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, Line: 1, Level: 16
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Importing a Foreign Schema

Options

Foreign schema parameters accepted:

- *import_default*

Required: No

Default: false

Controls whether column DEFAULT expressions are included in the definitions of foreign tables.

- *import_not_null*

Required: No

Default: true

Controls whether column NOT NULL constraints are included in the definitions of foreign tables.

Example

```
IMPORT FOREIGN SCHEMA dbo
  EXCEPT (mssql_table)
  FROM SERVER mssql_svr
  INTO public
  OPTIONS (import_default 'true');
```

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Creating a Foreign Server

Options

Foreign server parameters accepted:

- *servername*

Required: Yes

Default: 127.0.0.1

The *servername*, address or hostname of the foreign server server.

This can be a DSN, as specified in *freetds.conf*. See FreeTDS name lookup.

You can set this option to a comma separated list of server names, then each server is tried until the first connection succeeds.

This is useful for automatic fail-over to a secondary server.

- *port*

Required: No

The port of the foreign server. This is optional. Instead of providing a port here, it can be specified in *freetds.conf* (if *servername* is a DSN).

- *database*

Required: No

The database to connect to for this server.

- *dbuse*

Required: No

Default: 0

This option tells `tds_fdw` to connect directly to *database* if *dbuse* is 0. If *dbuse* is not 0, `tds_fdw` will connect to the server's default database, and then select *database* by calling DB-Library's `dbuse()` function.

For Azure, *dbuse* currently needs to be set to 0.

- *language*

Required: No

The language to use for messages and the locale to use for date formats. FreeTDS may default to *us_english* on most systems. You can probably also change this in *freetds.conf*.

For information related to this for MS SQL Server, see SET LANGUAGE in MS SQL Server.

For information related to Sybase ASE, see Sybase ASE login options and SET LANGUAGE in Sybase ASE.

- *character_set*

Required: No

The client character set to use for the connection, if you need to set this for some reason.

For TDS protocol versions 7.0+, the connection always uses UCS-2, so this parameter does nothing in those cases. See Localization and TDS 7.0.

- *tds_version*

Required: No

The version of the TDS protocol to use for this server. See Choosing a TDS protocol version and History of TDS Versions.

- *msg_handler*

Required: No

Default: blackhole

The function used for the TDS message handler. Options are “notice” and “blackhole.” With the “notice” option, TDS messages are turned into PostgreSQL notices. With the “blackhole” option, TDS messages are ignored.

- *fdw_startup_cost*

Required: No

A cost that is used to represent the overhead of using this FDW used in query planning.

- *fdw_tuple_cost*

Required: No

A cost that is used to represent the overhead of fetching rows from this server used in query planning.

- *sqlserver_ansi_mode*

Required: No

This option is supported for SQL Server only. The default is “false”. Setting this to “true” will enable the following server-side settings after a successful connection to the foreign server:

- * CONCAT_NULLS_YIELDS_NULL ON
- * ANSI_NULLS ON
- * ANSI_WARNINGS ON
- * QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON

- * ANSI_PADDING ON
- * ANSI_NULL_DFLT_ON ON

Those parameters in summary are comparable to the SQL Server option *ANSI_DEFAULTS*. In contrast, *sqlserver_ansi_mode* currently does not activate the following options:

- * CURSOR_CLOSE_ON_COMMIT
- * IMPLICIT_TRANSACTIONS

This follows the behavior of the native ODBC and OLEDB driver for SQL Servers, which explicitly turn them OFF if not configured otherwise.

Foreign table parameters accepted in server definition: Some foreign table options can also be set at the server level. Those include:

- *use_remote_estimate*
- *row_estimate_method*

Example

```
CREATE SERVER mssql_svr
  FOREIGN DATA WRAPPER tds_fdw
  OPTIONS (servername '127.0.0.1', port '1433', database 'tds_fdw_test', tds_version '7.1
```

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Creating a Foreign Table

Options

Foreign table parameters accepted:

- *query*

Required: Yes (mutually exclusive with *table*)

The query string to use to query the foreign table.

