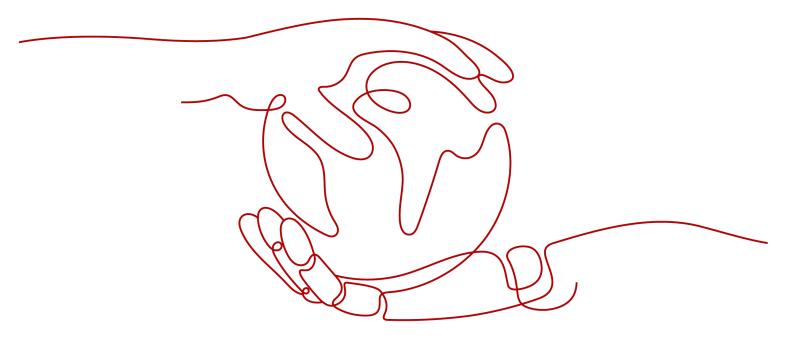
GaussDB

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1 Overview

This document provides best practices for GaussDB and guides you through buying DB instances that meet your service requirements.

Section	Introduction
Best Practices of Migrating Data from Oracle to GaussDB	This section describes how to use DRS to migrate data from an on-premises Oracle database to Huawei Cloud GaussDB in real time.
GaussDB Security Best Practices	This section describes the security capabilities provided by GaussDB to improve the overall security defense and protect stored data from leakage and tampering both at rest and in transit.

2 Best Practices of Migrating Data from Oracle to GaussDB

2.1 Purpose

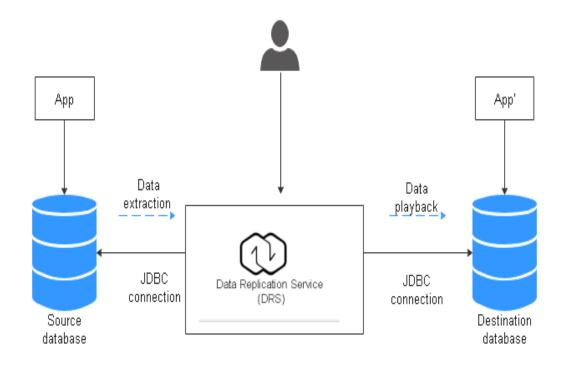
Description

You can use real-time synchronization of Data Replication Service (DRS) to migrate data from on-premises Oracle databases to Huawei Cloud GaussDB. Full and incremental synchronization can ensure the long-term data synchronization between the source Oracle database and the destination GaussDB database.

Problems

- With the rapid increase of enterprise workloads, traditional databases have poor scalability and distributed databases are required.
- Building traditional databases require purchasing and install servers, systems, databases, and other software. Its O&M is expensive and difficult.
- The performance of complex queries for traditional databases is poor.
- It is hard for traditional databases to smoothly migrate data without interrupting services.

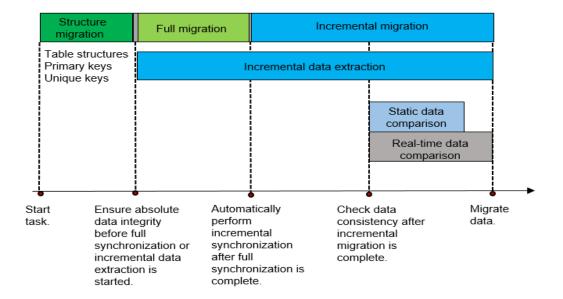
Migration Architecture



Migration Principles

Perform the following operations to complete full and incremental synchronization:

- 1. In the full synchronization phase, migrate tables, primary keys, and unique keys.
- 2. Start incremental data extraction to ensure that the incremental data generated during full data synchronization is completely extracted to the DRS instance.
- Start the full migration task.
- 4. Automatically perform incremental synchronization after the full migration is complete. The playback starts from the location where the full migration starts.
- 5. Start the comparison task after the incremental replay is complete to check the data consistency. Real-time comparison is supported.
- 6. Start migration if the data is consistent.



Service List

- Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)
- GaussDB
- Data Replication Service (DRS)
- Data Admin Service (DAS)

Notes on Usage

- The resource planning in this document is for demonstration only. Adjust it as needed.
- The end-to-end test data in this document is for reference only.
- Full synchronization is used to migrate data. Incremental synchronization is used to synchronize data between the source and destination databases in real time.

Prerequisites

- You have registered with Huawei Cloud and completed account authentication.
- Your account balance is greater than or equal to \$0 USD.
- You have set up an on-premises Oracle database for testing.
- You have obtained the IP address, port number, username, and password of the Oracle database to be migrated.

2.2 Resource Planning

Table 2-1 Resource planning

Categor y	Subcat egory	Planned Value	Remarks
VPC	VPC name	vpc-src-172	Specify a name that is easy to identify.
	Region	Test region	For low network latency and quick resource access, select the region nearest to you.
	AZ	AZ3	-
	Subnet	172.16.0.0/16	Select a subnet with sufficient network resources.
	Subnet name	subnet-src-172	Specify a name that is easy to identify.
Oracle	Name	orcl	Specify a name that is easy to identify.
	Specifi cations	16 vCPUs 32 GB	-
	Databa se version	11.2.0.1	-
	Databa se user	test_info	Specify a username. The user must have the following permissions during migration: CREATE SESSION, SELECT ANY TRANSACTION, SELECT ANY TABLE, SELECT ANY DICTIONARY, and EXECUTE_CATALOG_ROLE.
GaussDB	Instanc e name	Auto-drs-gaussdbv5- tar-1	Specify a name that is easy to identify.
	Databa se version	GaussDB 1.3 Enterprise Edition	-
	Instanc e type	Distributed (1 CN, 3 DN shards, and 3 replicas)	In this example, a distributed instance will be created.

