the same effect as specifying the -E parameter when <code>gsql</code> is used to connect to a database. • If this variable is set to off, only the query result is displayed. • If this variable is set to noexec, only the query information is displayed, and the query is not run.
ENCODING	<code>\set ENCODING <i>encoding</i></code>	Character set encoding of the current client.
FETCH_COUNT	<code>\set FETCH_COUNT <i>variable</i></code>	• If the value is an integer greater than 0, for example, <i>n</i>, <i>n</i> lines will be selected from the result set to the cache and displayed on the screen when the SELECT statement is run. • If this variable is not set or set to a value less than or equal to 0, all results are selected at a time to the cache when the SELECT statement is run. NOTE A proper variable value helps reduce the memory usage. The recommended value range is from 100 to 1000.
HISTCONTROL	<code>\set HISTCONTROL ignorespace ignoredups ignoreboth none</code>	• ignorespace: A line started with a space is not written to the historical record. • ignoredups: A line that exists in the historical record is not written to the historical record. • ignoreboth, none, or other values: All the lines read in interaction mode are saved in the historical record. NOTE none indicates that HISTCONTROL is not set.
HISTFILE	<code>\set HISTFILE <i>filename</i></code>	Specifies the file for storing historical records. The default value is <code>~/.bash_history</code> .

Variable	Setting Method	Description
HISTSIZE	<code>\set HISTSIZE size</code>	Specifies the number of commands to store in the command history. The default value is 500 .
HOST	<code>\set HOST hostname</code>	Specifies the name of a connected host.
IGNOREEOF	<code>\set IGNOREEOF variable</code>	- If this variable is set to a number, for example, 10, the first nine EOF characters (generally Ctrl+C) entered in <code>gsql</code> are neglected and the <code>gsql</code> program exits when the tenth Ctrl+C is entered. - If this variable is set to a non-numeric value, the default value is 10. - If this variable is deleted, <code>gsql</code> exits when an EOF is entered.
LASTOID	<code>\set LASTOID oid</code>	Specifies the last OID, which is the value returned by an INSERT or lo_import command. This variable is valid only before the output of the next SQL statement is displayed.
ON_ERROR_ROLLBACK	<code>\set ON_ERROR_ROLLBACK on interactive off</code>	on: When an error occurs in a statement in a transaction block, the system automatically rolls back to the state before the previous command is executed and continues to execute subsequent commands. This mode works by implicitly creating a SAVEPOINT before each command of a transaction block. When an error occurs, the system automatically rolls back to the previously created SAVEPOINT to cancel the impact of the failed command. interactive: Automatic rollback is enabled only in interactive sessions. off (default value): The entire transaction is terminated when an error occurs in a statement in a transaction block.
ON_ERROR_STOP	<code>\set ON_ERROR_STOP on off</code>	on: The execution stops if an error occurs. In interactive mode, <code>gsql</code> returns the output of executed commands immediately. off (default value): An error, if occurring during the execution, is ignored, and the execution continues.

Variable	Setting Method	Description
PORT	<code>\set PORT <i>port</i></code>	Specifies the port number of a connected database.
USER	<code>\set USER <i>username</i></code>	Specifies the database user you are currently connected as.
VERBOSITY	<code>\set VERBOSITY terse default verbose</code>	This option is used to control redundant lines in error reports. • terse: Only critical and major error texts and text locations are returned (which is generally suitable for single-line error information). • default: Critical and major error texts and text locations, error details, and error messages (possibly involving multiple lines) are all returned. • verbose: All error information is returned.

- SQL substitution

gsql, like a parameter of a meta-command, provides a key feature that enables you to substitute a standard SQL statement for a gsql variable. gsql also provides a new alias or identifier for the variable. To replace the value of a variable using the SQL substitution method, add a colon (:) before the variable. For example:

```
gaussdb=# \set foo 'HR.areaS'
-- Run the following command to query the HR.areaS table:
gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM :foo;
 area_id | area_name
-----+-----
      4 | Middle East and Africa
      3 | Asia
      1 | Europe
      2 | Americas
(4 rows)
```

NOTICE

The value of a variable is copied word by word and can even contain asymmetric quotation marks or backslash commands. Therefore, the input content must be meaningful.

- Prompts

The gsql prompt can be set using the three variables in [Table 1-3](#). These variables consist of characters and special escape characters.

Table 1-3 Prompt variables

Variable	Description	Example
PROMPT1	Specifies the normal prompt used when gsql requests a new command. The default value of <i>PROMPT1</i> is %o%R%# .	<i>PROMPT1</i> can be used to change the prompt. - Change the prompt to [local]: gaussdb=# \set PROMPT1 %M local:/data/huawei/wisquery/perfadm_mppdb - Change the prompt to name: gaussdb=# \set PROMPT1 name name - Change the prompt to =: gaussdb=# \set PROMPT1 %R =
PROMPT2	Specifies the prompt displayed when more input is expected (when the command is not terminated with a semicolon (;) or the quotation marks ("")) are not in pair).	<i>PROMPT2</i> can be used to display the prompt. gaussdb=# \set PROMPT2 TEST gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM HR.areaS TEST; area_id area_name -----+----- 1 Europe 2 Americas 4 Middle East and Africa 3 Asia (4 rows)
PROMPT3	Specifies the prompt displayed when the COPY statement (such as COPY FROM STDIN) is run and data input is expected.	<i>PROMPT3</i> can be used to display the COPY prompt. gaussdb=# \set PROMPT3 '>>>>' gaussdb=# COPY HR.areaS FROM STDIN; Enter data to be copied followed by a newline. End with a backslash and a period on a line by itself. >>>>1 aa >>>>2 bb >>>>.\

The value of the selected prompt variable is printed literally. However, a value containing a percent sign (%) is replaced by the predefined contents depending on the character following the percent sign (%). For details about the defined substitutions, see [Table 1-4](#).

Table 1-4 Defined substitutions

Symbol	Description
%M	Replaced by the full host name (with domain name). The full name is [local] if the connection is over a UDS, or [local:/dir/name] if the UDS is not at the compiled default location.
%m	Replaced by the host name truncated at the first dot. It is [local] if the connection is over a UDS.

Symbol	Description
%o	Database name. For the postgres database, gaussdb is displayed. For other databases, the database name is displayed.
%>	Replaced by the number of the port that the host is listening on.
%n	Replaced by the database session username.
%/	Replaced by the name of the current database.
%~	Similar to %/. However, the tilde (~) is used if the database is your default database.
%#	The number sign (#) is used if the session user is the database administrator; otherwise, the greater-than sign (>) is used.
%R	- For <i>PROMPT1</i>, = typically, but ^ in single-line mode, or ! if the session is disconnected from the database (which can happen if \connect fails). - For <i>PROMPT2</i>, it is replaced by a hyphen (-), an asterisk (*), a single or double quotation mark, or a dollar sign (\$), depending on whether gsql expects more input, for example, the query is not terminated, in a /* ... */ the comment, enclosed with quotation marks, or in a dollar sign extension.
%x	Replaced by the transaction status. - An empty string when it is not in a transaction block - An asterisk (*) when it is in a transaction block - An exclamation mark (!) when it is in a failed transaction block - A question mark (?) when the transaction status is indefinite (for example, because there is no connection).
%digits	Replaced by the character with the specified byte.
%:name	Replaced by the value of the <i>name</i> variable of gsql.
%command	Replaced by the command output, similar to substitution with the "^" symbol.
%[...%]	Prompts may contain terminal control characters which, for example, change the color, background, or style of the prompt text, or change the title of the terminal window. For example: <pre>gaussdb=# \set PROMPT1 '%[%033[1;33;40m%]%n@%/%R%[%033[0m%]%#'</pre> The output is a boldfaced (1;) yellow-on-black (33;40) prompt on VT100-compatible, color-capable terminals.

Environment variables:

For details about gsql-related environment variables, see [Table 1-5](#).

Table 1-5 Environment variables related to gsql

Name	Description
COLUMNS	If \set columns is set to 0 , this parameter controls the width of the wrapped format. This width determines whether to change the wide output mode into the vertical output mode if automatic expansion is enabled.
PAGER	If the query results do not fit on the screen, they are redirected through this command. You can use the \pset command to disable the pager. Typically, the more or less command is used for viewing the query result page by page. The default is platform-dependent. NOTE Display of the less command is affected by the <i>LC_CTYPE</i> environment variable.
PSQL_EDITOR	The \e and \ef commands use the editor specified by the environment variables. The variables are examined in the order listed. The default editor on Unix is vi.
EDITOR	
VISUAL	
PSQL_EDITOR_LINE NUMBER_ARG	When the \e or \ef command is used with a line number parameter, this variable specifies the command-line parameter used to pass the starting line number to the editor. For the Emacs or Vi editor, the value of this parameter is a plus sign (+). Include a space in the value of the variable if space is needed between the option name and the line number. For example: <pre>PSQL_EDITOR_LINENUMBER_ARG = '+' PSQL_EDITOR_LINENUMBER_ARG='--line '</pre> A plus sign (+) is used by default on Unix.
PSQLRC	Specifies the location of the user's .gsqlrc file.
SHELL	Using the \! command has the same effect as executing the shell command.
TMPDIR	Specifies the directory for storing temporary files. The default value is /tmp .

Prerequisites

- The user using gsql must have the permission to access the database.
- gsql must match the database version.

Precautions

- You can use the **gsql_env.sh** script in the release package to set environment variables, for example, **source gsql_env.sh**.
- If environment variables have been set, the environment variables in the script take precedence after the **gsql_env.sh** script is executed.

Format

```
gsql [OPTION]... [DBNAME [USERNAME]]
```

Parameters

For details about gsql parameters, see [Table 1-6](#), [Table 1-7](#), [Table 1-8](#), and [Table 1-9](#).

Table 1-6 Common parameters

Parameter	Description	Value Range
-c, -- command=CO MMAND	Specifies that gsql is to run a string command and then exit.	-
-d, -- dbname=DBNA ME	Specifies the name of the database to be connected. If the database name is not specified, the default database name generated during initialization is used. In addition, gsql allows you to use extended DBNAMEs, that is, connection strings in the format of 'postgres[ql]://[user[:password]@][netloc][:port][, ...] [/dbname] [?param1=value1&...]' or '[key=value] [...]' as DBNAMEs. gsql parses connection information from the connection strings and preferentially uses the information. NOTE When gsql uses the extended DBNAMEs to create a connection, the replication parameter cannot be specified.	A string.
-f, -- file=FILENAME	Specifies that files are used as the source of commands instead of reading commands entered interactively. After the files are processed, gsql exits. If <i>FILENAME</i> is set to a hyphen (-), then standard input is read.	An absolute path or relative path that meets the OS path naming convention.
-l, --list	Lists all available databases and then exits.	-

Parameter	Description	Value Range
-v, --set=, --variable=NAME=VALUE	Sets gsql variable <i>NAME</i> to <i>VALUE</i> . For details about variable examples and descriptions, see • Variables .	-
-X, --no-gsqlrc	Does not read the startup file (neither the system-wide gsqlrc file nor the user's ~/.gsqlrc file). NOTE The startup file is ~/.gsqlrc by default or it can be specified by the environment variable PSQLRC .	-
-1 ("one"), --single-transaction	When gsql uses the -f option to execute a script, "START TRANSACTION" and "COMMIT" are added to the start and end of the script, respectively, so that the script is executed as one transaction. This ensures that the script is executed successfully. If the script cannot be executed, the script is invalid. NOTE If the script already contains "START TRANSACTION", "COMMIT", and "ROLLBACK", this parameter is invalid.	-
-y, --slash-command	Terminates the current statement and sends it to the kernel for execution or re-executes executed statements (excluding gsql meta-commands). NOTE - This function applies to only ORA-compatible databases and does not support the -c, --command parameter. - In ORA-compatible mode, statements are separated using semicolons (;) by default. In the PL/SQL syntax, the slash (/) is used as the separator. When this parameter is used, the separator cannot be changed.	-
-, --help	Displays help information about gsql command-line parameters, and exits.	-
-V, --version	Prints the gsql version information and exits.	-

Table 1-7 Input and output parameters

Parameter	Description	Value Range
-a, --echo-all	Prints all input lines to the standard output as they are read. NOTICE When this parameter is used in some SQL statements, the sensitive information, such as user password, may be disclosed. Use this parameter with caution.	-
-e, --echo-queries	Displays all queries sent to the server to the standard output as well. NOTICE When this parameter is used in some SQL statements, the sensitive information, such as user password, may be disclosed. Use this parameter with caution.	-
-E, --echo-hidden	Echoes the actual queries generated by \d and other backslash commands.	-
-k, --with-key=KEY	Uses gsql to decrypt imported encrypted files. NOTICE - For key characters, such as the single quotation mark (') or double quotation mark (") in shell commands, Linux shell checks whether the input single quotation mark (') or double quotation mark (") matches. If no match is found, Linux shell does not enter the gsql program until the input is complete. - Stored procedures and functions cannot be decrypted and imported.	-
-L, --log-file=FILE NAME	Writes normal output source and all query output into the file specified by <i>FILENAME</i> . NOTICE - When this parameter is used in some SQL statements, the sensitive information, such as user password, may be disclosed. Use this parameter with caution. - This parameter retains only the query result in the corresponding file, so that the result can be easily found and parsed by other callers (for example, automatic O&M scripts). Logs about gsql operations are not retained.	An absolute path or relative path that meets the OS path naming convention.
-m, --maintenance	Allows a cluster to be connected when a two-phase transaction is being restored. NOTE The parameter is for developers only. When this parameter is used, gsql can be connected to the standby node to check data consistency between the primary and standby nodes.	-

Parameter	Description	Value Range
-n, --no-libedit	Closes command line editing.	-
-o, --output=FILENAME	Puts all query output into the file specified by <i>FILENAME</i> .	An absolute path or relative path that meets the OS path naming convention.
-q, --quiet	Specifies the quiet mode. No additional information will be printed.	By default, gsqr displays various information.
-s, --single-step	Runs in single-step mode. It indicates that the user is prompted before each command is sent to the server. This option can also be used for canceling execution. This option is mainly used to debug scripts. NOTICE When this parameter is used in some SQL statements, the sensitive information, such as user password, may be disclosed. Use this parameter with caution.	-
-S, --single-line	Runs in single-line mode where a line break terminates a command.	-
-C, -C1, --enable-client-encryption=1	Enables the encrypted database feature when the -C parameter is used to connect to a local or remote database. In this way, encrypted equality query is supported.	-
-C3, --enable-client-encryption=3	Enables a memory decryption emergency channel when the -C parameter is used to connect to a local or a remote database. The encrypted equality query and the memory decryption emergency channel features are supported.	-

Table 1-8 Output format parameters

Parameter	Parameters
-A, --no-align	Switches to unaligned output mode. The default output mode is aligned.

Parameter	Parameters
-F, --field-separator=STRING	Specifies the field separator, which is the vertical bar () by default.
-H, --html	Enables the HTML output format.
-P, --pset=VAR[=ARG]	Specifies the print option in the \pset format in the command line. NOTE The equal sign (=), instead of the space, is used here to separate the name and value. For example, enter -P format=latex to set the output format to LaTeX .
-R, --record-separator=STRING	Sets the record separator.
-r	Enables the insert mode on the client. It is disabled by default.
-t, --tuples-only	Prints only tuples.
-T, --table-attr=TEXT	Specifies options to be placed within the HTML table tag. Use this parameter with the -H,--html parameter to specify the output to the HTML format.
-x, --expanded	Displays in the expanded format.
-z, --field-separator-zero	Sets the field separator in the unaligned output mode to be blank. Use this parameter with the -A, --no-align parameter to switch to unaligned output mode.
-0, --record-separator-zero	Sets the record separator in the unaligned output mode to be blank. Use this parameter with the -A, --no-align parameter to switch to unaligned output mode.
-2, --pipeline	Uses a pipe to transmit the password. This parameter cannot be used on devices and must be used together with the -c or -f parameter.