- *schema_name*

Required: No

The schema that the table is in. The schema name can also be included in *table_name*, so this is not required.

- *table_name*

Aliases: *table*

Required: Yes (mutually exclusive with *query*)

The table on the foreign server to query.

- *match_column_names*

Required: No

Whether to match local columns with remote columns by comparing their table names or whether to use the order that they appear in the result set.

- *use_remote_estimate*

Required: No

Whether we estimate the size of the table by performing some operation on the remote server (as defined by *row_estimate_method*), or whether we just use a local estimate, as defined by *local_tuple_estimate*.

- *local_tuple_estimate*

Required: No

A locally set estimate of the number of tuples that is used when *use_remote_estimate* is disabled.

- *row_estimate_method*

Required: No

Default: **execute**

This can be one of the following values:

- **execute**: Execute the query on the remote server, and get the actual number of rows in the query.
- **showplan_all**: This gets the estimated number of rows using MS SQL Server's SET SHOWPLAN_ALL.

Foreign table column parameters accepted:

- *column_name*

Required: No

The name of the column on the remote server. If this is not set, the column's remote name is assumed to be the same as the column's local name. If *match_column_names* is set to 0 for the table, then column names are not used at all, so this is ignored.

Example

Using a *table_name* definition:

```
CREATE FOREIGN TABLE mssql_table (  
    id integer,  
    data varchar)
```

```
SERVER mssql_svr
OPTIONS (table_name 'dbo.mytable', row_estimate_method 'showplan_all');
```

Or using a *schema_name* and *table_name* definition:

```
CREATE FOREIGN TABLE mssql_table (
  id integer,
  data varchar)
SERVER mssql_svr
OPTIONS (schema_name 'dbo', table_name 'mytable', row_estimate_method 'showplan_all');
```

Or using a *query* definition:

```
CREATE FOREIGN TABLE mssql_table (
  id integer,
  data varchar)
SERVER mssql_svr
OPTIONS (query 'SELECT * FROM dbo.mytable', row_estimate_method 'showplan_all');
```

Or setting a remote column name:

```
CREATE FOREIGN TABLE mssql_table (
  id integer,
  col2 varchar OPTIONS (column_name 'data'))
SERVER mssql_svr
OPTIONS (schema_name 'dbo', table_name 'mytable', row_estimate_method 'showplan_all');
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Installing on Alpine Linux

This document will show how to install *tds_fdw* on Alpine Linux 3.10.3. Other Alpine Linux distributions should be similar.

Install FreeTDS and build dependencies

The TDS foreign data wrapper requires a library that implements the DB-Library interface, such as FreeTDS.

```
apk add --update freetds-dev
```

Some other dependencies are also needed to install PostgreSQL and then compile `tds_fdw`:

```
apk add gcc libc-dev make
```

In case you will get `fatal error: stdio.h: No such file or directory` later on (on `make USE_PGXS=1`) - installing `musl-dev` might help (<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/42366739/cant-find-stdio-h-in-alpine-linux>):

```
apk add musl-dev
```

Install PostgreSQL

If you need to install PostgreSQL, do so by installing from APK. For example, to install PostgreSQL 11.6 on Alpine Linux:

```
apk add postgresql=11.6-r0 postgresql-client=11.6-r0 postgresql-dev=11.6-r0
```

In `postgres-alpine` docker image you will need only

```
apk add postgresql-dev
```

Install tds_fdw

Build from release package If you'd like to use one of the release packages, you can download and install them via something like the following:

```
export TDS_FDW_VERSION="2.0.4"
apk add wget
wget https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw/archive/v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
tar -xvzf v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
cd tds_fdw-${TDS_FDW_VERSION}/
make USE_PGXS=1
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

NOTE: If you have several PostgreSQL versions and you do not want to build for the default one, first locate where the binary for `pg_config` is, take note of the full path, and then append `PG_CONFIG=<PATH>` after `USE_PGXS=1` at the `make` commands.