Categor y	Subcat egory	Planned Value	Remarks
	Deploy ment model	Independent	-
	Transa ction consist ency	Strong consistency	-
	Shards	3	-
	Coordi nator nodes	3	-
	Storag e type	Ultra-high I/O	-
	AZ AZ 2		In this example, a single AZ is select. You are advised to select multiple AZs to improve instance availability in actual use.
	Instanc e specific ations	General-enhanced II: 8 vCPUs 64 GB	Small specifications are selected for this test instance. You are advised to configure specifications based on service requirements in actual use.
	Storag e space	480 GB	A small storage space is selected for this test instance. You are advised to configure the storage space based on service requirements in actual use.
	Disk encryp tion	Disable	In this example, disk encryption is disabled. Enabling disk encryption improves the security of data, but may slightly affect the database read/write performance.
Logging in to the	DB engine	GaussDB	-
databas e through DAS	Databa se source	GaussDB	Select the GaussDB instance created in this example.
	Databa se name	postgres	-

Categor y	Subcat egory	Planned Value	Remarks
	Userna me	root	-
	Passwo rd	-	Password for user root of the GaussDB instance created in this example
DRS migratio n task	Migrati on task name	DRS-test-info	Specify a name that is easy to identify.
	Destin ation databa se name	test_database_info	Specify a name that is easy to identify. The name must be compatible with the Oracle database name.
Source DB engine		Oracle	-
	Destin ation DB engine	GaussDB	-
	Netwo rk type	Public	In this example, a public network is used.

2.3 Operation Flowchart

Figure 2-1 shows the main operation flowchart.

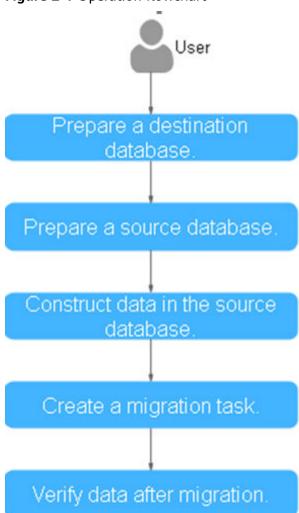


Figure 2-1 Operation flowchart

2.4 Creating a VPC and Security Group

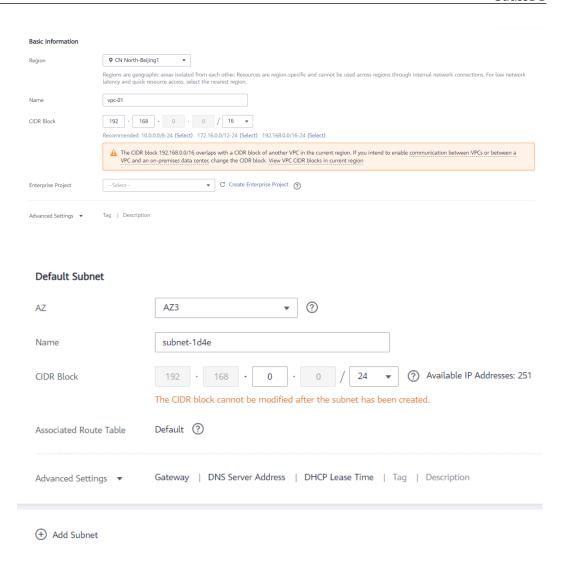
This section describes how to create a VPC and security group for the GaussDB instance you will create.

Creating a VPC

- **Step 1** Log in to the **Huawei Cloud console**.
- **Step 2** Click oin the upper left corner and select a region.
- Step 3 Click in the upper left corner of the page and choose Networking > Virtual Private Cloud.

The VPC console is displayed.

Step 4 Click Create VPC.



- **Step 5** Configure parameters as needed and click **Create Now**.
- **Step 6** Return to the VPC list and check whether the VPC is created.

If the VPC status becomes available, the VPC has been created.

----End

Creating a Security Group

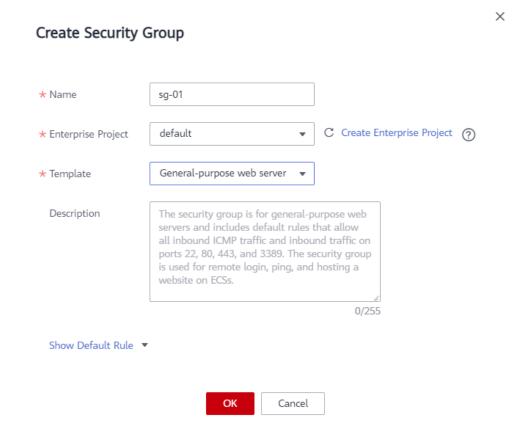
- **Step 1** Log in to the **Huawei Cloud console**.
- **Step 2** Click in the upper left corner and select a region.
- Step 3 Click in the upper left corner of the page and choose Networking > Virtual Private Cloud.

The VPC console is displayed.

Step 4 Choose **Access Control** > **Security Groups**.

Step 5 Click Create Security Group.