Table 1-9 Connection parameters

Parameter	Description	Value Range
-h, --host=HOSTNAME	Specifies the host name of the running server, the UDS path, or the domain name. You can specify multiple host addresses by using character strings separated by commas (,), or specify an IPv6 host address. If multiple host addresses are specified, the faulty node is skipped by default and the first available primary node is automatically selected for connection. You can set the <i>PGTARGETSESSIONATTRS</i> environment variable to connect to different types of nodes. The values of the <i>PGTARGETSESSIONATTRS</i> variable are as follows: read-write: readable and writable node. read-only: read-only node. primary or not set: primary node. standby: standby node. prefer-standby: preferred standby node. If there is no standby node, any is used. any: no role check. NOTE Primary CNs and DN nodes are primary nodes. Generally, DN nodes are read-only nodes. You can set <i>PGTARGETSESSIONATTRS</i> to read-write to connect to CNs.	If the host name is omitted, gsql connects to the localhost over UDS or TCP/IP if no UDS is available.
-p, --port=PORT	Port number of the database server. You can configure one or more port numbers. When one port number is configured, all host addresses use the same port for connection. When multiple port numbers are configured, the sequence is the same as the host address sequence, and the number of port numbers must be the same as the number of host addresses. If they are different, an error is reported. You can modify the default port number using the -p, --port=PORT parameter.	The default port number can be specified by using compilation parameters. If the port number is not specified, the default port number 5432 is used.

Parameter	Description	Value Range
<code>-U, --username=USE RNAME</code>	Specifies the user who connects to the database. NOTE - If this parameter is specified, you also need to enter your password for identity authentication when connecting to a database. You can enter the password interactively or use the -W parameter to specify a password. - To connect to a database, add an escape character before any dollar sign (\$) in the username.	A string. The default user is the current user who operates the system.
<code>-W, --password=PASS WORD</code>	Specifies a password when the -U parameter is used to connect to the local database or a remote database. NOTE - When you attempt to connect to the CN after you have logged in to the server where the CN resides, the trust connection is used by default, and this parameter does not need to be set. - To connect to a database, add an escape character before any backslash (\) or back quote (') in the password. - If this parameter is not specified but database connection requires your password, you will be prompted to enter your password in interactive mode. The maximum length of the password is 999 bytes, which is restricted by the maximum value of the GUC parameter password_max_length.	A string.

Example

Example 1

Connect to a database and run the command.

Step 1 Connect to the GaussDB server using the **gsql** tool.

The **gsql** tool uses the **-d** parameter to specify the target database name, the **-U** parameter to specify the database username, the **-h** parameter to specify the host name, and the **-p** parameter to specify the port number. For details about the **gsql** parameters, see [Parameters](#).

```
-- Connect to the 8000 port of the postgres database on the remote host as user jack. (Replace the  
parameter values as required.)  
gsql -h 10.180.123.163 -d postgres -U jack -p 8000
```

 NOTE

- If the database name is not specified, the default database name generated during initialization is used.
- If the database username is not specified, the current OS user is used as the database username by default.
- When the preceding parameters (such as **-d** or **-U**) are not specified, if the database name is not specified in the connection command (**-d**), the parameter is interpreted as the database name; if the database name is specified (**-d**) but the database username is not specified (**-U**), this parameter is interpreted as the database username.

For example, in the following command, **postgres** and **omm** are not options and are interpreted as the database name and username, respectively.

```
gsql postgres omm -p 8000
```

It is equivalent to the following command:

```
gsql -d postgres -U omm -p 8000
```

Step 2 Run an SQL statement.

```
-- Create the human_staff database.
gaussdb=# CREATE DATABASE human_staff;
CREATE DATABASE
```

Step 3 Execute gsql meta-commands and SQL statements.

```
-- List all databases and description information in GaussDB.
gaussdb=# \l
```

Name	Owner	Encoding	Collate	Ctype	Access privileges
human_resource	omm	SQL_ASCII	C	C	
postgres	omm	SQL_ASCII	C	C	
template0	omm	SQL_ASCII	C	C	=c/omm +
					omm=CTc/omm
template1	omm	SQL_ASCII	C	C	=c/omm +
					omm=CTc/omm
human_staff	omm	SQL_ASCII	C	C	
gaussdb	omm	SQL_ASCII	C	C	

```
(6 rows)

-- Drop the human_staff database.
gaussdb=# DROP DATABASE human_staff;
DROP DATABASE
```

For details about gsql meta-commands, see [Meta-Command Reference](#).

----End

Example 2

Obtain the help information.

```
gsql --help
gsql is the GaussDB Kernel interactive terminal.

Usage:
gsql [OPTION]... [DBNAME [USERNAME]]

General options:
-c, --command=COMMAND    run only single command (SQL or internal) and exit
-d, --dbname=DBNAME      database name to connect to (default: "omm")
-f, --file=FILENAME       execute commands from file, then exit
-l, --list                list available databases, then exit
-v, --set=, --variable=NAME=VALUE
                           set gsql variable NAME to VALUE
-V, --version             output version information, then exit
-X, --no-gsqlrc           do not read startup file (~/.gsqlrc)
```

```
-1 ("one"), --single-transaction
    execute command file as a single transaction
-?, --help
    show this help, then exit
```

Input and output options:

```
-a, --echo-all
    echo all input from script
-e, --echo-queries
    echo commands sent to server
-E, --echo-hidden
    display queries that internal commands generate
-k, --with-key=KEY
    the key for decrypting the encrypted file
-L, --log-file=FILENAME
    send session log to file
-m, --maintenance
    can connect to cluster during 2-pc transaction recovery
-n, --no-libedit
    disable enhanced command line editing (libedit)
-o, --output=FILENAME
    send query results to file (or |pipe)
-q, --quiet
    run quietly (no messages, only query output)
-C, -C1, --enable-client-encryption=1
    enable client encryption feature
-C2, --enable-client-encryption=2
    enable client sorting based client encryption feature
-C3, --enable-client-encryption=3
    enable Trusted Domain operation based on client encryption feature
-s, --single-step
    single-step mode (confirm each query)
-S, --single-line
    single-line mode (end of line terminates SQL command)
-y, --slash-command
    enable slash command to re-execute query in buffer
```

Output format options:

```
-A, --no-align
    unaligned table output mode
-F, --field-separator=STRING
    set field separator (default: "|")
-H, --html
    HTML table output mode
-P, --pset=VAR[=ARG]
    set printing option VAR to ARG (see \pset command)
-R, --record-separator=STRING
    set record separator (default: newline)
-r
    if this parameter is set, use libedit
-t, --tuples-only
    print rows only
-T, --table-attr=TEXT
    set HTML table tag attributes (e.g., width, border)
-x, --expanded
    turn on expanded table output
-z, --field-separator-zero
    set field separator to zero byte
-0, --record-separator-zero
    set record separator to zero byte
-2, --pipeline
    use pipeline to pass the password, forbidden to use in terminal
    must use with -c or -f
```

Connection options:

```
-h, --host=HOSTNAME
    database server host or socket directory (default: "/data/huawei/wisquery/
    perfadm_mppdb")
    allow multi host IP address with comma separator, Use the
    PGTARGETSESSIONATTRS(default: "primary") variable to select the
    IP address to be connected.
    (PGTARGETSESSIONATTRS can be {read-write|read-only|primary|
    standby|prefer-standby|any})
-p, --port=PORT
    database server port (default: "5432")
-U, --username=USERNAME
    database user name (default: "omm")
-W, --password=PASSWORD
    the password of specified database user
```

For more information, type "\?" (for internal commands) or "\help" (for SQL commands) from within gsql, or consult the gsql section in the GaussDB Kernel documentation.

1.1.2 Meta-Command Reference

This section describes meta-commands provided by gsql after GaussDB CLI tool is used to connect to a database. After connecting to the database, you can run the \? command to display the help information about all available meta-commands.

Precautions

- The format of the gsql meta-command is a backslash (\) followed by a command verb, and then a parameter. The parameters are separated from the command verb and from each other by any number of whitespace characters.
- To include whitespace characters into an argument, you must quote them with a single straight quotation mark. To include a single straight quotation mark into such an argument, precede it by a backslash. Anything contained in single quotation marks is furthermore subject to C-like substitutions for \n (new line), \t (tab), \b (backspace), \r (carriage return), \f (form feed), \digits (octal), and \xdigits (hexadecimal).
- Within a parameter, text enclosed in double quotation marks (") is taken as a command line input to the shell. The output of the command (with any trailing newline removed) is taken as the argument value.
- If an unquoted argument begins with a colon (:), the argument is taken as a gsql variable and the value of the variable is used as the argument value instead.
- Some commands take an SQL identifier (such as a table name) as a parameter. These parameters follow the SQL syntax rules: Unquoted letters are forced to lowercase, while double quotation marks (") protect letters from case conversion and allow incorporation of whitespace into the identifier. Within double quotation marks, paired double quotation marks reduce to a single double quotation mark in the result name. For example, FOO"BAR"BAZ is interpreted as fooBARbaz, and "Aweird""name" becomes Aweird"name.
- The analysis of parameters stops at another unquoted backslash (\), which is considered the beginning of a new meta-command. Parameters end with two backslashes (\\) and then SQL statements can be analyzed, if any. In this way, SQL and gsql commands can be used together in a line. But in any case, the arguments of a meta-command cannot continue beyond the end of the line.
- M-compatible databases do not support the \h meta-command.

Command Format and Parameters

For details about meta-commands, see [Table 1-10](#), [Table 1-11](#), [Table 1-12](#), [Table 1-13](#), [Table 1-15](#), [Table 1-17](#), [Table 1-18](#), [Table 1-19](#), [Table 1-21](#), and [Table 1-22](#).

NOTICE

FILE mentioned in the following commands indicates a file path. This path can be an absolute path such as **/home/gauss/file.txt**, or a relative path such as **file.txt**. By default, a **file.txt** is created in the path where the user runs gsql commands.

Table 1-10 Common meta-commands

Parameter	Description	Value Range
\copyright	Displays GaussDB version and copyright information.	-

Parameter	Description	Value Range
\g [FILE] or ;	Performs a query operation and sends the result to a file or pipe.	-
\h(\help) [NAME]	Provides syntax help on the specified SQL statement.	If the name is not specified, then gsql will list all the commands for which syntax help is available. If the name is an asterisk (*), syntax help on all SQL statements is displayed.

Parameter	Description	Value Range
<code>\parallel [on [num]]off</code>	Controls the parallel execution function. • on: The switch is enabled and the maximum number of concurrently executed tasks is num. The default value of num is 1024. • off: This switch is disabled. NOTE • Parallel execution is not allowed in a running transaction and a transaction is not allowed to be started during parallel execution. • Parallel execution of \d meta-commands is not allowed. • If SELECT statements are run concurrently, the return results may be displayed randomly but acceptable; however, if a core dump or process response failure occurs, it is not acceptable. • It is not recommended that you run SET statements in concurrent tasks because they may cause unexpected results. • Creation of a temporary table is not supported. If temporary tables are required, create them before parallel execution is enabled, and use them only in the parallel execution. Temporary tables cannot be created in parallel execution. • When \parallel is executed, <i>num</i> independent gsql processes can be connected to the database server. • The total duration of all \parallel tasks cannot exceed session_timeout. Otherwise, the connection may fail during concurrent execution. • One or more commands following \parallel on will be executed only after \parallel off is executed. Therefore, \parallel on must be followed by \parallel off. Otherwise, the commands following \parallel on cannot be executed. • The maximum number of connections allowed by the server is determined based on max_connection and the number of current connections. Set num based on the allowed number of connections.	-
<code>\q</code>	Exits the gsql program. This command is executed in a script file only when the script terminates.	-

Table 1-11 Query buffer meta-commands

Parameter	Description
\e [FILE] [LINE]	Uses an external editor to edit the query buffer or file.
\ef [FUNCNAME [LINE]]	Edits the function definition using an external editor. If LINE is specified, the cursor will point to the specified line of the function body.
\p	Prints the current query buffer to the standard output.
\r	Resets or clears the query buffer.
\w FILE	Outputs the current query buffer to a file.

Table 1-12 Input/Output commands

Parameter	Description
\copy { table [(column_list)] (query) } { from to } { filename stdin stdout pstdin pstdout } [LOAD] [LOAD_DISCARD 'string'] [with] [binary] [oids] [delimiter [as] 'character'] [null [as] 'string'] [useeof] [csv [header] [quote [as] 'character'] [escape [as] 'character'] [force quote column_list *] [force not null column_list]] [parallel integer]	After logging in to the database on any gsql client, you can import and export data. This is an operation of running the SQL COPY command, but not the server that reads or writes data to a specified file. Instead, data is transferred between the server and the local file system. In this way, local user permissions instead of server permissions are required for file access, and the user does not need to be the initial user. NOTE • \COPY only applies to small-batch data import with uniform formats. GDS or COPY is preferred for data import. • \COPY specifies the number of clients to import data to implement parallel import of data files. Currently, the value range is [1,8]. • The parallel import using \COPY has the following limitations: Parallel import of temporary tables is not supported. Parallel import within transactions is not supported. Parallel import of binary files is not supported. Parallel import of data encrypted using AES-128 is not supported. Parallel import is not supported when the COPY option contains EOL. In these cases, even if the parallel parameter is specified, the non-parallel process is still used. If the data file contains fewer than 100 lines, the non-parallel process is also used. • Both the TEXT and CSV formats of \COPY support the header function.

Parameter	Description
\echo [STRING]	Writes character strings to the standard output.
prompt [STRING]	Writes character strings to the standard output, which is equivalent to \echo .
\i FILE	Reads content from <i>FILE</i> and uses them as the input for a query.
\i+ FILE KEY	Runs commands in an encrypted file.
\ir FILE	Similar to \i , but resolves relative path names differently.
\ir+ FILE KEY	Similar to \i+ , but resolves relative path names differently.
\o [FILE]	Saves all query results to a file.
\qecho [STRING]	Writes character strings to the query output flow.

