



# Creating a database on the National DRI

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# Database types available

- Cedar supports **MySQL/MariaDB** (v10.4) and **PostgreSQL** (v10.1) with various Postgres extensions available (including postGIS, postGIS topology, pgrouting, pgcrypto)
- Graham supports **MySQL/MariaDB** (v10.2)

Details can be found on

[https://docs.alliancecan.ca/wiki/Database\\_servers#Database\\_servers\\_available\\_for\\_researchers](https://docs.alliancecan.ca/wiki/Database_servers#Database_servers_available_for_researchers)

# Getting a database account

Currently , you can request access by sending these details to [support@tech.alliancecan.ca](mailto:support@tech.alliancecan.ca):

- your CCDB username (e.g. jsmith)
- type of database i.e. one of the following:
  - Cedar and MySQL
  - Cedar and Postgres
  - Graham and MySQL
- amount of storage space needed \*\* Let us know if you have 100's GB data
- for postgres requests, indicate whether you want PostGIS extensions (with version)

# Access constraints

The MySQL and PostgreSQL database instances are only accessible from *inside* the cluster.

This is due to them having only internal IP addresses.

If you have a requirement to access the database from *outside* the cluster, let us know at [support@tech.alliancecan.ca](mailto:support@tech.alliancecan.ca)



# MySQL setup

# 7 Access your database instance: **MySQL**

For MySQL `/home/yourusername/.my.cnf` is created for you on Cedar or Graham when you request access.

```
# load the mysql client
$ module load mariadb

# check the mysql client version
$ mysql --version
mysql Ver 15.1 Distrib 10.4.11-MariaDB, for Linux (x86_64) using
EditLine wrapper

# open up the mysql client
# (connection details are stored in /home/yourusername/.my.cnf)
$ mysql
MariaDB [(none)]> show databases;
MariaDB [(none)]> quit
```

# Share your database: **MySQL** ...slide 1

Tables can only be shared with others with CCDB mysql accounts.

```
$ mysql
$ create database jsmith_staffinfo;
$ use jsmith_staffinfo;
$ create table employees(
    emp_id int auto_increment,
    emp_name varchar(255) not null,
    start_date date,
    end_date date,
    primary key(emp_id) );
```

# Share your database: MySQL ...slide 2

Tables can only be shared with others with CCDB mysql accounts.

```
$ use jsmith_staffinfo;  
$ GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE on employees to 'fjones'@'172.%';
```

Hint: If this gives an error make sure the single quotes in your grant statement are not backticks.

```
$ use jsmith_staffinfo;  
$ REVOKE INSERT, UPDATE on employees from 'fjones'@'172.%';
```



# PostgreSQL setup

# Access your database instance: PostgreSQL

For Postgres, IDENT authentication is set up to allow access.

From the command line in Cedar:

```
# load the postgres client
$ module load postgresql

# check the mysql client version
$ psql --version
psql (PostgreSQL) 14.2

# open up the psql client
# -h <host> is required when using postgres
$ psql -h cedar-pgsql-vm -d jsmith_db
jsmith_mydb> \dt    # show tables
jsmith_mydb> \q    # quit psql client
```

# How to share your database: PostgreSQL

...slide 1

Tables can only be shared with others with postgres accounts.

```
# log into the database
$ psql -h cedar-pgsql-vm -d jsmith_db

$ create table employees (
  emp_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
  emp_name varchar(255),
  start_date date,
  end_date date);
```

# How to share your database: PostgreSQL

...slide 2

Tables can only be shared with others who also have postgres accounts.

```
# log into the database
$ psql -h cedar-pgsql-vm -d jsmith_db

# allow another user to connect to your database
$ grant connect on database jsmith_db to fjones;

# allow select-only access to another user
$ grant select on mytable to fjones;
```

```
# the other user can now connect to this database
$ \c jsmith_mydb
$ select * from mytable;
```

# Database as a Service

If the amount of storage required is large, we may suggest creating a separate database instance. This will be stored on the cloud.

We are moving towards a self service model allowing database deployment of managed databases in the cloud.

For further information contact [support@tech.alliancecan.ca](mailto:support@tech.alliancecan.ca)

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This is a slimmed down guide of the more comprehensive documentation found at [https://docs.alliancecan.ca/wiki/Database\\_servers](https://docs.alliancecan.ca/wiki/Database_servers)



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