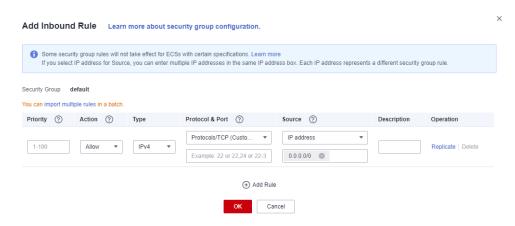
Step 6 Configure parameters as needed.



- Step 7 Click OK.
- **Step 8** Return to the security group list and click the security group name.
- **Step 9** Click the **Inbound Rules** tab, and then click **Add Rule**.



Step 10 Configure an inbound rule, add the IP address of the source database, and click **OK**.

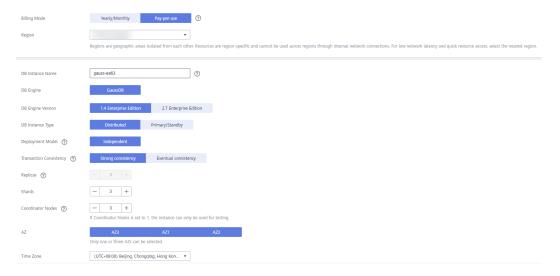


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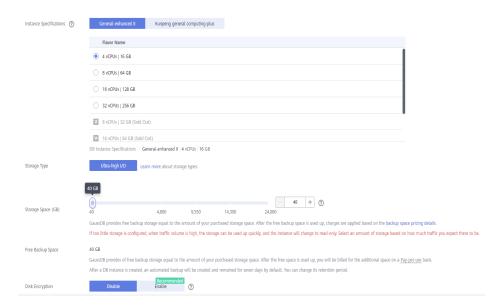
2.5 Creating a GaussDB Instance

This section describes how to create a GaussDB instance as the destination database for the migration task.

- **Step 1** Log in to the **Huawei Cloud console**.
- **Step 2** Click oin the upper left corner and select a region.
- Step 3 Click in the upper left corner of the page and choose Databases > GaussDB.
- **Step 4** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **GaussDB** > **Instances**.
- Step 5 Click Buy DB Instance.
- **Step 6** Configure the instance name and basic information.



Step 7 Configure instance specifications.

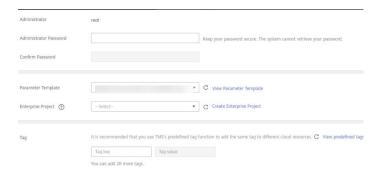


Select small specifications for this test instance. You are advised to configure specifications based on service requirements in actual use.

Step 8 Select the VPC created in **Creating a VPC** and security group created in **Creating a Security Group** for the DB instance and configure the database port.



Step 9 Configure password and other information.



- **Step 10** Click **Next**, confirm the information, and click **Submit**.
- **Step 11** Go to the instance list.

If the instance status becomes available, the instance has been created.

----End

2.6 Constructing Data Before Migration

Before the migration, you need to construct some data types in the source database for data verification after the migration.

The following table lists data types supported by DRS.

Table 2-2 Data type mapping

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
CHAR	character	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported . The spaces before and after the character are ignored.	Supported. The spaces before and after the character are ignored.	-
VARCH AR	character varying	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	The precision ranges of the source and destination databases are different, causing precision loss.
VARCH AR2	character varying	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
NCHAR	character	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported . The spaces before and after the character are ignored.	Supported. The spaces before and after the character are ignored.	-
NVARC HAR2	nvarchar2	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
NUMBE R	numeric	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
NUMBE R (6,3)	numeric(6,3)	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
NUMBE R (6,0)	Integer	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
NUMBE R (3)	smallint	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
NUMBE R (6,-2)	integer	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
BINARY _FLOAT	real	Unsup ported (The destin ation databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport	Supported	The precision ranges of the source and destination databases are different, causing precision loss.
BINARY _DOUB LE	double precision	Unsup ported (The destin ation databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Supported	-

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
FLOAT	real	Unsup ported (The destin ation databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport	Supported	The precision ranges of the source and destination databases are different, causing precision loss.
INT	numeric	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
INTEGE R	numeric	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
DATE	date	Suppor ted	Supporte	Unsupport	Supported	If a table with date type is created in the destination database, the data type precision range in the source database is different from that in the destination database, causing precision loss. Therefore, compariso n is not supported.
TIMEST AMP	timestam p(6) without time zone	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	The value is accurate to six decimal places.	The maximum precision supported by the source database is 6.

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
TIMEST AMP_T Z	timestam p(6) with time zone	Unsup ported (The source databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Filter this column.	-
TIMEST AMP_LT Z	timestam p(6) with time zone	Unsup ported (The destin ation databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Filter this column.	-
INTERV AL_YM	interval year to month	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Unsupport ed	Incrementa l synchroniz ation does not support this type.

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
INTERV AL_DS	interval day to second	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Unsupport ed	Incrementa l synchroniz ation does not support this type. The maximum precision supported by the source database is 6.
BLOB	bytea	Unsup ported (The source databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Filter this column.	-

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
CLOB	text	Unsup ported (The source databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport	Filter this column.	-
NCLOB	text	Unsup ported (The source databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Filter this column.	-

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
LONG	text	Unsup ported (The source databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport	Filter this column.	
LONG_ RAW	bytea	Unsup ported (The source databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte d	Unsupport ed	Filter this column.	-

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
RAW	bytea	Unsup ported (The destin ation databa se does not suppor t creatin g tables using the primar y key.)	Supporte	Unsupport ed	Supported	-
RowID	character varying(1 8)	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-
BFILE	-	Unsup ported	Unsuppo rted	Unsupport ed	Unsupport ed	Restriction s on the source database: The bfile type is not supported.
XMLTYP E	-	Unsup ported	Unsuppo rted	Unsupport ed	Unsupport ed	Restriction s on the source database: The xmltype type is not supported.