Table 1-13 Information display meta-commands

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\d[S+]	Lists all tables, views, and sequences of all schemas in search_path . When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed.	-	Lists all tables, views, and sequences of all schemas in search_path . gaussdb=# \d
\d[S+] NAME	Lists the structure of specified tables, views, and indexes. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed.	-	Lists the structure of table a . gaussdb=# \dtable+ a

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\d+[PATTERN]	Lists all tables, views, and indexes. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only tables, views, and indexes whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all tables, views, and indexes whose names start with f . gaussdb=# \d+ f*
\da[S][PATTERN]	Lists all available aggregate functions, together with the data type they perform operations on and the return value types. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only aggregate functions whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all available aggregate functions whose names start with f , together with their return value types and the data types. gaussdb=# \da f*
\db[+][PATTERN]	Lists all available tablespaces. If PATTERN is specified, only tablespaces whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all available tablespaces whose names start with p . gaussdb=# \db p*
\dc[S+][PATTERN]	Lists all available conversions between character-set encodings. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only conversions whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all available conversions between character-set encodings. gaussdb=# \dc *

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\dC[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all available type conversions. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only conversions whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	PATTERN must be the actual type name and cannot be an alias.	Lists all type conversions whose pattern names start with C . gaussdb=# \dC c*
\dd[S] [PATTERN]	Displays all visible objects. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only matched objects are displayed. The objects include aggregations, functions, operators, types, relations (tables, views, indexes, sequences, and large objects), and rules.	-	Lists all visible objects. gaussdb=# \dd
\ddp [PATTERN]	Lists all default permissions. If PATTERN is specified, only permissions whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all default permissions. gaussdb=# \ddp
\dD[S+] [PATTERN]	Lists all available domains. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only domains whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all available domains. gaussdb=# \dD

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\det[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all external tables. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only tables whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all foreign tables. gaussdb=# \det
\des[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all external servers. If PATTERN is specified, only servers whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all foreign servers. gaussdb=# \des
\deu[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all user mappings. If PATTERN is specified, only information whose name matches PATTERN is displayed.	-	Lists all user mappings. gaussdb=# \deu
\dew[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all encapsulated external data. If PATTERN is specified, only data whose name matches PATTERN is displayed.	-	Lists all encapsulated external data. gaussdb=# \dew
\df[antw][S+] [PATTERN]	Lists all available functions, together with their parameters and return types. a indicates an aggregate function, n indicates a common function, t indicates a trigger, and w indicates a window function. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only functions whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all available functions, together with their parameters and return types. gaussdb=# \df

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\dF[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all text search configuration information. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only configurations whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all text search configuration information. gaussdb=# \dF+
\dFd[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all text search dictionaries. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only dictionaries whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all text search dictionaries. gaussdb=# \dFd
\dFp[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all text search analyzers. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only analyzers whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all text search analyzers. gaussdb=# \dFp
\dFt[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all text search templates. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only templates whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all text search templates. gaussdb=# \dFt

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\dg[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all database roles. If PATTERN is specified, only roles whose names match PATTERN are displayed. NOTE Since the concepts of "users" and "groups" have been unified into "roles", this command is now equivalent to \du. Both commands are retained to ensure compatibility with earlier versions.	-	Lists all database roles named j? (the question mark (?) indicates any character). gaussdb=# \dg j?e
\dl	Alias of \lo_list, which shows a list of large objects.	-	Lists all large objects. gaussdb=# \dl
\dL[S+] [PATTERN]	Lists all available program languages. If PATTERN is specified, only languages whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all available program languages. gaussdb=# \dL
\dm[S+] [PATTERN]	Lists materialized views. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only materialized views whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists materialized views. gaussdb=# \dm
\dn[S+] [PATTERN]	Lists all schemas (namespace). If + is added to the command, the permission and description of each schema are listed. If PATTERN is specified, only schemas whose names match the pattern are shown. By default, only schemas you created are displayed.	-	Lists information about all schemas whose names start with d. gaussdb=# \dn+ d*

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\do[S] [PATTERN]	Lists available operators with their operand and return types. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only operators whose names match PATTERN are displayed. By default, only the operators created by the user are listed.	-	Lists available operators with their operand and return types. gaussdb=# \do
\dO[S+] [PATTERN]	Lists collation rules. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only rules whose names match PATTERN are displayed. By default, only user-created rules are shown.	-	Lists collation rules. gaussdb=# \dO

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\dp [PATTERN]	Lists tables, views, and related permissions. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only tables and views whose names match the pattern are shown.	-	Lists tables, views, and related permissions. gaussdb=# \dp The following result about \dp is displayed: rolename=xxxx/yyyy -- Assigns permissions to a role. =xxxx/yyyy -- Assigns permissions to public. xxxx indicates the assigned permissions, and yyyy indicates the roles with the assigned permissions. For details about permission descriptions, see Table 1-14 .
\drds [PATTERN1 [PATTERN2]]	Lists all parameters that have been modified. These settings can be for roles, for databases, or for both. PATTERN1 and PATTERN2 indicate a role pattern and a database pattern, respectively. If PATTERN is specified, only collations rules whose names match PATTERN are displayed. If the default value is used or * is specified, all settings are listed.	-	List all the modified configuration parameters of the database. gaussdb=# \drds * dbname
\dT[S+] [PATTERN]	Lists all data types. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. If PATTERN is specified, only types whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists all data types. gaussdb=# \dT

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\du[+] [PATTERN]	Lists all database roles. If PATTERN is specified, only roles whose names match PATTERN are displayed. NOTE Since the concepts of "users" and "groups" have been unified into "roles", this command is now equivalent to \dg . Both commands are retained to ensure compatibility with earlier versions.	-	Lists all database roles. gaussdb=# \du
\dE[S+] [PATTERN] \di[S+] [PATTERN] \ds[S+] [PATTERN] \dt[S+] [PATTERN] \dv[S+] [PATTERN]	In this group of commands, the letters E, i, s, t, and v stand for foreign table, index, sequence, table, and view, respectively. You can specify any or a combination of these letters sequenced in any order to obtain an object list. When objects with the same name exist in different schemas in search_path , only the object in the schema that ranks first in search_path is displayed. For example, \dit lists all indexes and tables. If a plus sign (+) is added to the end of a command name, the physical size and related description of each object are also listed. If PATTERN is specified, only objects whose names match PATTERN are displayed. By default, only objects you created are displayed. You can specify PATTERN or S to view other system objects.	-	Lists all indexes and views. gaussdb=# \div
\dx[+] [PATTERN]	Lists installed extensions. If PATTERN is specified, only extensions whose names match PATTERN are displayed.	-	Lists installed extensions. gaussdb=# \dx

Parameter	Description	Value Range	Example
\l[+]	Lists the names, owners, character set encodings, and permissions of all the databases in the server.	-	List the names, owners, character set encodings, and permissions of all the databases in the server. gaussdb=# \l
\sf[+] FUNCTION NAME	Displays the definition of a function. NOTE - If the function name contains parentheses, enclose the function name with double quotation marks and add the parameter type list following the double quotation marks. Also enclose the list with parentheses. - If a function with the same name exists, the definitions of multiple functions are returned.	-	Assume a function function_a and a function func()name . This parameter will be as follows: gaussdb=# \sf function_a gaussdb=# \sf "func()name"(argtype1, argtype2)
\z [PATTERN]	Lists all tables, views, and sequences in the database and their access permissions. If a pattern is given, it is a regular expression, and only matched tables, views, and sequences are shown.	-	Lists all tables, views, and sequences in the database and their access permissions. gaussdb=# \z

 NOTE

- In [Table 1-13](#), **S** indicates that the system object is displayed and **+** indicates that additional object information is displayed.
- **PATTERN** specifies the name of the object to be displayed. Pay attention to the following points about **PATTERN**:
 - In the simplest case, **PATTERN** is the exact name of the object. Characters in **PATTERN** are usually converted to lowercase (as in SQL names), for example, `\dt FOO` will display a table named `foo`. As in SQL names, placing double quotation marks (") around a pattern prevents them being folded to lower case. If you need to include a double quotation mark (") in a pattern, write it as a pair of double quotation marks (""), within a double-quote sequence, which is in accordance with the rules for SQL quoted identifiers. For example, `\dt "FOO""BAR"` will be displayed as a table named `FOO"BAR` instead of `foo"bar`. You cannot put double quotation marks around just part of a pattern, which is different from the normal rules for SQL names. For example, `\dt FOO"FOO"BAR` will be displayed as a table named `fooFOObar` if just part of a pattern is quoted.
 - Whenever the **PATTERN** parameter is omitted completely, the `\d` commands display all objects that are visible in the current schema search path, which is equivalent to using an asterisk (*) as the pattern. An object is regarded to be visible if it can be referenced by name without explicit schema qualification. To see all objects in the database regardless of their visibility, use a dot within double quotation marks (".") as the pattern.
 - Within a pattern, the asterisk (*) matches any sequence of characters (including no characters) and a question mark (?) matches any single character. This notation is comparable to Unix shell file name patterns. For example, `\dt int*` displays tables whose names start with `int`. But within double quotation marks, the asterisk (*) and the question mark (?) lose these special meanings and are just matched literally.
 - A pattern that contains a dot (.) is interpreted as a schema name pattern followed by an object name pattern. For example, `\dt foo*.bar*` displays all tables (whose names include `bar`) in schemas starting with `foo`. If no dot appears, then the pattern matches only visible objects in the current schema search path. Likewise, the dot within double quotation marks loses its special meaning and becomes an ordinary character.
 - Senior users can use regular-expression notations, such as character classes. For example `[0-9]` can be used to match any digit. All regular-expression special characters work as specified in POSIX. The following characters are excluded:
 - A dot (.) is used as a delimiter.
 - An asterisk (*) is translated into an asterisk prefixed with a dot (.*), which is a regular-expression marking.
 - A question mark (?) is translated into a dot (.).
 - A dollar sign (\$) is matched literally.
 - You can write `?`, `(R+)`, `(R)`, and `R` to the following pattern characters: `.`, `R*`, and `R?`. The dollar sign (\$) does not need to be used as a regular expression character because **PATTERN** must match the entire name instead of being interpreted as a regular expression (in other words, \$ is automatically appended to **PATTERN**). If you do not expect a pattern to be anchored, write an asterisk (*) at its beginning or end. All regular-expression special characters within double quotation marks lose their special meanings and are matched literally. Regular-expression special characters in operator name patterns (such as the `\do` parameter) are also matched literally.

Table 1-14 Description of permissions

Parameter	Description
r	SELECT: allows users to read data from specified tables and views.
w	UPDATE: allows users to update columns for specified tables.
a	INSERT: allows users to insert data to specified tables.
d	DELETE: allows users to delete data from specified tables.
D	TRUNCATE: allows users to delete all data from specified tables.
x	REFERENCES: allows users to create a FOREIGN KEY constraint (not supported in distributed mode).
t	TRIGGER: allows users to create a trigger on specified tables.
X	EXECUTE: allows users to use specified functions and the operators that are realized by the functions.
U	USAGE: • For procedural languages, allows users to specify a procedural language when creating a function. • For schemas, allows users to access objects included in specified schemas. • For sequences, allows users to use the nextval function.
C	CREATE: • For databases, allows new schemas to be created within the database. • For schemas, allows users to create objects in a schema. • For tablespaces, allows users to create tables in a tablespace and set the tablespace to default one when creating databases and schemas.
c	CONNECT: allows users to connect to specified databases.
T	TEMPORARY: allows users to create temporary tables.
A	ALTER: allows users to modify the attributes of a specified object.
P	DROP: allows users to delete specified objects.
m	COMMENT: allows users to define or modify comments of a specified object.
i	INDEX: allows users to create indexes on specified tables.
v	VACUUM: allows users to perform ANALYZE and VACUUM operations on specified tables.
*	Grants the preceding permissions.

Table 1-15 Formatting meta-commands

Parameter	Description	Value Range
\a	Switches between aligned and unaligned table output formats.	-
\C [STRING]	Sets the title for the table output, or cancels the title (if there is no parameter).	Any character string or null.
\f [STRING]	Specifies the character or string used to separate fields in unaligned output mode.	Any character string.
\H	Switches between standard output and HTML table output.	-
\pset NAME [VALUE]	Sets options affecting the output of query result tables.	For details about the value of NAME , see Table 1-16 .
\t [on off]	Switches the table output format.	• on: Only data rows are displayed. Column titles and row counts are not displayed. • off: The entire table, including the column titles and row counts, is displayed.
\T [STRING]	Specifies attributes to be placed within the table tag in HTML output format. If this parameter is left empty, no setting is performed.	-
\x [on off auto]	Switches the display mode of the extended rows.	• on: The extended display mode is enabled. Each field is displayed in a separate row. • off: The extended display mode is disabled and the standard table display mode is used. • auto: The extended display mode is used depending on the width of the query result.

Table 1-16 Adjustable printing options

Option	Description	Value Range
border	Controls the border style of the table output.	- The value is an integer greater than 0 in HTML format. - The value range in other formats is as follows: 0: no border. No border is displayed when the table is output. 1: inner borders dividing columns, without outside borders. 2: all borders, including the outside and inner borders.
expanded (or x)	Switches between regular and expanded formats.	on: The extended display mode is enabled. Each field is displayed in a separate row. off: The extended display mode is disabled and the standard table display mode is used. The standard format is effective only in the aligned and wrapped modes. auto: The extended display mode is used depending on the width of the query result.
fieldsep	Specifies the delimiter between columns in unaligned output mode.	Any character string. Common values include ',', '\t', and ' '. If this option is not set, spaces are used as delimiters by default.
fieldsep_z ero	Sets the delimiter between columns in unaligned output mode to ASCII NUL.	-
footer	Sets the footer of the query result.	on: The footer information is displayed. off: The footer information is not displayed.

Option	Description	Value Range
format	Specifies the output format of the query result.	• unaligned (u): Columns are displayed in unaligned mode and are separated by the current delimiter. • aligned (a): The table is displayed in aligned mode. • wrapped (w): The table is displayed similar to the aligned mode but automatically wraps any excessively long value. • html (h): The table is displayed in HTML table format. • latex (l): The table is displayed in LaTeX format. • troff-ms (t): The table is displayed in the troff ms macro format.
null	Specifies the display mode of NULL values.	Any character string. If this option is not set, whitespace characters are used to replace NULL values by default.
numericlocale	Determines whether to use the locale of the current system when numbers are output.	• on: The locale settings of the current system are used for formatting when numbers are output. For example, the number 1,000.00 is displayed as 1,000.00 in English and 1.000,00 in German. • off: The standard numeric format, such as 1000.00, is used for number output.
pager	Determines the use of a pager for query and gsql help outputs. If the PAGER environment variable is set, the output is redirected to the specified program. Otherwise, the platform-dependent default value is used.	• on: The pager is used for terminal output that does not fit the screen. • off: The pager is not used. • always: The pager is used for all terminal output regardless of whether it fits the screen.

Option	Description	Value Range
recordsep	Sets the record delimiter in unaligned output mode.	Any character string. Common values include the newline characters (\n), carriage return character (\r), and carriage return line feed character (\r\n). If this option is not set, the newline character (\n) is used as the record delimiter by default.
recordsep_zero	Sets the record delimiter between columns in unaligned output mode to ASCII NUL.	-
tableattr (or T)	Specifies attributes to be placed inside the HTML table tag in HTML output format (such as cellpadding or bgcolor). Note: If the \pset border command has been executed, you do not need to set the border.	For example, bgcolor=#FFFFFF. If no value is given, the table attributes are not set.
title	Specifies the title of the query result.	Any character string. If this option is not set, no title is displayed in the query result.
tuples_only (or t)	Enables or disables the tuples-only mode. Full display may show extra information, such as column headers, titles, and various footers. In tuples-only mode, only the table data is shown.	-
feedback	Specifies whether to output the number of rows in the query result.	-

Table 1-17 Connection meta-commands

Parameter	Description	Value Range
\c[onnect] [DBNAME - USER - HOST - PORT -]	Connects to a new database. If a database name contains more than 63 bytes, only the first 63 bytes are valid and are used for connection. However, the database name displayed in the command line of <code>gsql</code> is still the name before the truncation. NOTE If the database login user is changed during reconnection, you need to enter the password of the new user. The maximum length of the password is 999 bytes, which is restricted by the maximum value of the GUC parameter <code>password_max_length</code> .	-
\encoding [ENCODING]	Sets the client character set encoding.	Without an argument, this command shows the current encoding.
\conninfo	Prints information about the current connected database.	-

Table 1-18 OS meta-commands

Parameter	Description	Value Range
\cd [DIR]	Changes the current working directory.	An absolute path or relative path that meets the OS path naming convention.
\setenv NAME [VALUE]	Sets the <i>NAME</i> environment variable to VALUE . If VALUE is not provided, do not set the environment variable.	-
\timing [on off]	Toggles a display of how long each SQL statement takes, in milliseconds (exclude the time of screen displaying).	• on: The display is enabled. • off: The display is disabled.
\! [COMMAND]	Runs OS commands. If no command follows \!, running it will open an independent shell UI for user interaction.	-

Table 1-19 Variable meta-commands

Parameter	Description
<code>\prompt [TEXT] NAME</code>	Prompts the user to enter a value and stores it in a gsql variable. <i>TEXT</i> indicates the text that prompts the user to enter, and <i>NAME</i> indicates the gsql variable that stores the input value. Example: gaussdb=# \prompt 'Enter area name: ' area Enter area name: Asia gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM HR.areaS WHERE area_name = 'Asia'; area_id area_name -----+----- 3 Asia (1 row)
<code>\set [NAME [VALUE]]</code>	Sets the internal variable <i>NAME</i> to VALUE . If more than one value is given, the variable value is the concatenation result of all values. If no second argument is given, the variable is just set with no value. Some common variables are processed differently in gsql and they are combinations of uppercase letters, numbers and underscores. Table 1-20 is a list of all variables that are processed differently.
<code>\unset NAME</code>	Deletes the variable name of gsql.