Build from repository If you would rather use the current development version, you can clone and build the git repository via something like the following:

```
apk add git
git clone https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw.git
cd tds_fdw
make USE_PGXS=1
make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

NOTE: If you have several PostgreSQL versions and you do not want to build for the default one, first locate where the binary for `pg_config` is, take note of the full path, and then append `PG_CONFIG=<PATH>` after `USE_PGXS=1` at the `make` commands.

Start server If this is a fresh installation, then create the initial cluster and start the server:

```
mkdir /var/lib/postgresql/data
chmod 0700 /var/lib/postgresql/data
chown postgres. /var/lib/postgresql/data
su postgres -c 'initdb /var/lib/postgresql/data'
mkdir /run/postgresql/
chown postgres. /run/postgresql/
su postgres -c 'pg_ctl start -D /var/lib/postgresql/data "-o -c listen_addresses=\"\"\"'
```

Install extension

```
psql -U postgres
postgres=# CREATE EXTENSION tds_fdw;
```

Dockerfile Example This Dockerfile will build PostgreSQL 11 in Alpine Linux with `tds_fdw` from master branch

```
FROM library/postgres:11-alpine
RUN apk add --update freetds-dev && \
    apk add git gcc libc-dev make && \
    apk add postgresql-dev postgresql-contrib && \
    git clone https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw.git && \
    cd tds_fdw && \
    make USE_PGXS=1 && \
    make USE_PGXS=1 install && \
    apk del git gcc libc-dev make && \
    cd .. && \
    rm -rf tds_fdw
```

You can easily adapt the Dockerfile if you want to use a release package.

This Dockerfile works just like to official PostgreSQL image, just with `tds_fdw` added. See Docker Hub `library/postgres` for details. # TDS Foreign data wrapper

Installing on Debian

This document will show how to install `tds_fdw` on Debian 10. Other Debian distributions should be similar.

Install FreeTDS and build dependencies

The TDS foreign data wrapper requires a library that implements the DB-Library interface, such as FreeTDS.

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install libsybdb5 freetds-dev freetds-common
```

Some other dependencies are also needed to install PostgreSQL and then compile `tds_fdw`:

```
sudo apt-get install gnupg gcc make
```

Install PostgreSQL

If you need to install PostgreSQL, do so by following the apt installation directions. For example, to install PostgreSQL 11 on Debian:

```
sudo bash -c 'source /etc/os-release; echo "deb http://apt.postgresql.org/pub/repos/apt/ $(
sudo apt-key adv --keyserver hkp://pool.sks-keyservers.net --recv-keys 0xACCC4CF8
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get upgrade
sudo apt-get install postgresql-11 postgresql-client-11 postgresql-server-dev-11
```

NOTE: If you already have PostgreSQL installed on your system be sure that the package `postgresql-server-dev-XX` is installed too (where `XX` stands for your PostgreSQL version).

Install `tds_fdw`

Build from release package If you'd like to use one of the release packages, you can download and install them via something like the following:

```
export TDS_FDW_VERSION="2.0.4"
sudo apt-get install wget
wget https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw/archive/v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
tar -xvzf v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
cd tds_fdw-${TDS_FDW_VERSION}/
make USE_PGXS=1
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

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Build from repository If you would rather use the current development version, you can clone and build the git repository via something like the following:

```
sudo apt-get install git
git clone https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw.git
cd tds_fdw
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```

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Start server If this is a fresh installation, then start the server:

```
sudo service postgresql start
```

Install extension

```
psql -U postgres
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```

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Installing on openSUSE

This document will show how to install `tds_fdw` on openSUSE Leap 15.1. Other openSUSE and SUSE distributions should be similar.

Install FreeTDS and build dependencies

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```
sudo zypper install freetds-devel
```

Some other dependencies are also needed to install PostgreSQL and then compile `tds_fdw`:

```
sudo zypper install gcc make
```

Install PostgreSQL

If you need to install PostgreSQL, for example, 10.X:

```
sudo zypper install postgresql10 postgresql10-server postgresql10-devel
```

NOTE: If you already have PostgreSQL installed on your system be sure that the package postgresqlXX-devel is installed too (where XX stands for your PostgreSQL version).