Source Data Type	Destinati on Data Type	Sync (Sourc e Data Type as Primar y Key)	Sync (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Primary Key)	Comparis on (Source Data Type as Non- Primary Key)	Remarks
UROWI D	-	Unsup ported	Unsuppo rted	Unsupport ed	Unsupport ed	Full and incrementa l synchroniz ations are not supported.
sdo_ge ometry	-	Unsup ported	Unsuppo rted	Unsupport ed	Unsupport ed	Restriction s on the source database: The sdo_geome try type is not supported.
NUMBE R(*, 0)	numeric	Suppor ted	Supporte d	Supported	Supported	-

Perform the following steps to construct data in the source database:

- **Step 1** Use a database connection tool to connect to the source Oracle database based on its IP address.
- **Step 2** Construct data in the source database based on data types supported by DRS.
 - 1. Create a test user.
 - create user test_info identified by xxx;

test_info indicates the user created for the test, and *xxx* indicates the password of the user.

2. Assign permissions to the user.

grant dba to test_info;

3. Create a data table under the user.

CREATE TABLE test_info.DATATYPELIST(
ID INT,

COL_01_CHAR____E CHAR(100),

COL_02_NCHAR____E NCHAR(100),

COL_03_VARCHAR___E VARCHAR(1000),

COL_04_VARCHAR2_E VARCHAR2(1000),

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COL_05_NVARCHAR2_E NVARCHAR2(1000),
COL_06_NUMBER___E NUMBER(38,0),
COL_07_FLOAT____E FLOAT(126),
COL 08 BFLOAT E BINARY FLOAT,
COL_09_BDOUBLE___E BINARY_DOUBLE,
COL_10_DATE_____E DATE DEFAULT SYSTIMESTAMP,
COL_11_TS____E TIMESTAMP(6),
COL_12_TSTZ_____E TIMESTAMP(6) WITH TIME ZONE,
COL 13 TSLTZ E TIMESTAMP(6) WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE,
COL_14_CLOB____E CLOB DEFAULT EMPTY_CLOB(),
COL 15 BLOB E BLOB DEFAULT EMPTY BLOB(),
COL_16_NCLOB____E NCLOB DEFAULT EMPTY_CLOB(),
COL_17_RAW_____E RAW(1000),
COL_19_LONGRAW___E LONG RAW,
COL 24 ROWID E ROWID,
PRIMARY KEY(ID)
):
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4. Insert two rows of data.

insert into test_info.DATATYPELIST values(4,'huawei','xian','shanxi','zhongguo','shijie', 666,12.321,1.123,2.123,sysdate,sysdate,sysdate,sysdate,'hw','cb','df','FF','FF ','AAAYEVAAJAAAACrAAA'); insert into test_info.DATATYPELIST values(2,'Migrate-test','test2','test3','test4', 666,12.321,1.123,2.123,sysdate,sysdate,sysdate,sysdate,'hw','cb','df','FF','FF

5. Make the above statements take effect.

','AAAYEVAAJAAAACrAAA');

commit;

Step 3 Create a database in the GaussDB instance.

- 1. Log in to the **Huawei Cloud console**.
- 2. Click in the upper left corner and select a region.
- 3. Click in the upper left corner of the page and choose **Databases** > **Data Admin Service**.
- 4. In the navigation pane on the left, click **Development Tool** to go to the login list page.
- 5. Click **Add Login**.
- 6. On the displayed page, select the DB engine, source database, and target DB instance, enter the login username, password, and description (optional), and enable Collect Metadata Periodically and Show Executed SQL Statements.
 If Collect Metadata Periodically is enabled, select Remember Password.
- 7. Click **Test Connection** to check whether the connection is successful.

If a message is displayed indicating connection successful, continue with the operation. If a message is displayed indicating connection failed and the failure cause is provided, make modifications according to the error message.

- 8. Click OK.
- 9. Locate the added instance, click **Log In** in the **Operation** column.



10. Choose **SQL Operations** > **SQL Window** on the top menu bar.



11. Run the following statement to create a database compatible with Oracle: test_database_info indicates the database name. Replace it based on the site requirements.
CREATE DATABASE test database info DBCOMPATIBILITY 'ORA';

----End

2.7 Migrating the Database

This section describes how to create a DRS instance and migrate **test_info** in the Oracle database to **test_database_info** in the GaussDB instance.

Pre-migration Check

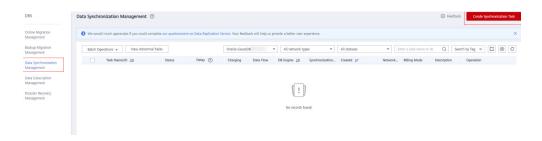
Before creating a migration task, you need to manually check the migration conditions for smooth migration.

Before the migration, you need to obtain **notes on migration to the cloud**.

Creating a Migration Task

- Step 1 Log in to the Huawei Cloud console.
- **Step 2** Click in the upper left corner and select a region.