Table 1-20 Common `\set` commands

Command	Command Description	Value Range
<code>\set VERBOSITY value</code>	Controls the redundant lines in error reports.	● default: Critical and major error texts and text locations, error details, and error messages (possibly involving multiple lines) are all returned. ● verbose: All error information is returned. ● terse: Only critical and major error texts and text locations are returned (which is generally suitable for single-line error information).

Command	Command Description	Value Range
<code>\set ON_ERROR_STOP</code> value	If this variable is set, the script execution stops immediately. If this script is called from another script, that script will be stopped immediately as well. If the primary script is called using the -f option rather than from one gsql session, gsql will return error code 3 , indicating the difference between the current error and critical errors. (The error code for critical errors is 1 .)	• on: The execution stops if an error occurs. In interactive mode, gsql returns the output of executed commands immediately. • off: An error, if occurring during the execution, is ignored, and the execution continues.
<code>\set AUTOCOMMIT</code> [on off]	Controls the auto commit behavior of the current gsql connection. By default, the gsql connection is automatically committed, and each individual statement is implicitly committed. If auto commit is disabled for performance or other purposes, you need to explicitly run the COMMIT command to ensure that transactions are committed. For example, execute the COMMIT statement to explicitly commit transactions after a specified service SQL statement is executed. Particularly, ensure that all transactions are committed before the gsql client exits. NOTE The auto commit function is enabled in gsql by default. If you disable it, all the statements executed later will be packaged in implicit transactions, and you cannot execute statements that cannot be executed within transactions.	• on: Auto commit is enabled. • off: Auto commit is disabled.

Table 1-21 Large object meta-commands

Parameter	Description
<code>\lo_list</code>	Displays a list of all GaussDB large objects stored in the database, along with the comments provided for the large objects.

Table 1-22 Fully-encrypted meta-commands

Parameter	Description
<code>\send_token</code>	The full encryption function is used to send keys to the server for caching. This function is used only when the memory decryption emergency channel is enabled.
<code>\st</code>	The full encryption function is used to send keys to the server for caching. This function is used only when the memory decryption emergency channel is enabled.
<code>\clear_token</code>	The full encryption function is used to destroy the key cached on the server. This function is used only when the memory decryption emergency channel is enabled.
<code>\ct</code>	The full encryption function is used to destroy the key cached on the server. This function is used only when the memory decryption emergency channel is enabled.
<code>\key_info KEY_INFO</code>	In the fully-encrypted database features, this parameter is used to set the parameters for accessing the external key manager.

 NOTE

- The fully-encrypted memory decryption emergency channel is not supported in a distributed system.
- Currently, fully-encrypted databases are not M-compatible.

Examples

Example 1

Obtain the help information.

```
-- Connect to a database. (Replace the database name and port number as required.)
gsql -d postgres -p 8000
gsql ((GaussDB Kernel XXX.X.XXX build f521c606) compiled at 2021-09-16 14:55:22 commit 2935 last mr
6385 release)
Non-SSL connection (SSL connection is recommended when requiring high-security)
Type "help" for help.

-- View all SQL statements supported by GaussDB.
gaussdb=# \h
Available help:
ABORT
ALTER AGGREGATE
ALTER APP WORKLOAD GROUP
... ..

-- View the parameters of the DROP TABLE syntax.
gaussdb=# \h DROP TABLE
Command: DROP TABLE
```

```
Description: remove a table
Syntax:
DROP TABLE [ IF EXISTS ]
      { [ schema.]table_name } [, ...] [ CASCADE | RESTRICT ] [ PURGE ];

-- View meta-commands supported by gsql.
gaussdb=# \?
General
\copyright          show GaussDB Kernel usage and distribution terms
\g [FILE] or ;      execute query (and send results to file or |pipe)
\h(\help) [NAME]    help on syntax of SQL commands, * for all commands
\q                  quit gsql
... ..
```

Example 2

Use a meta-command.

```
-- Connect to a database. (Replace the database name and port number as required.)
gsql -d postgres -p 8000
gsql ((GaussDB Kernel XXX.X.XXX build f521c606) compiled at 2021-09-16 14:55:22 commit 2935 last mr
6385 release)
Non-SSL connection (SSL connection is recommended when requiring high-security)
Type "help" for help.

-- Create a table.
gaussdb=# CREATE SCHEMA HR;
CREATE SCHEMA
gaussdb=# CREATE TABLE HR.areaS(area_ID NUMBER,area_NAME VARCHAR2(25));
NOTICE: The 'DISTRIBUTE BY' clause is not specified. Using 'area_id' as the distribution column by default.
HINT: Please use 'DISTRIBUTE BY' clause to specify suitable data distribution column.
CREATE TABLE

-- View the definition of a table.
gaussdb=# \d HR.areaS
          Table "hr.areaS"
  Column |      Type      | Modifiers
-----+-----+-----
 area_id | numeric        |
 area_name | character varying(25) |

-- Insert four rows of data into HR.areaS.
gaussdb=# INSERT INTO HR.areaS (area_ID, area_NAME) VALUES (1, 'Europe');
INSERT 0 1
gaussdb=# INSERT INTO HR.areaS (area_ID, area_NAME) VALUES (2, 'Americas');
INSERT 0 1
gaussdb=# INSERT INTO HR.areaS (area_ID, area_NAME) VALUES (3, 'Asia');
INSERT 0 1
gaussdb=# INSERT INTO HR.areaS (area_ID, area_NAME) VALUES (4, 'Middle East and Africa');
INSERT 0 1

-- View a table.
gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM HR.areaS;
 area_id |      area_name
-----+-----
       4 | Middle East and Africa
       1 | Europe
       2 | Americas
       3 | Asia
(4 rows)

-- Use the \pset command to display a table in different ways.
gaussdb=# \pset border 2
Border style is 2.

gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM HR.areaS;
+-----+-----+
| area_id | area_name |
+-----+-----+
```

```
| 4 | Middle East and Africa |
| 1 | Europe                  |
| 2 | Americas                  |
| 3 | Asia                      |
+-----+
(4 rows)

gaussdb=# \pset border 0
Border style is 0.

gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM HR.areaS;
area_id    area_name
-----
4 Middle East and Africa
1 Europe
2 Americas
3 Asia
(4 rows)

-- Use a meta-command.
gaussdb=# \a \t \x
Output format is unaligned.
Showing only tuples.
Expanded display is on.

gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM HR.areaS;
area_id|4
area_name|Middle East and Africa

area_id|1
area_name|Europe

area_id|2
area_name|Americas

area_id|3
area_name|Asia

gaussdb=# \a \t \x
Output format is aligned.
Tuples only is off.
Expanded display is off.

gaussdb=# SELECT * FROM HR.areaS;
area_id    area_name
-----
4 Middle East and Africa
1 Europe
2 Americas
3 Asia
(4 rows)

gaussdb=# DROP TABLE HR.areaS;
DROP TABLE

gaussdb=# DROP SCHEMA HR;
DROP SCHEMA
```

1.1.3 FAQ

Low Connection Performance

- Problem: **log_hostname** is enabled, but DNS is incorrect.

Solution:

Connect to the database, and run **show log_hostname** to check whether **log_hostname** is enabled in the database.

If it is enabled, the database kernel will use DNS to check the name of the host where the client is deployed. If the host where the CN resides is configured with an incorrect or unreachable DNS, the database connection will take a long time to set up. For more details about **log_hostname**, see "GUC Parameters".

- Problem: The database kernel runs the initialization statement slowly.

Solution:

It is difficult to locate faults in this scenario. Try using the **strace** Linux command.

```
strace gsql -U MyUserName -d gaussdb -h 127.0.0.1 -p 23508 -r -c '\q'  
Password for MyUserName:
```

The database connection process will be printed on the screen. For example, if the following operations are suspended for a long time, the database executes the **SELECT VERSION()** statement slowly.

```
sendto(3, "Q\0\0\0\25SELECT VERSION()\0", 22, MSG_NOSIGNAL, NULL, 0) = 22  
poll([fd=3, events=POLLIN|POLLERR], 1, -1) = 1 ([fd=3, revents=POLLIN])
```

After the database is connected, you can run the **explain performance select version()** statement to find the reason why the initialization statement was run slowly. For more information, see "SQL Optimization > Introduction to the SQL Execution Plan" in *Developer Guide*.

An uncommon scenario is that the disk of the machine where the database CN resides is full or faulty, affecting queries and leading to user authentication failures. As a result, the connection process is suspended. To solve this problem, clear the data disk space of the database CN.

- Problem: The TCP connection is set up slowly.

Solution:

Run **strace** to check whether the initialization statement is run slowly. If the following information is displayed for a long time:

```
connect(3, {sa_family=AF_FILE, path="/home/test/tmp/ gaussdb_llt1/.s.PGSQL.61052"}, 110) = 0
```

Or,

```
connect(3, {sa_family=AF_INET, sin_port=htons(61052), sin_addr=inet_addr("127.0.0.1")}, 16) = -1  
EINPROGRESS (Operation now in progress)
```

It indicates that the physical connection between the client and the database is set up slowly. In this case, check whether the network is unstable or has high throughput.

- Problem: The connection is slow due to full resource load.

Solution:

When the CPU, memory, or I/O usage is close to 100%, the gsql connection is slow.

- Run the **top** command to check the CPU usage. Run the **free** command to check the memory usage. Run the **iostat** command to check the I/O load. You can also check the monitor logs in the CM Agent and the monitoring records on the database O&M platform.
- For peak load scenarios caused by a large number of slow queries in a short period of time, you can use the port specified by (*Port number of the database server* + 1) to query the pg_stat_activity view. For slow queries, you can use the system function pg_terminate_backend to kill sessions.

- If service overloading exists for a long time (that is, there is no obvious slow query, or new queries still become slow after slow queries are killed), reduce the service load and increase database resources.

Problems in Setting Up Connections

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsq: could not connect to server: No route to host."

Solution:

This problem occurs because an unreachable address or port is specified. Check whether the values of **-h** and **-p** parameters are correct.

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsq: FATAL: Invalid username/password,login denied."

Solution:

This problem occurs generally because an incorrect username or password was entered. Contact the database administrator to check whether the username and password are correct.

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsq: FATAL: Forbid remote connection with trust method!"

Solution:

For security purposes, remote database login in trust mode is forbidden. In this case, you need to modify the connection authentication information in the **gs_hba.conf** file. Contact an administrator.

NOTE

Do not modify the configurations of database cluster hosts in the **gs_hba.conf** file. Otherwise, the database may become faulty. It is recommended that service applications be deployed outside the database cluster.

- Problem: The database can be connected from the host where the CN resides by adding **-h 127.0.0.1**, but the connection fails if **-h 127.0.0.1** is removed.

Solution:

Run the SQL statement **show unix_socket_directory** to check whether the **unix socket directory** used by the database CN is the same as that specified by the environment variable **\$PGHOST** in the **shell** directory. If they are different, set **\$PGHOST** to the directory specified by **unix_socket_directory**.

For more details about **unix_socket_directory**.

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "The "libpq.so" loaded mismatch the version of gsql, please check it."

Solution:

This problem occurs because the version of **libpq.so** used in the environment does not match that of **gsq**. Run the **ldd gsql** command to check the version of the loaded **libpq.so**, and then load correct **libpq.so** by modifying the environment variable **LD_LIBRARY_PATH**.

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsq: symbol lookup error: xxx/gsq: undefined symbol: libpqVersionString."

Solution:

This problem occurs because the version of **libpq.so** used in the environment does not match that of **gsq** (or the PG **libpq.so** exists in the environment).

Run the **ldd gsql** command to check the version of the loaded **libpq.so**, and then load correct **libpq.so** by modifying the environment variable **LD_LIBRARY_PATH**.

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsql: connect to server failed: Connection timed out."

Is the server running on host "xx.xxx.xxx.xxx" and accepting TCP/IP connections on port xxxx?

Solution:

This problem is caused by network connection faults. Check the network connection between the client and the database server. If you cannot ping from the client to the database server, the network connection is abnormal. Contact network management personnel for troubleshooting.

```
ping -c 4 10.10.10.1
PING 10.10.10.1 (10.10.10.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
From 10.10.10.1: icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.10.10.1 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.10.10.1 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.10.10.1 icmp_seq=4 Destination Host Unreachable
--- 10.10.10.1 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 0 received, +4 errors, 100% packet loss, time 2999ms
```

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsql: FATAL: permission denied for database "gaussdb"."

DETAIL: User does not have CONNECT privilege.

Solution:

This problem occurs because the user does not have the permission to access the database. To solve this problem, perform the following steps:

- Connect to the database as a database administrator.
`gsql -d gaussdb -U dbadmin -p 8000`
- Grant the user with the permission to access the database.
`GRANT CONNECT ON DATABASE gaussdb TO user1;`

In addition, many common misoperations may cause users to fail to connect to the database, for example, entering an incorrect database name, username, or password. In this case, the client tool will display the corresponding error messages.

```
gsql -d gaussdb -p 8000
gsql: FATAL: database "gaussdb" does not exist

gsql -d gaussdb -U user1 -p 8000
Password for user user1:
gsql: FATAL: Invalid username/password,login denied.
```

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsql: FATAL: sorry, too many clients already, active/non-active: 197/3."

Solution:

This problem occurs because the number of system connections exceeds the allowed maximum. Contact the DBA database administrator to release unnecessary sessions.

You can check the number of connections of user sessions as described in [Table 1-23](#).

You can view the session status in the **PG_STAT_ACTIVITY** view. To release unnecessary sessions, use the **pg_terminate_backend** function.

```
SELECT datid,pid,state FROM pg_stat_activity;
datid | pid | state
```

```
-----+-----+-----
13205 | 139834762094352 | active
13205 | 139834759993104 | idle
(2 rows)
```

The value of **pid** is the thread ID of the session. Terminate the session using its thread ID.

```
SELECT PG_TERMINATE_BACKEND(139834759993104);
```

If a command output similar to the following is displayed, the session is successfully terminated:

```
PG_TERMINATE_BACKEND
-----
t
(1 row)
```

Table 1-23 Viewing the number of session connections

Description	Command
View the maximum number of sessions connected to a specific user.	Run the following command to view the upper limit of user1 's connections. -1 indicates that no upper limit is set for USER1 's session connections. gaussdb=# SELECT ROLNAME,ROLCONNLIMIT FROM PG_ROLES WHERE ROLNAME='user1'; rolname rolconnlimit -----+----- user1 -1 (1 row)
View the number of session connections that have been used by a specified user.	Run the following command to view the number of connections that have been used by user1 . 1 indicates the number of connections that have been used by user1 . gaussdb=# SELECT COUNT(*) FROM dv_sessions WHERE USERNAME='user1'; count ----- 1 (1 row)
View the maximum number of session connections of a specific database.	Run the following command to view the upper limit of gaussdb 's session connections. -1 indicates that no upper limit is set for gaussdb 's session connections. gaussdb=# SELECT DATNAME,DATCONNLIMIT FROM PG_DATABASE WHERE DATNAME='gaussdb'; datname datconnlimit -----+----- gaussdb -1 (1 row)
View the number of session connections that have been used by a specified database.	Run the following command to view the number of session connections that have been used by gaussdb . 1 indicates the number of session connections that have been used by gaussdb . gaussdb=# SELECT COUNT(*) FROM PG_STAT_ACTIVITY WHERE DATNAME='gaussdb'; count ----- 1 (1 row)

Description	Command
View the number of session connections that have been used by all users.	Run the following command to view the number of session connections that have been used by all users: gaussdb=# SELECT COUNT(*) FROM dv_sessions; count ----- 10 (1 row)

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsq: wait xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:xxxx timeout expired."

Solution:

When gsql initiates a connection request to the database, a 5-minute timeout period is used. If the database cannot correctly authenticate the client request and client identity within this period, gsql will exit the connection process for the current session, and will report the above error.

Generally, this problem is caused by the incorrect host and port (that is, the xxx part in the error information) specified by the **-h** and **-p** parameters. As a result, the communication fails. Occasionally, this problem is caused by network faults. To resolve this problem, check whether the host name and port number of the database are correct.