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```
export TDS_FDW_VERSION="2.0.4"
wget https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw/archive/v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
tar -xvzf v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
cd tds_fdw-${TDS_FDW_VERSION}/
make USE_PGXS=1
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

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```
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git clone https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw.git
cd tds_fdw
make USE_PGXS=1
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

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Start server If this is a fresh installation, then start the server:

```
sudo service postgresql start
```

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psql -U postgres
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Installing on OSX

This document will show how to install `tds_fdw` on OSX using the Homebrew package manager for the required packages.

Install FreeTDS

The TDS foreign data wrapper requires a library that implements the DB-Library interface, such as FreeTDS.

```
brew install freetds
```

Note: If you install FreeTDS from another source, e.g. MacPorts, you might have to adjust the value for `TDS_INCLUDE` in the make calls below (e.g. `-I/opt/local/include/freetds` for MacPorts).

Install PostgreSQL

If you need to install PostgreSQL, do so by following the apt installation directions. For example, to install PostgreSQL 9.5 on Ubuntu:

```
brew install postgres
```

Or use Postgres.app: <http://postgresapp.com/>

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tar -xvzf v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
cd tds_fdw-${TDS_FDW_VERSION}
make USE_PGXS=1 TDS_INCLUDE=-I/usr/local/include/
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

NOTE: If you have several PostgreSQL versions and you do not want to build for the default one, first locate where the binary for `pg_config` is, take note of the full path, and then append `PG_CONFIG=<PATH>` after `USE_PGXS=1` at the `make` commands.

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```
git clone https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw.git
cd tds_fdw
make USE_PGXS=1 TDS_INCLUDE=-I/usr/local/include/
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```


NOTE: If you have several PostgreSQL versions and you do not want to build for the default one, first locate where the binary for `pg_config` is, take note of the full path, and then append `PG_CONFIG=<PATH>` after `USE_PGXS=1` at the `make` commands.

Start server If this is a fresh installation, then start the server:

```
brew services start postgresql
```

Or the equivalent command if you are not using Homebrew.

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```

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Installing on RHEL and Clones such as CentOS, Rocky Linux, AlmaLinux or Oracle

This document will show how to install `tds_fdw` on Rocky Linux 8.9. RHEL distributions should be similar.

NOTE: For the sake of simplicity, we will use `yum` as it works as an alias for `dnf` on newer distributions.

Option A: yum/dnf (released versions)

PostgreSQL If you need to install PostgreSQL, do so by following the RHEL installation instructions.

tds_fdw The PostgreSQL development team packages `tds_fdw`, but they do not provide FreeTDS.

First, install the EPEL repository:

```
sudo yum install epel-release
```

And then install `tds_fdw`:

```
sudo yum install tds_fdw11.x86_64
```

Option B: Compile tds_fdw

PostgreSQL If you need to install PostgreSQL, do so by following the RHEL installation instructions.

Make sure that, besides `postgresqlXX-server`, `postgresqlXX-devel` is installed as well

You need to enable the PowerTools repository for RHEL8 and clones, or the CBR repository for RHEL9 and clones.

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```
sudo yum install epel-release
sudo yum install freetds-devel
```

Some other dependencies are also needed to install PostgreSQL and then compile tds_fdw:

```
sudo yum install clang llvm make redhat-rpm-config wget
```

IMPORTANT: CentOS7/Oracle7 and PostgreSQL >= 11 When using the official PostgreSQL packages from postgresql.org, JIT with bitcode is enabled by default and will require llvm5 and clang from LLVM5 installed at /opt/rh/llvm-toolset-7/root/usr/bin/clang to be able to compile.

You have LLVM5 at the EPEL CentOS7 repository, but not LLVM7, so you will need install the CentOS Software collections.

You can easily do it with the following commands:

```
sudo yum install centos-release-scl
```

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```
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tar -xvzf v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
cd tds_fdw-${TDS_FDW_VERSION}
make USE_PGXS=1 PG_CONFIG=/usr/pgsql-11/bin/pg_config
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 PG_CONFIG=/usr/pgsql-11/bin/pg_config install
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```
yum install git
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cd tds_fdw
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make USE_PGXS=1 PG_CONFIG=/usr/pgsql-11/bin/pg_config
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Final steps

Start server If this is a fresh installation, then initialize the data directory and start the server:

```
sudo /usr/pgsql-11/bin/postgresql11-setup initdb
sudo systemctl enable postgresql-11.service
sudo systemctl start postgresql-11.service
```

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/usr/pgsql-11/bin/psql -U postgres
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Installing on Ubuntu

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Install FreeTDS and build dependencies

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```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install libsymbdb5 freetds-dev freetds-common
```

Some other dependencies are also needed to install PostgreSQL and then compile `tds_fdw`:

```
sudo apt-get install gnupg gcc make
```

Install PostgreSQL

If you need to install PostgreSQL, do so by following the apt installation directions. For example, to install PostgreSQL 11 on Ubuntu:

```
sudo bash -c 'source /etc/os-release; echo "deb http://apt.postgresql.org/pub/repos/apt/ $(\
sudo apt-key adv --keyserver hkp://pool.sks-keyservers.net --recv-keys 0xACCC4CF8
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get upgrade
sudo apt-get install postgresql-11 postgresql-client-11 postgresql-server-dev-11
```

NOTE: If you already have PostgreSQL installed on your system be sure that the package postgresql-server-dev-XX is installed too (where XX stands for your PostgreSQL version).

Install tds_fdw

Build from release package If you'd like to use one of the release packages, you can download and install them via something like the following:

```
export TDS_FDW_VERSION="2.0.4"
sudo apt-get install wget
wget https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw/archive/v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
tar -xvzf v${TDS_FDW_VERSION}.tar.gz
cd tds_fdw-${TDS_FDW_VERSION}/
make USE_PGXS=1
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

NOTE: If you have several PostgreSQL versions and you do not want to build for the default one, first locate where the binary for `pg_config` is, take note of the full path, and then append `PG_CONFIG=<PATH>` after `USE_PGXS=1` at the `make` commands.

Build from repository If you would rather use the current development version, you can clone and build the git repository via something like the following:

```
sudo apt-get install git
git clone https://github.com/tds-fdw/tds_fdw.git
cd tds_fdw
make USE_PGXS=1
sudo make USE_PGXS=1 install
```

NOTE: If you have several PostgreSQL versions and you do not want to build for the default one, first locate where the binary for `pg_config` is, take note of the full path, and then append `PG_CONFIG=<PATH>` after `USE_PGXS=1` at the `make` commands.

Start server If this is a fresh installation, then start the server:

```
sudo service postgresql start
```

Install extension

```
psql -U postgres
postgres=# CREATE EXTENSION tds_fdw;
```

TDS Foreign data wrapper

Creating a User Mapping

Options

User mapping parameters accepted:

- *username*

Required: Yes

The username of the account on the foreign server.

IMPORTANT: If you are using Azure SQL, then your username for the foreign server will be need to be in the format `username@servername`. If you only use the username, the authentication will fail.

- *password*

Required: Yes

The password of the account on the foreign server.

Example

```
CREATE USER MAPPING FOR postgres
  SERVER mssql_svr
  OPTIONS (username 'sa', password '');
```

TDS Foreign data wrapper

Variables

Available Variables

- *tds_fdw.show_before_row_memory_stats* - print memory context stats to the PostgreSQL log before each row is fetched.
- *tds_fdw.show_after_row_memory_stats* - print memory context stats to the PostgreSQL log after each row is fetched.
- *tds_fdw.show_finished_memory_stats* - print memory context stats to the PostgreSQL log when a query is finished.

Setting Variables

To set a variable, use the SET command. i.e.:

```
postgres=# SET tds_fdw.show_finished_memory_stats=1;
SET
```