 Select the region in which the destination instance is located.
- Step 3 Click in the upper left corner of the page and choose Databases > Data Replication Service.
- **Step 4** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Data Synchronization Management**. On the displayed page, click **Create Synchronization Task**.

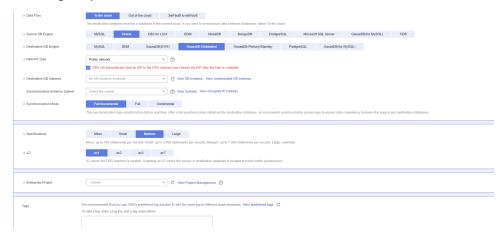


Step 5 Configure synchronization instance information.

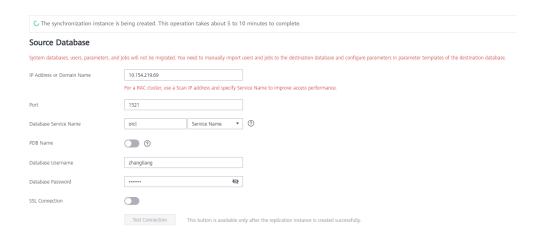
1. Select a region, billing mode, and project, and enter a task name.



 Specify Data Flow, Source DB Engine, Destination DB Engine, Network Type, Destination DB Instance, Synchronization Instance Subnet (optional), Synchronization Mode, Specifications, AZ, Enterprise Project, and Tags (optional).



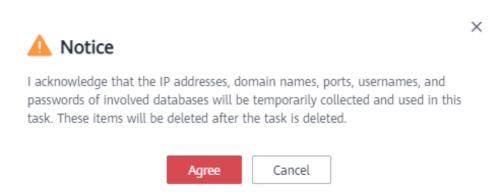
- 3. Click Create Now.
- **Step 6** Configure the source and destination database information.
 - 1. Enter the IP address, port number, username, and password of the source database.
 - Click **Test Connection**.



Enter the username and password of the destination database. Click **Test Connection**.

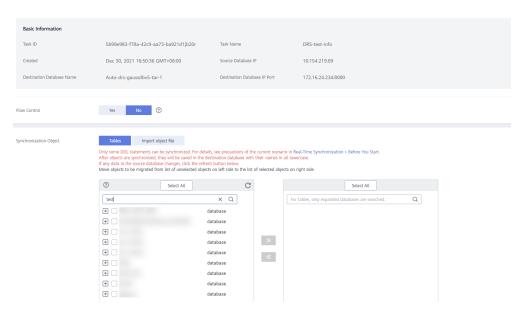


3. Click **Next**. In the displayed box, read the message carefully and click **Agree**.

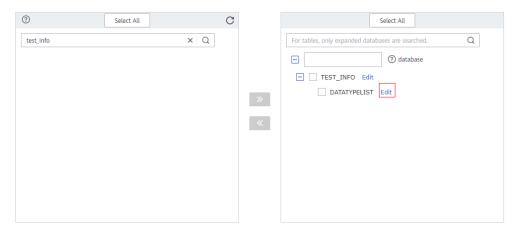


Step 7 Set the synchronization task.

1. Select the databases and tables of the source database to be migrated. For example, select the **DATATYPELIST** table from the **test_info** database.

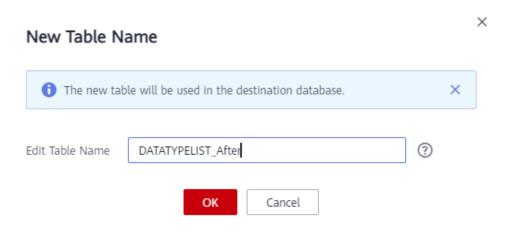


2. Locate the database and table, respectively, and click **Edit** to change the database name and table name.

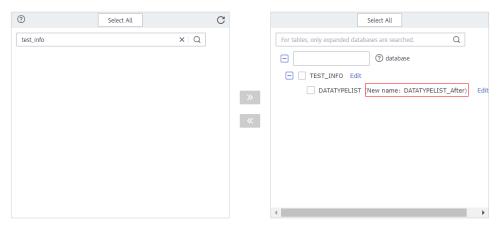


3. On the displayed box, enter the new name, for example, enter **DATATYPELIST_After** as the new table name.

The name cannot include special characters. Otherwise, an error will be reported during SQL statement execution after the migration.

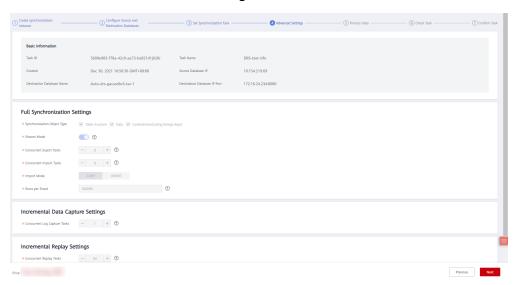


Confirm the settings and click Next.



Step 8 Confirm advanced settings.

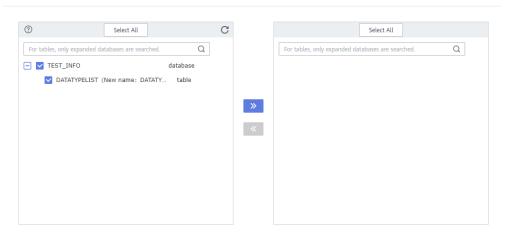
The information on the **Advanced Settings** page is for confirmation only and cannot be modified. After confirming the information, click **Next**.