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsq: could not receive data from server: Connection reset by peer."

Solution:

Check whether CN logs contain information similar to "FATAL: cipher file "/data/coordinator/server.key.cipher" has group or world access." This error is usually caused by incorrect tampering with the permissions for data directories or some key files. For details about how to correct the permissions, see related permissions for files on other normal instances.

- Problem: The following error message is displayed: "gsq: FATAL: GSS authentication method is not allowed because XXXX user password is not disabled."

Solution:

In **gs_hba.conf** of the target CN, the authentication mode is set to **gss** for authenticating the IP address of the current client. However, this authentication algorithm cannot authenticate clients. Change the authentication algorithm to **sha256** and try again. For details, contact the administrator.

NOTE

- Do not modify the configurations of database cluster hosts in the **gs_hba.conf** file. Otherwise, the database may become faulty.
- It is recommended that service applications be deployed outside the database cluster.

Other Faults

- Problem: A core dump or abnormal exit occurs due to a bus error.

Solution:

Generally, this problem is caused by changes to the shared dynamic library (.so file in Linux) loaded during process running. Alternatively, if the process binary file changes, the execution code for the OS to load machines or the entry for loading a dependent library will change accordingly. In this case, the OS terminates the process for protection purposes, generating a core dump file. To resolve this problem, please try again. In addition, do not run service programs in a cluster during O&M operations, such as an upgrade, preventing such a problem caused by file replacement during the upgrade.

NOTE

Possibly, a stack of the core dump file contains dl_main and its function calling. The file is used by the OS to initialize a process and load the shared dynamic library. If the process has been initialized but the shared dynamic library has not been loaded, the process cannot be considered completely started.

2 Data Import and Export Tools

2.1 Overview

Table 2-1 Overview

Tool	Description
COPY	Syntax for importing and exporting database data in batches. COPY can be used to import and export table-level data and export query result sets. For details about the best practices for COPY, see "Best Practices > Best Practices for COPY Import and Export" in <i>Developer Guide</i> . For details about all COPY commands, see "SQL Reference > SQL Syntax > C > COPY" in <i>Developer Guide</i> .
\COPY	Meta-command for importing and exporting table-level data in batches on the gsql client. Compared with the COPY command, the \COPY meta-command can import and export client data files and supports concurrent import through multiple transactions.
gs_dump	Tool for database-level export. To export information about a single database, you can export the definitions and data of all or some objects (such as schemas, tables, and views) in a database.
gs_dumpall	Tool for instance-level export. You can export object definitions and data of all databases in an instance, including data of the default database, data of user-defined databases, and global objects of all databases. gsql is required for instance-level restoration.
gs_restore	Tool for database-level import. It imports files exported using gs_dump.

2.2 gs_dump for Exporting Database Information

Description

gs_dump, provided by GaussDB, is used to export database information. You can export a database or its objects (such as schemas, tables, and views). The database can be the default **postgres** database or a user-specified database.

- gs_dump supports SSL encrypted communication.
- When gs_dump is used to export data, other users can still access (read or write) the cluster database.
- gs_dump can export complete, consistent data. For example, if gs_dump is started to export database A at T1, data of the database at that time point will be exported, and modifications on the database after that time point will not be exported.
- gs_dump can export database information to a plain-text SQL script file or archive file.
 - Plain-text SQL script: It contains the SQL statements required to restore the database. You can use [gsql for Connecting to a Database](#) to execute the SQL script. With only a little modification, the SQL script can rebuild a database on other hosts or database products.
 - Archive file: It contains data required to restore the database. It can be a tar-, directory-, or custom-format archive. For details, see [Table 2-2](#). The export result must be used with [gs_restore](#) to restore the database. The system allows users to select or even to sort the content to be imported.
- gs_dump supports four export file formats, which are specified by **[-F or --format=]**. For details, see [Table 2-2](#).

Table 2-2 Formats of exported files

Format	Value of -F	Description	Suggestion	Import Tool
Plain-text	p	A plain-text script file containing SQL statements and commands. The commands can be executed on gsql, a command line terminal, to rebuild database objects and load table data.	For a small-sized database or the exported SQL file needs to be modified, the plain-text format is recommended.	Before using gsql to restore database objects, you can use a text editor to edit the plain-text export file as needed.

Format	Value of -F	Description	Suggestion	Import Tool
Custom	c	A binary file that allows the restoration of all or selected database objects from an exported file.	You are advised to use custom-format archive files for medium or large database.	You can use gs_restore to import database objects from a custom-, directory-, or tar-format archive.
Directory	d	A directory containing directory files of database objects and the data files of tables and BLOBs.	Database objects and data files need to be stored and exported in different directories. Therefore, the directory format is recommended.	
.tar archive	t	A tar-format archive that allows the restoration of all or selected database objects from an exported file. The tar file cannot be further compressed and has an 8-GB limitation on the size of each single file.	You need to export the archive result and pack it. The tar format is recommended.	

NOTE

- To reduce the size of an exported file, you can use the `gs_dump` tool to compress it to a directory archive file or custom-format file. When a directory archive or custom-format archive is generated, medium compression is applied by default. Archived exported files cannot be compressed using `gs_dump`.
- In M-compatible mode, do not import or export data between databases with different **lower_case_table_names** parameter settings. Otherwise, data may be lost.

Precautions

- Before using `gs_dump`, ensure that the `gs_dump` version is consistent with the database version. `gs_dump` of a later version may not be fully compatible with kernel data of an earlier version.
- `gs_dump` is not suitable for scenarios where there are too many objects (such as tables, views, and indexes) in the database. If the number of objects in the database exceeds 100,000 or the dependency between objects is too complex, the export using `gs_dump` takes a long time.
- Do not modify the files and contents exported using the **-F c/d/t** formats. Otherwise, the restoration may fail. For files exported using the **-F p** format, you can edit the exported files with caution if necessary.
- To ensure the data consistency and integrity, `gs_dump` acquires a share lock on a table to be dumped. If a share lock has been set for the table in other transactions, `gs_dump` locks the table after it is released. If the table cannot be locked within the specified time, the dump fails. You can customize the timeout interval to wait for lock release by specifying the **--lock-wait-timeout** parameter.
- Storing procedures and functions cannot be exported in encrypted mode.
- For materialized views, this tool supports only definition export. After importing materialized views, you need to manually run the REFRESH statement to restore data.
- For temporary objects, this tool can export only global temporary tables.
- This tool cannot be used on standby nodes.
- The distribution information in the system catalog on the DN is incomplete. Therefore, when `gs_dump` is used on the DN, the table distribution information is not dumped.
- When `gs_dump` is used to export partitioned indexes, the attributes of some index partitions cannot be exported, for example, the unusable status of index partitions. You can query the PG_PARTITION system catalog or ADM_IND_PARTITIONS view to obtain the attributes of an index partition. You can run the ALTER INDEX statement to manually set the attributes of an index partition.
- For scheduled tasks, this tool can export only scheduled tasks created using CREATE EVENT from a MySQL-compatible database. Scheduled tasks created using advanced packages cannot be exported in this case. Only the initial user can export all scheduled tasks. Users with the SYSADMIN permission can export scheduled tasks owned by themselves. Common users without related permissions cannot export scheduled tasks.
- `gs_dump` does not export user-defined tokenweight dictionaries. You can manually create the corresponding tokenweight dictionary according to the dictionary information displayed in the error message "WARNING: dictionary xx cannot be automatically exported, please create it manually."
- If a table created by the initial user exists in the database and the table contains expression indexes of UDFs, after using `gs_dump` to export the table, system administrators must import the table as the initial user when using `gsql` or `gs_restore` to import the table. Otherwise, the indexes may fail to be created due to security reasons.

- Common users cannot export directories and synonyms. If a common user attempts to export related data, the message "WARNING: xx not dumped because current user is not a superuser" is displayed.
- If local data exists in **template1** of the source database instance, restore the output of `gs_dump` to an empty database (copy from **template0** instead of **template1**). Otherwise, an error may occur because the definition of the added object is copied. To create an empty database without any local additions, copy data from `template0` rather than `template1`. For example:

```
CREATE DATABASE foo WITH TEMPLATE template0;
```
- The size of a single tar file must be smaller than 8 GB. (This is the tar file format limitations.) The total size of a .tar archive and any of the other output formats are not limited, except possibly by the OS.
- The dump file generated by `gs_dump` does not contain the statistics used by the optimizer to make execution plans. Therefore, you are advised to run **ANALYZE** after restoring from a dump file to ensure optimal performance. The dump file does not contain the **ALTER DATABASE... SET** command, database users, and other installation settings. These settings are dumped by `gs_dumpall`.
- The current design of `gs_dump` is incompatible with separation of duties. In separation of duties, `gs_dump` can be used only by the initial user. The file to be imported must also be executed by the initial user.
- `gs_dump` does not export invalid functions. Before exporting functions, ensure that the functions are valid. If a function is invalid, an alarm is generated, indicating that the function corresponding to the OID is invalid.
- If the parameter type of a non-PACKAGE function is the table column type (table.column%type) or view column type (view.column%type) and the column type is a basic type, the parameter type is converted to the corresponding basic type in the exported function definition. Changing the column type of a table by executing **ALTER TABLE MODIFY COLUMN** and then running **ALTER FUNCTION COMPILE**, or changing the column type of a view query table, rebuilding the view, and executing **ALTER FUNCTION COMPILE** does not change the parameter type in the **PROARGSRC** column of the function in the PG_PROC system catalog. In the exported function definition, the parameter type remains the basic type before the object column type is changed.
- `gs_dump` exports the actual status of a sequence. After the sequence is restored to the target end, the sequence continues in the previous state.
- For some backup files that are exported from an earlier version not supporting Ustore, when they are restored to a version supporting Ustore, tables will be created in Ustore format and be restricted by Ustore specifications. If you want to restore the tables to the Astore format, set **enable_default_ustore_table** to **off**.

Format

```
gs_dump [OPTION]... [DBNAME]
```

Parameters

- **DBNAME**
Specifies the database to be connected. No short or long option is required. For example:

```
gs_dump -p port_number testdb -f dump1.sql
```

Or,

```
export PGDATABASE=testdb
```

```
gs_dump -p port_number -f dump1.sql
```

- **OPTION**

There are three types of parameters: general parameters, dump parameters, and connection parameters.

Common parameters:

- **-f, --file=FILENAME**

Sends the output to the specified file or directory. If this parameter is omitted, the standard output is generated. If the output format is **-F c**, **-F d**, or **-F t**, the **-f** parameter must be specified. If the value of the **-f** parameter contains a directory, the current user must have the read and write permission on the directory.

- **-F, --format=c|d|t|p**

Selects an exported file format. The formats are as follows:

- **c|custom**: outputs a custom-format archive as a directory to be used as the input of `gs_restore`. This is the most flexible output format in which users can manually select it and reorder the archived items during the restoration process. An archive in this format is compressed by default.
- **d|directory**: creates a directory containing directory files and the data files of tables and BLOBs.
- **t|tar**: outputs a tar-format archive as the input of `gs_restore`. The .tar format is compatible with the directory format. Extracting a .tar archive generates a valid directory-format archive. However, the .tar archive cannot be further compressed and has an 8-GB limitation on the size of a single table. The order of table data items cannot be changed during restoration.
- **p|plain**: generates a text SQL script file. This is the default value.

- **-v, --verbose**

Specifies the verbose mode. If it is specified, `gs_dump` writes detailed object comments and number of startups/stops to the dump file, and progress messages to standard errors.

- **-V, --version**

Prints the `gs_dump` version and exits.

- **-Z, --compress=0-9**

Specifies the used compression level.

Value range: 0 to 9

- **0** indicates no compression.
- **1** indicates the lowest compression ratio and the fastest processing speed.
- **9** indicates the highest compression ratio and the slowest processing speed.

For the custom-format archive, this option specifies the compression level of a single table data segment. By default, data is compressed at a medium level. The .tar archive format and plain-text format do not support compression currently.

- --lock-wait-timeout=TIMEOUT

Specifies the timeout period for waiting for a shared table lock when the dump starts. If no such lock is obtained in the specified period, the dump fails. The timeout interval can be specified in any of the formats accepted by SET statement_timeout.

- -?, --help

Displays help information about gs_dump command line parameters.

Dump parameters:

- -a, --data-only

Generates only the data, not the schema (data definition). Dumps the table data, LOBs, and sequence values.

- -b, --blobs

Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.

- -c, --clean

Before writing the command of creating database objects into the backup files, writes the command of cleaning (deleting) database objects to the backup files. If no objects exist in the target database, gs_dump or gs_restore probably displays some error information.

This parameter is used only for the plain-text format. For the archive format, you can specify the option when using gs_restore.

- -C, --create

The backup file content starts with the commands of creating the database and connecting to the created database. If the command script is executed in this mode, the database that is connected before the script is executed is not affected.

This parameter is used only for the plain-text format. For the archive format, you can specify the option when using gs_restore.

NOTE

- This option is not supported in M-compatible databases. You must create a database in M-compatible mode on the target instance, export data from the source instance, and connect to the newly created M-compatible database on the target instance to import data.
 - If -n, -t, or --include-table-file is specified, the -C option becomes invalid.
- -E, --encoding=ENCODING
- Creates the dump in the specified character set encoding. By default, the dump file is created in the database encoding. Setting the environment variable *PGCLIENTENCODING* to the required dump encoding has the same function as this option.

 NOTE

If transcoding is required for the specified dump encoding and data in the table contains invalid characters, the error message "invalid byte sequence" will be displayed during export. You are advised to specify the **-s** parameter when using **gs_dump** to export only definitions and execute **COPY** with the encoding fault tolerance option separately to export and import data.

– **-n, --schema=SCHEMA**

Dumps only schemas matching the schema names. This option contains the schema and all its contained objects. If this option is not specified, all non-system schemas in the target database will be dumped. Multiple **-n** options can be transferred to select multiple modes. The schema parameter is interpreted as a pattern according to the same rule used by the **\d** command of **gsql**. Therefore, multiple schemas can also be selected by writing wildcard characters in the pattern. When you use wildcard characters, quote patterns to prevent the shell from expanding the wildcard characters.

 NOTE

- If **-n** is specified, **gs_dump** does not dump any other database objects that the selected schemas might depend upon. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the results of a specific-schema dump can be automatically restored to an empty database.
- If **-n** is specified, the non-schema objects are not dumped.
- In M-compatible mode, if a database with **templatem** is created by running **CREATE DATABASE**, data is exported by specifying **db_name**; if a database is created by running **CREATE DATABASE db_name**, data is exported by specifying **-n** because such database is equivalent to a schema.
- GaussDB automatically converts uppercase letters in object names to lowercase letters. If a schema name contains uppercase letters, add extra quotation marks, for example, **-n "Sch1"** or **-n "\Sch1\"**.
- In M-compatible mode, the value of this parameter is affected by the GUC parameter **lower_case_table_names**. In case-sensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to **0**), the value of this parameter must be case-sensitive. If the value contains uppercase letters, add extra quotation marks. Otherwise, the result is the same as that in lowercase. In case-insensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to **1**), the value of this parameter must be in lowercase.
- When **-n** is specified, pattern **"*"** cannot be used to match all schemas in the database.

Multiple schemas can be dumped. For example, in the following example, both **sch1** and **sch2** are dumped.

```
gs_dump -h host_name -p port_number testdb -f backup/bkp_sch12.sql -n sch1 -n sch2
```

– **-N, --exclude-schema=SCHEMA**

Does not dump any tables matching the table pattern. The pattern is interpreted according to the same rule as for **-n**. **-N** can be specified multiple times to exclude schemas matching any of the specified patterns.

When both **-n** and **-N** are specified, the schemas that match at least one **-n** option but no **-N** is dumped. If **-N** is specified and **-n** is not, the schemas matching **-N** are excluded from what is normally dumped.

Dump allows you to exclude multiple schemas during dumping. For example, in the following example, **sch1** and **sch2** are excluded during the dump.

```
gs_dump -h host_name -p port_number testdb -f backup/bkp_shl2.sql -N sch1 -N sch2
```

NOTE

GaussDB automatically converts uppercase letters in object names to lowercase letters. If a schema name contains uppercase letters, add extra quotation marks, for example, **-N "Sch1"** or **-N "\"Sch1\""**.

- **-o, --oids**

Dumps OIDs as parts of the data in each table. Use this parameter if your application references the OID columns in some way. If the preceding situation does not occur, do not use this parameter.

- **-O, --no-owner**

Does not output commands to set ownership of objects to match the original database. By default, **gs_dump** issues the **ALTER OWNER** or **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** command to set ownership of created database objects. These statements will fail when the script is running unless it is started by a system administrator (or the same user who owns all of the objects in the script). To make a script that can be used by any user for restoration and give the user ownership of all objects, specify **-O**.

This parameter is used only for the plain-text format. For the archive format, you can specify the option when using **gs_restore**.

- **-s, --schema-only**

Dumps only the object definition (schema) but not data.

- **-S, --sysadmin=NAME**

Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.

- **-t, --table=TABLE**

Specifies a list of tables, views, sequences, or foreign tables not to be dumped. You can use multiple **-t** parameters or wildcard characters to specify tables.

When you use wildcard characters, quote patterns to prevent the shell from expanding the wildcard characters.

The **-n** and **-N** options have no effect when **-t** is used, because tables selected by using **-t** are not affected the **-n** and **-N** options.

For example, in the following example, both **schema1.table1** and **schema2.table2** are dumped.

```
gs_dump -h host_name -p port_number testdb -f backup/bkp_shl2.sql -t schema1.table1 -t schema2.table2
```

 NOTE

- The number of **-t** parameters must be less than or equal to 100.
- If the number of **-t** parameters is greater than 100, you are advised to use the **--include-table-file** parameter to replace some **-t** parameters.
- If **-t** is specified, **gs_dump** does not dump any other database objects that the selected tables might depend upon. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the results of a specific-table dump can be automatically restored to an empty database.
- **-t tablename** only dumps visible tables in the default search path. **-t *.tablename** dumps tablename tables in all the schemas of the dumped database. **-t schema.table** dumps tables in a specific schema.
- **-t tablename** does not export trigger information from a table.
- If the table name contains uppercase letters, you need to add **** to the table name when using the **-t** parameter to specify the export. To export the **"abC"** table, specify **-t \"abC\"**. To export the **schema."abC"** table, specify **-t schema.\"abC\"**.
- **-t ""** does not match any table.
- In M-compatible mode, the value of this parameter is affected by the GUC parameter **lower_case_table_names**. In case-sensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to **0**), the value of this parameter must be case-sensitive. If the value contains uppercase letters, add extra quotation marks. Otherwise, the result is the same as that in lowercase. In case-insensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to **1**), the value of this parameter must be in lowercase.

- **--include-table-file=FILENAME**

Specifies the table file to be dumped.

- **-T, --exclude-table=TABLE**

Specifies a list of table, view, sequence, or foreign table objects not to be dumped. You can use multiple **-T** parameters or wildcard characters to specify multiple lists.

When both **-t** and **-T** are specified, it will dump the objects in the **-t** list, but not those in the **-T** list.

For example, in the following example, **table1** and **table2** are excluded during the dump.

```
gs_dump -h host_name -p port_number testdb -f backup/bkp_shl2.sql -T table1 -T table2
```

- **--exclude-table-file=FILENAME**

Specifies the table file not to be dumped.

 NOTE

Same as **--include-table-file**, the content format of this parameter is as follows:

schema1.table1

schema2.table2

.....

- **-x, --no-acl**

Prevents the dumping of access permissions (**GRANT/REVOKE** commands). Only ACL objects are affected. Privilege objects are not affected.

- **-q, --target=VERSION**

Exports text files compatible with databases of other versions. Currently, parameters of V1 and V5 are supported. If other parameters are specified, no error is reported but the setting does not take effect. The **v1** value means to export GaussDB v5 data as a text file compatible with GaussDB v1. The **v5** value means to export GaussDB v5 data as a text file, reducing errors that may occur when data is imported to a GaussDB v5 database.

When **v1** is specified, you are advised to use it along with parameters such as **--exclude-guc="enable_cluster_resize"**, **--exclude-function**, and **--exclude-with**. Otherwise, an error may be reported during data import to a GaussDB v1 database.

- **-g, --exclude-guc=GUC_PARAM**
Specifies the **set** command that does not contain related GUC parameters in the exported text file. Currently, only **enable_cluster_resize** is supported. If other parameters are specified, no error is reported but the setting does not take effect.
- **--exclude-function**
Specifies that functions and stored procedures are not exported.
- **--exclude-with**
Specifies that the description such as **WITH(orientation=row, compression=on)** is not added to the end of the exported table definition.
- **--binary-upgrade**
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option.

- **--binary-upgrade-usermap="USER1=USER2"**
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- **--column-inserts|--attribute-inserts**
Exports data by running the INSERT command with explicit column names {INSERT INTO table (column, ...) VALUES ...}. This will cause a slow restoration. However, since this option generates an independent command for each row, an error in reloading a row causes only the loss of the row rather than the entire table content.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option.

- **--disable-dollar-quoting**
Disables the use of dollar sign (\$) for function bodies, and forces them to be quoted using the SQL standard string syntax.
- **--include-alter-table**
Exports columns that are deleted from a table.
- **--disable-triggers**
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- **--exclude-table-data=TABLE**
Does not dump table data that matches any patterns. The pattern is interpreted according to the same rule as for **-t**.

--exclude-table-data can be entered more than once to exclude tables matching any of several patterns. When the user needs the specified table definition rather than data in the table, this option is helpful.

To exclude data of all tables in the database, see **-s, --schema-only**.

– **--inserts**

Dumps data when the **INSERT** command (rather than the **COPY** command) is delivered, resulting in slow recovery.

However, since this option generates an independent command for each row, an error in reloading a row causes only the loss of the row rather than the entire table content. Note that the restoration may fail if you rearrange the column order. The **--column-inserts** option is unaffected against column order changes.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option.

– **--no-security-labels**

Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.

– **--no-tablespaces**

Does not select any tablespaces. All the objects will be created during the restoration process, no matter which tablespace is selected when using this option.

This parameter is used only for the plain-text format. For the archive format, you can specify the option when using **gs_restore**.

– **--no-unlogged-table-data**

Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.

– **--non-lock-table**

Shields the table locking behavior during the export using **gs_dump**. This parameter is called only between software interfaces. You are advised not to call this parameter.

 NOTE

When **gs_dump** is used to export a table, an access share lock is added to the table to be exported in the entire transaction by default. This lock blocks the execution of concurrent DDL statements on the table, ensuring that no blocking occurs due to the impact on concurrent DDL statements.

– **--quote-all-identifiers**

Forcibly quotes all identifiers. In the migration to a later version, additional keywords may be introduced. This option is helpful.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option.

– **--section=SECTION**

Dumps specified sections (pre-data, data, and post-data).

– **--serializable-deferrable**

Uses a serializable transaction for the dump to ensure that the used snapshot is consistent with later database status. Perform this operation at a time point in the transaction flow, at which everything is normal.

This ensures successful transaction and avoids serialization failures of other transactions, which requires serialization again.

This option has no benefits to disaster recovery. During the upgrade of the original database, loading a database copy as a report or other shared read-only dump is helpful. The option does not exist, dump reveals a status which is different from the commit sequence status of any transaction.

This option will make no difference if there are no active read-write transactions when `gs_dump` is started. If the read/write transactions are active, the dump start time will be delayed for an uncertain period.

– `--use-set-session-authorization`

Specifies that the standard SQL **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** command rather than **ALTER OWNER** is generated to determine the object ownership. When the **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** command is used to dump data, if the object history in the dump file is incorrect, the data may not be restored correctly. A dump by running **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** requires the system administrator permission, whereas running **ALTER OWNER** requires a lower permission. However, the **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** statement supports ciphertext passwords. The script exported using this parameter may not be restored. Therefore, you are advised not to use this parameter to export the script.

 NOTE

- Application scope of SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION:
 - A system administrator can switch to a common user using the SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION statement, but cannot switch to the initial user, SYSADMIN, OPRADMIN, MONADMIN, POLADMIN, or AUDITADMIN.
 - Other users cannot switch to another user using the SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION statement.
- If the `--use-set-session-authorization` parameter is used by a system administrator to export data and the imported data contains objects of the initial user, "ERROR: permission denied to set session authorization" is reported when the system administrator switches to the initial user due to security permission verification and **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION application scope** limitations. As a result, the owner of the objects is changed from the initial user to the system administrator role used during the import. In this scenario, you are advised to use the initial user to import and export data.

– `--with-encryption=AES128`

Specifies that dumping data needs to be encrypted using AES-128.

– `--with-key=KEY`

The AES-128 key rules are as follows:

Consists of 8 to 16 characters.

Contains at least three of the following character types: uppercase characters, lowercase characters, digits, and special characters (limited to `~!@#$%^&*()-_+=\|{}];;<.>/?`).

 NOTE

Stored procedures and functions cannot be exported in encrypted mode.

- `--with-salt=RANDVALUES`
gs_dumpall uses this parameter to transfer a random value.
- `--include-nodes`
Includes the TO NODE or TO GROUP statement in the dumped CREATE TABLE/CREATE FOREIGN TABLE statement. This parameter is valid only for foreign tables.
- `--include-extensions`
Includes extensions in the dump.

NOTICE

The extended function is for internal use only. You are advised not to use it.

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- `--include-depend-objs`
Includes information about the objects that depend on the specified object in the backup result. This parameter takes effect only if the `-t` or `--include-table-file` parameter is specified.
 - `--exclude-self`
Excludes information about the specified object from the backup result. This parameter takes effect only if the `-t` or `--include-table-file` parameter is specified.
 - `--pipeline`
Uses a pipe to transmit the password. This parameter cannot be used on devices.
 - `--dont-overwrite-file`
The existing files in plain-text, .tar, and custom formats will be overwritten. This option is not applicable to the directory format.
For example:
Assume that the backup.sql file exists in the current directory. If you specify `-f backup.sql` in the input command, and the backup.sql file is generated in the current directory, the original file will be overwritten.
If the backup file exists and `--dont-overwrite-file` is specified, an error will be reported with the message that the dump file exists.

```
gs_dump -p port_number testdb -f backup.sql -F plain --dont-overwrite-file
```

 NOTE

- **-s/--schema-only** and **-a/--data-only** do not coexist.
- **-c/--clean** and **-a/--data-only** do not coexist.
- **--inserts/--column-inserts** and **-o/--oids** do not coexist, because OIDS cannot be set using the INSERT statement.
- **--role** must be used with **--rolepassword**.
- **--binary-upgrade-usermap** must be used with **--binary-upgrade**.
- **--include-depend-objs/--exclude-self** takes effect only when **-t/--include-table-file** is specified.
- **--exclude-self** must be used with **--include-depend-objs**.
- **--with-encryption=AES-128** supports only **-F p/plain**.
- **--with-key=KEY** supports only **-F p/plain**.
- **--with-salt=RANDVALUES** is called by `gs_dumpall` and does not require manual input.

Connection parameters:

- **-h, --host=HOSTNAME**
Specifies the host name. If the value begins with a slash, it is used as the directory for the UDS. By default, the value is obtained from the *PGHOST* environment variable (if set).
This parameter is used only for defining names of the hosts outside a cluster. For the localhost in the cluster, you can use IPv4 address **127.0.0.1** or IPv6 address **::1**.
- **-p, --port=PORT**
Specifies the host port number. If the thread pool is enabled, you are advised to use the pooler port, that is, the host port number plus 1. By default, the value is obtained from the *PGPORT* environment variable (if set).
- **-U, --username=NAME**
Specifies the username for connecting to a host. The initial user cannot be used for cross-node execution. By default, the value is obtained from the *PGUSER* environment variable (if set).
- **-w, --no-password**
Never issues a password prompt. The connection attempt fails if the host requires password for authentication and the password is not provided in other ways. This parameter is useful in batch jobs and scripts in which no user password is required.
- **-W, --password=PASSWORD**
Specifies the user password for connection. If the host uses the trust authentication policy, administrators do not need to enter the **-W** option. If the **-W** option is not provided and you are not a system administrator, the system will ask you to enter a password. To ensure system security, you are advised to enter the password in interactive mode.
- **--role=ROLENAME**
Specifies a role name to be used for creating the dump. If this option is selected, the SET ROLE command will be issued after the database is connected to `gs_dump`. It is useful when the authenticated user (specified by **-U**) lacks the permissions required by `gs_dump`. It allows the user to

switch to a role with the required permissions. Some installations have a policy against logging in directly as a system administrator. This option allows dumping data without violating the policy.

- --rolepassword=ROLEPASSWORD
Password of the role

Examples

In the following examples, **backup/MPPDB_backup.sql** indicates an exported file, where **backup** indicates the relative path of the current directory. **37300** indicates the port ID of the database server. **testdb** indicates the name of the database to be accessed.

NOTE

Before exporting files, ensure that the directory exists and you have the read and write permissions on the directory.

Example 1

Use `gs_dump` to export the full information of the **testdb** database. The exported **MPPDB_backup.sql** file is in plain-text format.

```
gs_dump -U omm -f backup/MPPDB_backup.sql -p 37300 testdb -F p
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 09:49:17]: The total objects number is 356.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 09:49:17]: [100.00%] 356 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 09:49:17]: dump database testdb successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 09:49:17]: total time: 1274 ms
```

Example 2

Use `gs_dump` to export the full information of the **testdb** database. The exported **MPPDB_backup.tar** file is in .tar format.

```
gs_dump -U omm -f backup/MPPDB_backup.tar -p 37300 testdb -F t
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:02:24]: The total objects number is 1369.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:02:53]: [100.00%] 1369 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:02:53]: dump database testdb successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:02:53]: total time: 50086 ms
```

Example 3

Use `gs_dump` to export the full information of the **testdb** database. The exported **MPPDB_backup.dmp** file is in custom format.

```
gs_dump -U omm -f backup/MPPDB_backup.dmp -p 37300 testdb -F c
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:05:40]: The total objects number is 1369.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:06:03]: [100.00%] 1369 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:06:03]: dump database testdb successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:06:03]: total time: 36620 ms
```

Example 4

Use `gs_dump` to export the full information of the **testdb** database. The exported **MPPDB_backup** file is in directory format.

```
gs_dump -U omm -f backup/MPPDB_backup -p 37300 testdb -F d
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:16:04]: The total objects number is 1369.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:16:23]: [100.00%] 1369 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:16:23]: dump database testdb successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:16:23]: total time: 33977 ms
```

Example 5

Use `gs_dump` to export the information of the **testdb** database, excluding the information of the table specified in the **/home/MPPDB_temp.sql** file. The exported **MPPDB_backup.sql** file is in plain-text format.

```
gs_dump -U omm -p 37300 testdb --exclude-table-file=/home/MPPDB_temp.sql -f backup/MPPDB_backup.sql
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:37:01]: The total objects number is 1367.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:37:22]: [100.00%] 1367 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:37:22]: dump database testdb successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-27 10:37:22]: total time: 37017 ms
```

Example 6

Use `gs_dump` to export only the information about the views that depend on the **testtable** table.

```
gs_dump -U omm -s -p 37300 testdb -t PUBLIC.testtable --include-depend-objs --exclude-self -f backup/MPPDB_backup.sql -F p
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-15 14:12:54]: The total objects number is 331.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-15 14:12:54]: [100.00%] 331 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-15 14:12:54]: dump database testdb successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='37300'][testdb][2018-06-15 14:12:54]: total time: 327 ms
```

Related Tools

[gs_dumpall for Exporting All Database Information](#) and [gs_restore for Importing Data](#)

2.3 gs_dumpall for Exporting All Database Information

Description

`gs_dumpall`, provided by GaussDB, is used to export all database information, including the data of the default **postgres** database, data of user-specified databases, and global objects of all databases in a cluster.