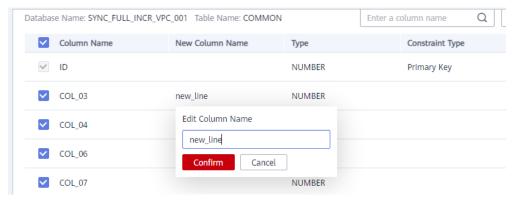
Step 9 Process data.

On this page, you can process the table to be migrated. Select the column to be migrated and change its name, for example, change **COL_01_CHAR_____E** to **new-line**.

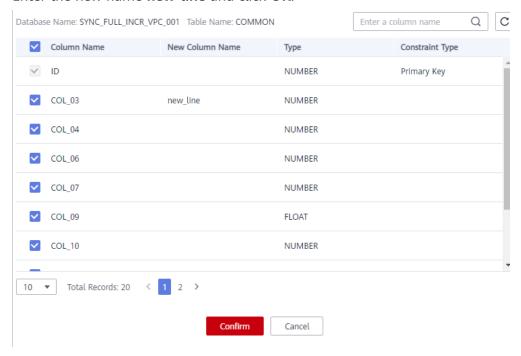
1. Select the table to be processed.



Select the COL_01_CHAR_____E column.



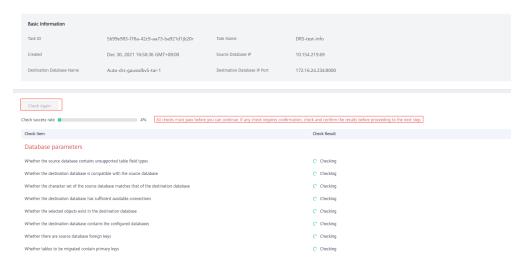
3. Enter the new name **new-line** and click **OK**.



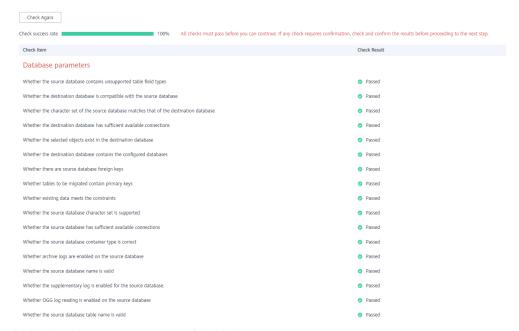
4. Click Next.

Step 10 Perform a pre-check.

1. After all settings are complete, perform a pre-check to ensure that the migration is successful.



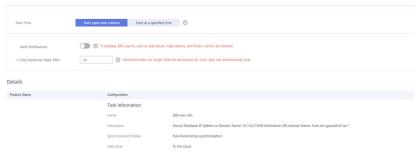
 If any check fails, review the cause and rectify the fault. Then, click Check Again.



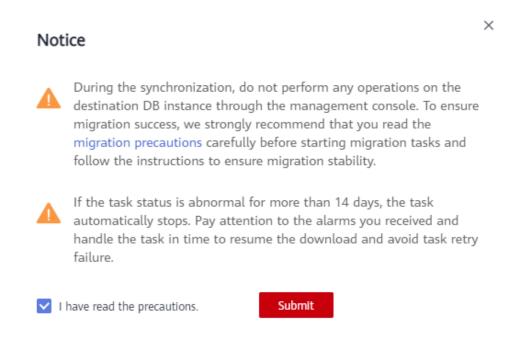
3. If all check items are successful, click **Next**.

Step 11 Confirm the task.

1. Check whether all configured information is correct.

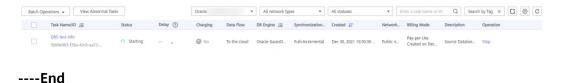


- 2. Specify **Start Time** and select the check box before the agreement.
- 3. Click Submit.



Step 12 After the task is submitted, view and manage it.

After the task is created, return to the task list to view the status of the created task.



2.8 Verifying Data After Migration

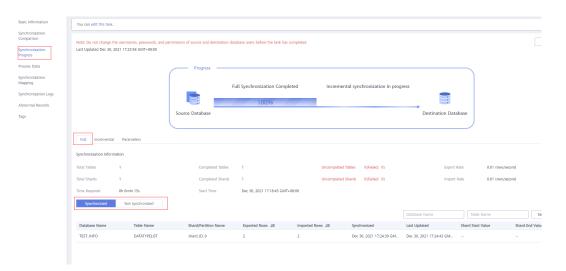
When the task status changes to **Incremental**, the full synchronization is complete. You can log in to the GaussDB console and view the data migration result.

Step 1 Wait until the migration task status becomes **Incremental**.



- **Step 2** Click the task name to go to the **Basic Information** page.
- **Step 3** On the **Synchronization Progress** page, view the full synchronization result.

As shown in the following figure, the **DATATYPELIST** table in the **TEST_INFO** database has been migrated to **shard_0**. Two rows were migrated successfully.

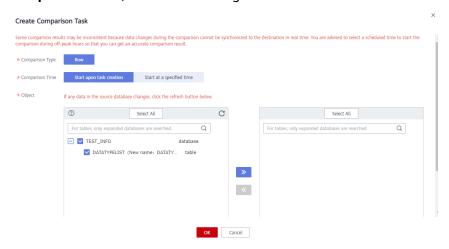


Step 4 Verify data consistency.