When `gs_dumpall` is used to export data, other users can still access (read/write) the databases in a cluster.

`gs_dumpall` can export complete, consistent data. For example, if `gs_dumpall` is started to export database from the entire cluster at T1, data of the cluster

databases at that time point will be exported, and modifications on the cluster databases after that time point will not be exported.

gs_dumpall exports all databases from the entire cluster in two parts:

- gs_dumpall exports all global objects, including information about database users and groups, tablespaces, and attributes (for example, global access permissions).
- gs_dumpall calls gs_dump to export SQL scripts from each cluster database, which contain all the SQL statements required to restore databases.

The exported files are both plain-text SQL scripts. Use **gsql** to execute them to restore cluster databases.

gs_dumpall supports SSL encrypted communication. The method is the same as that of using gsql.

Before using gs_dumpall, ensure that the gs_dumpall version is consistent with the gs_dump version and database version. gs_dumpall of a later version may not be fully compatible with the kernel data of an earlier version.

NOTE

In M-compatible mode, do not import or export data between databases with different **lower_case_table_names** parameter settings. Otherwise, data may be lost.

Precautions

- Do not modify any exported file. Otherwise, restoration may fail.
- To ensure the data consistency and integrity, gs_dumpall sets a share lock for a table to be dumped. If a share lock has been set for the table in other transactions, gs_dumpall locks the table after it is released. If the table cannot be locked within the specified time, the dump fails. You can customize the timeout interval to wait for lock release by specifying the **--lock-wait-timeout** parameter.
- During an export, **gs_dumpall** reads all tables in a database. Therefore, you need to connect to the database as a database cluster administrator to export a complete file. When you use gsql to execute scripts, administrator permissions are also required to add users and user groups, and create databases. Before importing a backup, you need to verify the security to prevent administrator permissions from being exploited.
- If you use gs_dumpall to export all database objects and want to import them to a new instance environment, ensure that the names and permissions of the users used for the export and import are the same. Otherwise, an error message will be displayed, indicating that the names are inconsistent or the permissions are insufficient.
- For scheduled tasks, this tool can export only scheduled tasks created using CREATE EVENT or non-periodic scheduled tasks created using advanced packages from a MySQL-compatible database.
- gs_dumpall does not export user-defined tokenweight dictionaries. You can manually create the corresponding tokenweight dictionary according to the dictionary information displayed in the error message "WARNING: dictionary xx cannot be automatically exported, please create it manually."

- Only one M-compatible database can be created globally. If an M-compatible database is exported, ensure that no other M-compatible database exists in the target instance environment.
- If transcoding is required for the specified dump encoding and data in the table contains invalid characters, the error message "invalid byte sequence" will be displayed during export. You are advised to specify the **-s** parameter when using **gs_dump** to export only definitions and execute **COPY** with the encoding fault tolerance option separately to export and import data.
- The current design of **gs_dumpall** is incompatible with separation of duties. In separation of duties, **gs_dumpall** can be used only by the initial user. The file to be imported must also be executed by the initial user.

Format

```
gs_dumpall [OPTION]...
```

Parameters

Common parameters:

- **-f, --filename=FILENAME**
Sends the output to the specified file. If this option is omitted, the standard output is used.
- **-v, --verbose**
Specifies the verbose mode. This will cause **gs_dumpall** to output detailed object comments and start/stop times to the dump file, and progress messages to standard errors.
- **-V, --version**
Prints the **gs_dumpall** version and exits.
- **--lock-wait-timeout=TIMEOUT**
Do not keep waiting to obtain shared table locks at the beginning of the dump. Consider it as failed if you are unable to lock a table within the specified time. The timeout interval can be specified in any of the formats accepted by **SET statement_timeout**.
- **-, --help**
Displays help about the command line parameters for **gs_dumpall** and exits.

Dump parameters:

- **-a, --data-only**
Dumps only the data, not the schema (data definition).
- **-c, --clean**
Runs SQL statements to delete databases before rebuilding them. Statements for dumping roles and tablespaces are added.
- **-g, --globals-only**
Dumps only global objects (roles and tablespaces) but no databases.
- **-o, --oids**
Dumps OIDs as parts of the data in each table. Use this parameter if your application references the OID columns in some way. If the preceding situation does not occur, do not use this parameter.

- **-O, --no-owner**
Does not output commands to set ownership of objects to match the original database. By default, `gs_dumpall` issues the `ALTER OWNER` or `SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION` statement to set ownership of created schema elements. These statements will fail when the script is running unless it is started by a system administrator (or the same user who owns all of the objects in the script). By specifying **-O**, you can compile a script that can be stored by any user. The script grants the user the permission to own all objects because the `ALTER OWNER` or `SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION` statement is not used and the execution user permission is always used during the import. Therefore, before importing the dump file, check whether there are risks in the dump file. For example, check whether the dump file contains a privilege escalation statement and whether the statement is known to the administrator.
- **-r, --roles-only**
Dumps only roles but not databases or tablespaces.
- **-s, --schema-only**
Dumps only the object definition (schema) but not data.
- **-S, --sysadmin=NAME**
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- **-t, --tablespaces-only**
Dumps only tablespaces but not databases or roles.
- **-x, --no-privileges**
Prevents the dumping of access permissions (**GRANT/REVOKE** commands).
- **--column-inserts|--attribute-inserts**
Exports data by running the **INSERT** command with explicit column names {`INSERT INTO table (column, ...) VALUES ...`}. This will cause a slow restoration. However, since this option generates an independent command for each row, an error in reloading a row causes only the loss of the row rather than the entire table content.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option. This option is skipped when an M-compatible database is exported.

- **--disable-dollar-quoting**
Disables the use of dollar sign (\$) for function bodies, and forces them to be quoted using the SQL standard string syntax.
- **--disable-triggers**
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- **--inserts**
Dumps data when the `INSERT` statement (rather than `COPY`) is issued. This will cause a slow restoration. The restoration may fail if you rearrange the column order. The `--column-inserts` parameter is safer against column order changes, though even slower.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option. This option is skipped when an M-compatible database is exported.

- `--no-security-labels`
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- `--no-tablespaces`
Do not output statements to create tablespaces or select tablespaces for objects. All the objects will be created during the restoration process, no matter which tablespace is selected when using this option.
- `--no-unlogged-table-data`
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- `--include-alter-table`
Exports information about deleted columns in the table.
- `--quote-all-identifiers`
Forcibly quotes all identifiers. This parameter is useful when you dump a database for migration to a later version, in which additional keywords may be introduced.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option. This option is skipped when an M-compatible database is exported.

- `--dont-overwrite-file`
Do not overwrite the current file.
- `--use-set-session-authorization`
Specifies that the standard SQL **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** command rather than **ALTER OWNER** is generated to determine the object ownership. This makes dumping more standard. However, if a dump file contains objects that have historical problems, restoration may fail. A dump by running **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** requires the system administrator permissions, whereas running **ALTER OWNER** requires lower permissions. However, the **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** statement supports user and permission switching using a ciphertext password. The script exported using this parameter may not be restored. Therefore, you are advised not to use this parameter to export the script.

 NOTE

Application scope of SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION:

- A system administrator can switch to a common user using the SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION statement, but cannot switch to the initial user, SYSADMIN, OPRADMIN, MONADMIN, POLADMIN, or AUDITADMIN.
 - Other users cannot switch to another user using the SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION statement.
- `--with-encryption=AES128`
Specifies that dumping data needs to be encrypted using AES-128.
 - `--with-key=KEY`
The AES-128 key rules are as follows:
Consists of 8 to 16 characters.
Contains at least three of the following character types: uppercase characters, lowercase characters, digits, and special characters (limited to ~!@#\$%^&*()-_+=+\[{}];,;<.>/?).

- `--include-extensions`
Backs up all CREATE EXTENSION statements if the include-extensions parameter is set.

NOTICE

The extended function is for internal use only. You are advised not to use it.

- `--include-templatedb`
Includes template databases during the dump.
- `--dump-nodes`
Includes nodes and Node Groups during the dump.
- `--include-nodes`
Includes TO NODE statement in the dumped CREATE TABLE statement.
- `--include-buckets`
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- `--dump-wrm`
Includes workload resource manager (resource pool, load group, and load group mapping) during the dump.

 NOTE

This option is not supported when an M-compatible database is connected for export.

- `--binary-upgrade`
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.

 NOTE

M-compatible databases do not support this option. This option is skipped when an M-compatible database is exported.

- `--binary-upgrade-usermap="USER1=USER2"`
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- `--non-lock-table`
This parameter is used only for inter-software API calling.
- `--tablespaces-postfix`
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
- `--parallel-jobs`
Specifies the number of concurrent backup processes. The value range is 1–1000.
- `--pipeline`
Uses a pipe to transmit the password. This parameter cannot be used on devices.

 NOTE

- The **-g/--globals-only** and **-r/--roles-only** parameters do not coexist.
- The **-g/--globals-only** and **-t/--tablespaces-only** parameters do not coexist.
- The **-r/--roles-only** and **-t/--tablespaces-only** parameters do not coexist.
- The **-s/--schema-only** and **-a/--data-only** parameters do not coexist.
- The **-r/--roles-only** and **-a/--data-only** parameters do not coexist.
- The **-t/--tablespaces-only** and **-a/--data-only** parameters do not coexist.
- The **-g/--globals-only** and **-a/--data-only** parameters do not coexist.
- **--tablespaces-postfix** must be used with **--binary-upgrade**.
- **--binary-upgrade-usermap** must be used with **--binary-upgrade**.
- **--parallel-jobs** must be used with **-f/--file**.

Connection parameters:

- **-h, --host=HOSTNAME**
Specifies the host name. If the value begins with a slash (/), it is used as the UDS directory. The default value is taken from the *PGHOST* environment variable. If it is not set, a UDS connection is attempted.
This parameter is used only for defining names of the hosts outside a cluster. For the localhost in the cluster, you can use IPv4 address **127.0.0.1** or IPv6 address **::1**.
Environment variable: *PGHOST*
- **-l, --database=DATABASENAME**
Specifies the name of the database connected to dump global objects and searches for other databases to be dumped. If this parameter is not specified, the **postgres** database will be dumped. If the **postgres** database does not exist, **template1** will be dumped.

 NOTE

No matter which database is specified as the database to be connected for export, you must connect to the default database when using *gsq*l to import data to a new instance. Otherwise, syntax incompatibility may occur, resulting in import errors. If the M-compatible database is incorrectly connected for import, the creation fails because CREATE DATABASE on the M-compatible database is equivalent to CREATE SCHEMA.

- **-p, --port=PORT**
Specifies the TCP port listened on by the server or the local UDS file name extension to ensure a correct connection. The default value is the *PGPORT* environment variable.
If the thread pool is enabled, you are advised to use the pooler port, that is, the listening port number plus 1.
Environment variable: *PGPORT*
- **-U, --username=NAME**
Specifies the name of the connected user. The initial user cannot be used for cross-node execution.
Environment variable: *PGUSER*
- **-w, --no-password**
Never issues a password prompt. The connection attempt fails if the server requires password for authentication and the password is not provided in

other ways. This parameter is useful in batch jobs and scripts in which no user password is required.

- **-W, --password=PASSWORD**

Specifies the user password for connection. If the authentication policy of the host is **trust**, the password of the system administrator is not verified. That is, you do not need to enter the **-W** option. If this parameter is not specified and you are not a system administrator, the system prompts you to enter the password in interactive mode. To ensure system security, you are advised to enter the password in interactive mode.

- **--role=ROLENAME**

Specifies a role name to be used for creating the dump. This option causes `gs_dumpall` to issue the SET ROLE statement after connecting to the database. It is useful when the authenticated user (specified by **-U**) lacks the permissions required by **gs_dumpall**. It allows the user to switch to a role with the required permissions. Some installations have a policy against logging in directly as a system administrator. This option allows dumping data without violating the policy.

- **--rolepassword=ROLEPASSWORD**

Specifies the password of a specific role or user.

Notes

- `gs_dumpall` internally calls `gs_dump`. For details about the diagnosis information, see [gs_dump for Exporting Database Information](#).
- After restoration, it is advised to run **ANALYZE** on each database so that the optimizer can provide useful statistics.
- `gs_dumpall` requires all needed tablespace directories to be empty before the restoration. Otherwise, database creation will fail if the databases are in non-default locations.

Example

Use `gs_dumpall` to export all databases from a cluster at a time.

NOTE

`gs_dumpall` supports only plain-text format export. Therefore, only `gsql` can be used to restore a file exported using `gs_dumpall`.

- Export all databases.

backup/bkp2.sql indicates the exported file, **29900** indicates the port number of the database server, and **omm** indicates the username.

```
gs_dumpall -U omm -f ./backup/bkp2.sql -p 29900
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:00:01]: The total
objects number is 458.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:00:01]: [100.00%]
458 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:00:01]: dump
database dbname='postgres' successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:00:01]: total time:
3239 ms
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:00:01]: dumpall operation successful
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:00:01]: total time: 3305 ms
```

- Specify four jobs to concurrently export all databases.

```
gs_dumpall -U omm -f ./backup/bkp2.sql -p 29900 --parallel-jobs 4
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:04:13]: The total
objects number is 458.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:04:13]: [100.00%]
458 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:04:13]: dump
database dbname='postgres' successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:04:13]: total time:
3261 ms
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:04:13]: dumpall operation successful
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:04:13]: total time: 3320 ms
```
- Export only global objects (roles and tablespaces).

```
gs_dumpall -U omm -f ./backup/bkp2.sql -p 29900 -g
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:06:00]: dumpall operation successful
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:06:00]: total time: 45 ms
```
- Encrypt the exported files using AES-128.
Replace ***** with the actual password.

```
gs_dumpall -U omm -f ./backup/bkp2.sql -p 29900 --with-encryption=AES128 --with-key='*****'
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:07:20]: The total
objects number is 459.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:07:20]: [100.00%]
459 objects have been dumped.
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:07:21]: dump
database dbname='postgres' successfully
gs_dump[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][dbname='postgres'][2024-11-11 11:07:21]: total time:
3518 ms
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:07:21]: dumpall operation successful
gs_dumpall[user='omm'][localhost][port='29900'][2024-11-11 11:07:21]: total time: 3764 ms
```

Related Commands

[gs_dump for Exporting Database Information](#) and [gs_restore for Importing Data](#)

2.4 gs_restore for Importing Data

Description

gs_restore, provided by GaussDB, is used to import data that was exported using gs_dump. It can also be used to import files exported by gs_dump.

It has the following functions:

- Imports data to the database.
If a database is specified, data is imported to the database. For parallel import, the password for connecting to the database is required.
- Imports data to an archive file.
If the **-l** parameter is specified, an archive file containing a brief summary of the data is generated.

gs_restore supports SSL encrypted communication. The method is the same as that of using gsql.

Before using gs_restore, ensure that the gs_restore version is consistent with the gs_dump version and database version.

NOTE

In M-compatible mode, do not import or export data between databases with different **lower_case_table_names** parameter settings. Otherwise, data may be lost.

The current design of `gs_restore` is incompatible with separation of duties. In separation of duties, `gs_restore` can be used only by the initial user. The file to be imported must also be executed by the initial user.

Format

```
gs_restore [OPTION]... FILE
```

NOTE

- The **FILE** does not have a short or long option. It is used to specify the location for the archive files.
- The **dbname** or **-l** option is required as prerequisites. Users cannot enter **dbname** and **-l** parameters at the same time.
- `gs_restore` incrementally imports data by default. To prevent data exception caused by consecutive imports, use the **-e** and **-c** parameters for each import. **-c** indicates that the database objects that already exist in the database to be restored are cleared (deleted) before the database objects are rebuilt. **-e** indicates that if an error occurs when an SQL statement is sent to the database, the system exits. By default, the system continues to import data and displays a series of error information after the import is complete.
- If the owner of the schema object has the OPRADMIN system permission, the initial user is required for the import.
- During data import, if invalid characters are found and do not need to be transcoded, you can set the database compatibility parameter **copy_special_character_version** to **'no_error'** to import the data. Otherwise, an error is reported but the import is not interrupted.

Parameters

Common parameters:

- **-d, --dbname=NAME**
Connects to the **dbname** database and imports data to the database.
- **-f, --file=FILENAME**
Specifies the output file for the generated archive, or the output file in the list specified using **-l**.
The default is the standard output.

NOTE

- **-f** cannot be used with **-d**.
- **-F, --format=c|d|t**
Specifies the format of the archive. The format does not need to be specified because the `gs_restore` determines the format automatically.
Value range:
 - **c/custom**: The archive form is the customized format in `gs_dump`.
 - **d/directory**: The archive format is **directory**.
 - **t/tar**: The archive format is **tar**.
- **-l, --list**

Lists the formats of the archive. The operation output can be used for the input of the **-L** option. If filtering parameters, such as **-n** or **-t**, are used together with **-l**, they will restrict the listed items.

- **-v, --verbose**
Specifies the verbose mode.
- **-V, --version**
Prints the `gs_restore` version and exits.
- **-, --help**
Displays help information about `gs_restore` parameters and exits.

Import parameters:

- **-a, -data-only**
Imports only the data, not the schema (data definition). `gs_restore` incrementally imports data.
- **-c, --clean**
Cleans (deletes) existing database objects in the database to be restored before recreating them. If the target database does not contain the objects involved in the deletion operation, some promptive error information may be displayed.
- **-C, --create**
Before data is imported to a database, `CREATE DATABASE` is used to create the database. (After this option is specified, the database specified by **-d** is only used to execute the **CREATE DATABASE** command, and all data is still imported to the created database.)

NOTE

This option is not supported in M-compatible databases. You must create a database in M-compatible mode on the target instance, export data from the source instance, and connect to the newly created M-compatible database on the target instance to import data.

- **-e, --exit-on-error**
Exits if an error occurs when you send the SQL statement to the database. If you do not exit, the commands will still be sent and error information will be displayed when the import ends.
- **-l, --index=NAME**
Imports only the definition of the specified index. Multiple indexes can be imported. Enter **-l index** multiple times to import multiple indexes.

For example:

```
gs_restore -h host_name -p port_number -d testdb -l Index1 -l Index2 backup/MPPDB_backup.tar
```

In this example, **Index1** and **Index2** will be imported.

- **-j, --jobs=NUM**
Specifies the number of concurrent, the most time-consuming jobs of `gs_restore` (such as loading data, creating indexes, or creating constraints). This parameter can greatly reduce the time to import a large database to a server running on a multi-processor machine.
Each task may be a process or a thread, which is determined by the OS. Each task is connected to the server separately.

The optimal value for this option depends on the server hardware settings, the client, the network, the number of CPU cores, and disk settings. It is recommended that the parameter be set to the number of CPU cores on the server. In addition, a larger value can also lead to faster import in many cases. However, an overly large value will lead to decreased performance because of thrashing.

This option supports the customized archive format only. The input file must be a regular file (not the pipe file). This parameter can be ignored when you select the script method rather than connecting to a database server. In addition, multiple jobs cannot be used with the **--single-transaction** option.

NOTE

This parameter applies to multi-table, multi-index, and multi-constraint scenarios. In practice, the number of created processes (or threads) is related to the number of tables, indexes, and constraints. The maximum number of concurrent jobs does not exceed the specified number of jobs.

- **-L, --use-list=FILENAME**

Imports only archive elements that are listed in **list-file** and imports them in the order that they appear in the file. If filtering parameters, such as **-n** or **-t**, are used with **-L**, they will further limit the items to be imported.

list-file is normally created by editing the output of a previous **-l** parameter. File lines can be modified or removed, and can also be commented out by placing a semicolon (;) at the beginning of the row.

- **-n, --schema=NAME**

Restores only objects that are listed in schemas.

This parameter can be used with the **-t** parameter to import a specific table.

Entering **-n schemaname** multiple times can import multiple schemas.

For example:

```
gs_restore -h host_name -p port_number -d testdb -n sch1 -n sch2 backup/MPPDB_backup.tar
```

In this example, **sch1** and **sch2** will be imported.

NOTE

- In M-compatible mode, if a database with **templatem** is created by running **CREATE DATABASE**, data is imported by specifying **db_name** using the **-d** option; if a database is created by running **CREATE DATABASE db_name**, data is imported by specifying **-n** because such database is equivalent to a schema.
- The specified schema name must exist in the archive file that is used as the input. If a schema name that does not exist in the archive file is specified, the import of the schema does not take effect.
- Different from the case in **gs_dump**, this parameter is fully matched in **gs_restore**. When the schema name contains uppercase letters, no extra quotation marks are required, for example, **-n "Sch1"**.
- In M-compatible mode, the value of this parameter is affected by the GUC parameter **lower_case_table_names**. In case-sensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to 0), the value of this parameter must be case-sensitive. If the value contains uppercase letters, no extra quotation marks are required; in case-insensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to 1), the value of this parameter must be in lowercase.
- **-O, --no-owner**
Do not output commands to set ownership of objects to match the original database. By default, **gs_restore** issues the **ALTER OWNER** or **SET SESSION**

AUTHORIZATION statement to set ownership of created schema elements. Unless the system administrator or the user who has all the objects in the script initially connects to the database. Otherwise, the statement will fail. Any username can be used for the initial connection using **-O**, and this user will own all the created objects.

- **-P, --function=NAME(args)**

Imports only listed functions. You need to correctly spell the function name and the parameter based on the contents of the dump file in which the function exists.

Entering **-P** alone means to import all function-name(args) functions in a file. Entering **-P** with **-n** means to import the function-name(args) functions in a specified schema. Entering **-P** multiple times and using **-n** once means that all imported functions are in the **-n** schema by default.

You can enter **-n schema-name -P 'function-name(args)'** multiple times to import functions in specified schemas.

For example:

```
./gs_restore -h host_name -p port_number -d testdb -n test1 -P 'Func1(integer)' -n test2 -P 'Func2(integer)' backup/MPPDB_backup.tar
```

In this example, both **Func1 (i integer)** in the **test1** schema and **Func2 (j integer)** in the **test2** schema will be imported.

- **-s, --schema-only**

Imports only schemas (data definitions), instead of data (table content). The current sequence value will not be imported.

- **-S, --sysadmin=NAME**

Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.

- **-t, --table=NAME**

Imports only listed table definitions or data, or both. This parameter can be used with the **-n** parameter to specify a table object in a schema. When **-n** is not entered, the default schema is **PUBLIC**. Entering **-n schemaname -t tablename** multiple times can import multiple tables in a specified schema.

For example:

Import **table1** in the **PUBLIC** schema.

```
gs_restore -h host_name -p port_number -d testdb -t table1 backup/MPPDB_backup.tar
```

Import **test1** in the **test1** schema and **test2** in the **test2** schema.

```
gs_restore -h host_name -p port_number -d testdb -n test1 -t test1 -n test2 -t test2 backup/MPPDB_backup.tar
```

Import **table1** in the **PUBLIC** schema and **test1** in the **test1** schema.

```
gs_restore -h host_name -p port_number -d testdb -n PUBLIC -t table1 -n test1 -t table1 backup/MPPDB_backup.tar
```

NOTICE

- **-t** does not support the *schema_name.table_name* input format. If this format is specified, no error is reported but the setting does not take effect.
 - When **-t** is specified, `gs_restore` does not import any other database objects that are attached to the selected table. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the results of a specific-table dump can be automatically imported to an empty database.
 - **-t tablename** does not import trigger information from a table.
 - Different from the case in `gs_dump`, this parameter is fully matched in `gs_restore`. When the table name contains uppercase letters, no extra quotation marks are required, for example, **-t "Tbl1"**.
 - In M-compatible mode, the value of this parameter is affected by the GUC parameter **lower_case_table_names**. For example, in case-sensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to **0**), the value of this parameter must be case-sensitive. If the value contains uppercase letters, no extra quotation marks are required; in case-insensitive mode (**lower_case_table_names** set to **1**), the value of this parameter must be in lowercase.
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- **-T, --trigger=NAME**
This parameter is reserved for extension.
 - **-x, --no-privileges/--no-acl**
Prevents the import of access permissions (**GRANT/REVOKE** commands).
 - **-1, --single-transaction**
Executes import as a single transaction (that is, commands are wrapped in **BEGIN/COMMIT**).
This option ensures that either all the commands are completed successfully, or no application is changed. This option means **--exit-on-error**.
 - **--disable-triggers**
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
 - **--no-data-for-failed-tables**
By default, table data will be imported even if the statement to create a table fails (for example, the table exists). Data in such table is skipped using this parameter. This operation is useful if the target database already contains the desired table contents.
This parameter takes effect only when you import data directly to a database, not when you output SQL scripts.
 - **--no-security-labels**
Reserved for function extension. The option is not recommended.
 - **--no-tablespaces**
Does not select any tablespaces. All the objects will be created during the import process, no matter which tablespace is selected when using this option.
 - **--section=SECTION**
Imports the listed sections (such as pre-data, data, or post-data).

- **--use-set-session-authorization**

This option is used for backing up the plain-text format.

Generates the **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** statement as the output instead of the **ALTER OWNER** statement to determine object ownership. This parameter makes dump more standards-compatible. If the records of objects in exported files are referenced, import may fail. Only administrators can use the **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** statement to dump data, and the administrators must manually change and verify the passwords of exported files by referencing the **SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION** statement before import. The **ALTER OWNER** statement requires lower permissions.

NOTE

If the **--use-set-session-authorization** parameter is used by a system administrator to import data and the imported data contains objects of the initial user, "ERROR: permission denied to set session authorization" is reported and the import is interrupted when the system administrator switches to the initial user due to security permission verification. In this scenario, you are advised to use the initial user to import and export data.

- **--pipeline**

Uses a pipe to transmit the password. This parameter cannot be used on devices.

NOTICE

- If any local additions need to add to the template1 database during the installation, restore the output of `gs_restore` into an empty database with caution. Otherwise, you are likely to obtain errors due to duplicate definitions of the added objects. To create an empty database without any local additions, copy data from template0 rather than template1. For example:

```
gaussdb=# CREATE DATABASE foo WITH TEMPLATE template0;
```

- `gs_restore` cannot import large objects selectively. For example, it can only import the objects of a specified table. If an archive form contains large objects, all large objects will be imported. If this archive object is excluded by **-L**, **-t**, or other options, none of the large objects will be imported.

NOTE

- The **-d/--dbname** and **-f/--file** options do not coexist.
- The **-s/--schema-only** and **-a/--data-only** options do not coexist.
- The **-c/--clean** and **-a/--data-only** options do not coexist.
- When the **--single-transaction** option is used, **-j/--jobs** must be a single job.
- **--role** must be used with **--rolepassword**.

Connection parameters:

- **-h, --host=HOSTNAME**

Specifies the host name. If the value begins with a slash (/), it is used as the UDS directory. The default value is taken from the `PGHOST` environment variable. If it is not set, a UDS connection is attempted.

This parameter is used only for defining names of the hosts outside a cluster. For the local host in the cluster, you can use IPv4 address **127.0.0.1** or IPv6 address **::1**.

Environment variable: *PGHOST*

- **-p, --port=PORT**

Specifies the TCP port listened on by the server or the local UDS file name extension to ensure a correct connection. The default value is the *PGPORT* environment variable.

If the thread pool is enabled, you are advised to use pooler port, that is, the listening port number plus 1.

Environment variable: *PGPORT*

- **-U, --username=NAME**

Specifies the name of the connected user. The initial user cannot be used for cross-node execution.

Environment variable: *PGUSER*

- **-w, --no-password**

Never issues a password prompt. The connection attempt fails if the server requires password for authentication and the password is not provided in other ways. This parameter is useful in batch jobs and scripts in which no user password is required.

- **-W, --password=PASSWORD**

Specifies the user password for connection. If the authentication policy of the host is **trust**, the password of the system administrator is not verified. That is, you do not need to enter the **-W** parameter. If this parameter is not specified and you are not a system administrator, the system prompts you to enter the password in interactive mode. To ensure system security, you are advised to enter the password in interactive mode.

- **--role=ROLENAME**

Specifies a role name for the import operation. If this parameter is selected, the SET ROLE statement will be issued after *gs_restore* connects to the database. It is useful when the authenticated user (specified by **-U**) lacks the permissions required by *gs_restore*. This parameter allows the user to switch to a role with the required permissions. Some installations have a policy against logging in directly as the initial user. This parameter allows data to be imported without violating the policy.

- **--rolepassword=ROLEPASSWORD**

Specifies the password of the specific role.

Examples

gs_restore is used to import the files exported by *gs_dump*.

- **Example 1:**

Execute the *gs_restore* tool to import the exported **MPPDB_backup.dmp** file (custom format) to the **testdb** database.

```
gs_restore backup/MPPDB_backup.dmp -p 8000 -d testdb
restore operation successful
total time: 13053 ms
```

- **Example 2:**

Execute the `gs_restore` tool to import the exported **MPPDB_backup.tar** file (tar format) to the **testdb** database.

```
gs_restore backup/MPPDB_backup.tar -p 8000 -d testdb
restore operation successful
total time: 21203 ms
```

- **Example 3:**

Execute the `gs_restore` tool to import the exported **MPPDB_backup** file (directory format) to the **testdb** database.

```
gs_restore backup/MPPDB_backup -p 8000 -d testdb
restore operation successful
total time: 21003 ms
```

- **Example 4:**

Execute the `gs_restore` tool and import the **MPPDB_backup.dmp** file (custom format). Specifically, import all the object definitions and data in the **PUBLIC** schema. Existing objects are deleted from the target database before the import. If an existing object references to an object in another schema, you need to manually delete the referenced object first.

```
gs_restore backup/MPPDB_backup.dmp -p 8000 -d testdb -e -c -n PUBLIC
Error while PROCESSING TOC:
Error from TOC entry 313; 1259 337399 TABLE table1 gaussdba
could not execute query: ERROR: cannot drop table table1 because other objects depend on it
DETAIL: view t1.v1 depends on table table1
HINT: Use DROP ... CASCADE to drop the dependent objects too.
Command was: DROP TABLE IF EXISTS public.table1;
```

Manually delete the referenced object and create it again after the import is complete.

```
gs_restore backup/MPPDB_backup.dmp -p 8000 -d testdb -e -c -n PUBLIC
restore operation successful
total time: 2203 ms
```

- **Example 5:**

Execute the `gs_restore` tool and import the **MPPDB_backup.dmp** file (custom format). Specifically, import only the definition of **table1** in the **PUBLIC** schema.

```
gs_restore backup/MPPDB_backup.dmp -p 8000 -d testdb -e -c -s -n PUBLIC -t table1
restore operation successful
total time: 21000 ms
```

- **Example 6:**

Execute the `gs_restore` tool and import the **MPPDB_backup.dmp** file (custom format). Specifically, import only the data of **table1** in the **PUBLIC** schema.

```
gs_restore backup/MPPDB_backup.dmp -p 8000 -d testdb -e -a -n PUBLIC -t table1
restore operation successful
total time: 20203 ms
```

- **Special case:**

Execute the `gsql` tool. Import the **MPPDB_backup.sql** file in the export folder (plain-text format) generated by `gs_dump` or `gs_dumpall` to the **testdb** database.

```
gsqll -d testdb -p 8000 -f /home/omm/test/MPPDB_backup.sql
SET
SET
SET
SET
SET
ALTER TABLE
```

```
ALTER TABLE
ALTER TABLE
ALTER TABLE
ALTER TABLE
CREATE INDEX
CREATE INDEX
CREATE INDEX
SET
CREATE INDEX
REVOKE
REVOKE
GRANT
GRANT
total time: 30476 ms
In the example, the file after -f is the exported file, and 8000 indicates the port number of the
database server. testdb indicates the name of the database to be accessed.
```

Related Commands

[gs_dump for Exporting Database Information](#) and [gs_dumpall for Exporting All Database Information](#)