1. Choose **Synchronization Comparison** > **Object-Level Comparison** to view the database and table migration results.



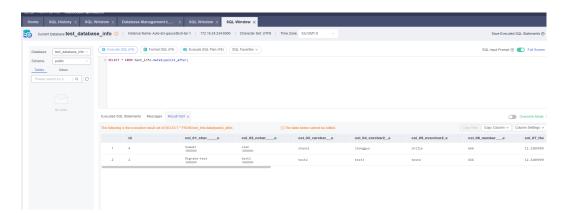
2. Choose **Synchronization Comparison** > **Data-Level Comparison**, click **Create Comparison Task**, and view the migration results of the rows in the table.



- **Step 5** Connect to **test_database_info** in GaussDB using DAS.
- **Step 6** Run the following statement to query the full synchronization result: SELECT * FROM test_info.datatypelist_after;

After the schema in Oracle is migrated, it will be used as the schema in GaussDB. Therefore, it is required to add the schema in the query statement for exact query.

As shown in the following figure, all data types in the table were successfully migrated and the data is correct.



Step 7 Verify incremental synchronization.

In the migration type of full and incremental synchronization, after the full synchronization is complete, the data that is written to the source database after the task is created can still be synchronized to the destination database until the task is complete. The following describes how to synchronize incremental data from the source database to the destination database.

- 1. Use a database connection tool to connect to the source Oracle database based on its IP address.
- 2. Run the following statement to insert a data record into the source database: Insert a data record whose ID is 1. insert into test_info.DATATYPELIST values(1,'Migrate-test','test1','test2','test3','test4', 666,12.321,1.123,2.123,sysdate,sysdate,sysdate,sysdate,'hw','cb','df','FF','FF','AAAYEVAAJAAAACrAAA'); commit:
- 3. Run the following statement in the destination database to query the result: SELECT * FROM test_info.datatypelist_after;

As shown in the following figure, the new data inserted in the source database has been synchronized to the destination database in real time.



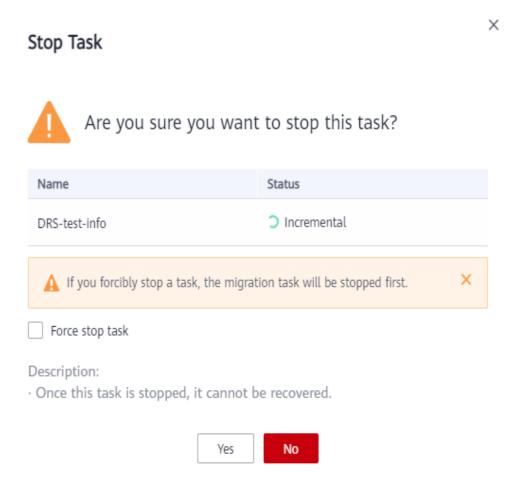
Step 8 Stop the migration task.

After data is completely migrated to the destination database, stop the migration task.

1. Locate the task and click **Stop** in the **Operation** column.



2. In the display box, click Yes.



Step 9 After the migration is complete, test the performance.

For details, see *Performance White Paper*.

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3 GaussDB Security Best Practices

3.1 Overview

Security is a shared responsibility between Huawei Cloud and you. Huawei Cloud is responsible for the security of cloud services to provide a secure cloud. As a tenant, you should properly use the security capabilities provided by cloud services to protect data, and securely use the cloud. For details, see **Shared Responsibilities**.

This section provides actionable guidance for enhancing the overall security of using GaussDB. You can continuously evaluate the security status of your GaussDB and enhance their overall security defense by combining different security capabilities provided by GaussDB. By doing this, data stored in GaussDB can be protected from leakage and tampering both at rest and in transit.

3.2 Security

3.2.1 Maximum Number of Connections

If the number of GaussDB connections is too large, excessive server resources are consumed and the operation response becomes slow. You can optimize the following parameters. For details, see **Connection Settings**.

- max_connections: maximum number of concurrent connections to the database. This parameter affects the concurrency capability of the cluster.
- max_inner_tool_connections: maximum number of concurrent connections of a tool which is allowed to connect to the database. This parameter influences the maximum concurrency of the GaussDB tool.
- sysadmin_reserved_connections: minimum number of connections reserved
 for the administrator. You are advised not to set this parameter to a large
 value. This parameter is used together with the max_connections parameter.
 The maximum number of connections of the administrator is equal to the
 value of max_connections + the value of sysadmin_reserved_connections.

This parameter is a POSTMASTER parameter. Set it based on instructions provided in **Setting Parameters**.

3.2.2 Security Authentication

To ensure user experience and prevent accounts from being cracked, you can configure the following parameters to set the maximum number of login retries and the automatic unlocking time.

- failed_login_attempts: maximum number of failed login attempts.
- password_lock_time: number of days after which a locked account is automatically unlocked.

Once detecting that an account is stolen or the account is used to access the database without being authorized, administrators can manually lock the account. If the account becomes normal, administrators can manually unlock the account. For details, see **Setting Account Security Policies**.

3.2.3 User Password Security

GaussDB enhances user account security in the following aspects:

- User passwords are stored in the pg_authid system catalog. To prevent password leakage, GaussDB encrypts user passwords for storage. The encryption algorithm is determined by the password_encryption_type parameter. For details, see Setting Password Security Policies.
- All passwords must have a validity period. You can configure the
 password_effect_time parameter to set a validity period for each database
 user password, and configure password_notify_time to remind you to change
 a password.

3.2.4 Permissions Management

- A VPC provides an isolated virtual network for GaussDB instances. You can
 configure and manage the network as required. A subnet provides dedicated
 network resources that are logically isolated from other networks for security.
 If you need to assign different permissions to different employees in your
 enterprise to access your DB instance resources, IAM is a good choice. For
 details, see Permissions Management.
- To ensure database security and reliability, configure security groups before using a DB instance. For details, see **Configuring Security Group Rules**.
- Run the following SQL statement to check whether the PUBLIC role has the CREATE permission in public schema. If so, any user can create and modify tables or database objects in public schema.

SELECT CAST(has_schema_privilege('public','public','CREATE') AS TEXT);

- If **TRUE** is returned, run the following SQL statement to revoke the permission:

REVOKE CREATE ON SCHEMA public FROM PUBLIC;

• All users are attached to the PUBLIC role. If all permissions of an object are granted to the PUBLIC role, any user can inherit all the permissions of the object, which violates the principle of least privilege. For this reason, this role should have the fewest permissions for database security purposes. Run the following SQL statement to check whether all permissions are granted to the PUBLIC role:

SELECT relname,relacl FROM pg_class WHERE (CAST(relacl AS TEXT) LIKE '%,=arwdDxt/%}' OR CAST(relacl AS TEXT) LIKE '{=arwdDxt/%}') AND (CAST(relacl AS TEXT) LIKE '%,=APmiv/%}' OR CAST(relacl AS TEXT) LIKE '{=APmiv/%}');

- If the returned value is empty, all permissions have been granted. In this case, run the following SQL statement to revoke the permissions:

REVOKE ALL ON <OBJECT_NAME> FROM PUBLIC;

• The **pg_authid** system catalog in the pg_catalog schema contains information about all roles in a database. To prevent sensitive information from being disclosed or modified, the **PUBLIC** role is not allowed to have any permission on this system catalog. Run the following SQL statement to check whether permissions on the **pg_authid** system catalog have been granted:

SELECT relname,relacl FROM pg_class WHERE relname = 'pg_authid' AND CAST(relacl AS TEXT) LIKE '%,=%}';

- If the returned value is not empty, the permissions have been granted. In this case, run the following SQL statement to revoke the permissions:

REVOKE ALL ON pg authid FROM PUBLIC;

- Common users are non-administrator users who perform common service operations. Common users should not have management permissions beyond their normal permission scope, such as permissions for creating roles, permissions for creating databases, audit permissions, monitoring permissions, O&M permissions, and security policy permissions. To minimize common user permissions while meeting normal service requirements, unnecessary management permissions of common users should be revoked.
- The SECURITY DEFINER function is executed with the permissions of the creator. Improper use of SECURITY DEFINER may cause the function executor to perform unauthorized operations with the permissions of the creator. For this reason, ensure that this function is not misused. For security purposes, the **PUBLIC** role is not allowed to execute functions of the SECURITY DEFINER type. Run the following SQL statement to check whether the **PUBLIC** role has functions of the SECURITY DEFINER type:

SELECT a.proname, b.nspname FROM pg_proc a, pg_namespace b where a.pronamespace=b.oid and b.nspname <> 'pg_catalog' and a.prosecdef='t';

 If the returned value is not empty, run the following SQL statement to check whether a user has the EXECUTE permission:

SELECT CAST(has_function_privilege('public',
'function_name([arg_type][, ...])', 'EXECUTE') AS TEXT);

■ If **TRUE** is returned, the user has the permission. In this case, run the following SQL statement to revoke the permission:

REVOKE EXECUTE ON FUNCTION function_name([arg_type][, ...]) FROM PUBLIC;

 The SECURITY INVOKER function is executed with the permissions of the invoker. Improper use of SECURITY INVOKER may cause the function creator to perform unauthorized operations with the permissions of the executor. Before invoking a function not created by yourself, check the function content to prevent the function creator from performing unauthorized operations with your permissions.

3.2.5 Database Audit

- GaussDB can record operations you perform on your DB instances. However, only operations supported by Cloud Trace Service (CTS) can be recorded. View the supported operations before performing operations. For details, see Key Operations Supported by CTS.
- Ensure that the audit function for adding, deleting, and modifying database objects is enabled. For details, see **Database Audit**.
- To view audit logs in a visualized manner, enable **Upload Audit Logs to LTS**. For details, see **Uploading Audit Logs to LTS**.

3.2.6 WAL Archiving

Write Ahead Log (WAL) is also called Xlog. The parameter wal_level specifies the level of information to be written into a WAL. To enable read-only queries on a standby node, you need to set the wal_level parameter to hot_standby on the primary node and hot_standby to on on the standby node. In a distributed environment, hot_standby cannot be set to off and wal_level cannot be set to archive or minimal. Otherwise, a database cannot be started. You are advised to use the default value (hot_standby) of wal_level.

3.2.7 Backup Management

GaussDB lets you back up and restore instances in unencrypted form to ensure data reliability. To prevent data loss caused by misoperations or service exceptions, you can:

- Configure automated backups and create manual backups. For details, see
 Working with Backups. When you create a GaussDB instance, the instance level automated backup policy is enabled by default. After your instance is
 created, you can modify the automated backup policy as needed.
- Configure an automated backup policy to periodically back up data.
- Export backup information.