

# Alma Linux 8 – PostgreSQL 15 & PGAdmin4

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## 1.) Overview

This document is provided as a user guide for the Alma Linux 8 - PostgreSQL 15 & PGAdmin4 product offering on the Azure Marketplace. Please reach out to [support@cloudimg.co.uk](mailto:support@cloudimg.co.uk) if any issues are encountered following this user guide for the chosen product offering.



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## 2.) Access & Security

Please update the security group of the target instance to allow the below ports and protocols for access and connectivity.

Protocol	Type	Port	Description
SSH	TCP	22	SSH connectivity
HTTP	HTTP	80	PGAdmin4 Console
Custom TCP	TCP	5432	Postgres Database listener port for remote access

## 3.) System Requirements

The minimum system requirements for the chosen product offering can be found below

Minimum CPU	Minimum RAM	Required Disk Space
1	1 GB	20 GB

## 4.) Connecting to the Instance

Once launched in the Azure Virtual Machines Service, please connect to the instance via an SSH client using the **azureuser** with the key pair associated at launch. Once connected as the **azureuser**, you will be able to **sudo** to the **root** user by issuing the below command.

Switch to the root user

```
sudo su -
```

## 5.) On Startup

An OS package update script has been configured to run on boot to ensure the image is fully up to date at first use. You can disable this feature by removing the script from `/stage/scripts/` and deleting the entry in crontab for the root user.

Disable the OS update script from running on reboot

```
rm -f /stage/scripts/initial_boot_update.sh  
crontab -e
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```
#DELETE THE BELOW LINE. SAVE AND EXIT THE FILE.  
@reboot /stage/scripts/initial_boot_update.sh
```

## 6.) Filesystem Configuration

Please see below for a screenshot of the server disk configuration and specific mount point mappings for software locations.

```
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on  
devtmpfs        354M   0  354M   0% /dev  
tmpfs           389M  1.1M  388M   1% /dev/shm  
tmpfs           389M  11M  379M   3% /run  
tmpfs           389M   0  389M   0% /sys/fs/cgroup  
/dev/nvme0n1p2  50G   15G   36G  29% /  
/dev/nvme1n1    9.8G   76M   9.2G   1% /var/lib/pgsql  
tmpfs           78M   0    78M   0% /run/user/1000
```

Mount Point	Description
/boot	Operating System Kernel files
/var/lib/pgsql	Postgres installation directory

## 7.) Server Components

Please see below for a list of installed server components and their respective installation paths. The below versions are subject to change on initial boot based on the initial\_boot\_update.sh script finding new versions of the software in the systems package repositories.

Component	Version	Software Home
Cloud-Init	22.1	/etc/cloud
Apache HTTP Sever	2.4.37	/etc/httpd
Postgres Database Engine	15.1	/var/lib/pgsql
PGAdmin4	4	/usr/pgadmin4



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Azure CLI	2.53.1	/lib64/az
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## 8.) Scripts and Log Files

The below table provides a breakdown of any scripts & log files created to enhance the useability of the chosen offering.

Script/Log	Path	Description
Initial_boot_update.sh	/stage/scripts	Update the Operating System with the latest updates available.
Initial_boot_update.log	/stage/scripts	Provides output for initial_boot_update.sh
postgresql_database_password.log	/stage/scripts/	Postgres database user password

## 9.) Using System Components

Instructions can be found below for using each component of the server build mentioned in section 7 of this user guide document.

### Azure CLI

Using Azure CLI – as any OS user.

```
az
```

### Cloud-Init

Edit the /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg file to reflect your desired configuration. A link to the cloud-init official documentation can be found below for referencing best practise for your use case.

<https://cloudinit.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

```
vi /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg
```



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## Apache HTTP Server

The Apache HTTP Server has been configured to start on boot, please use the below commands to start, stop and check the status of the service.

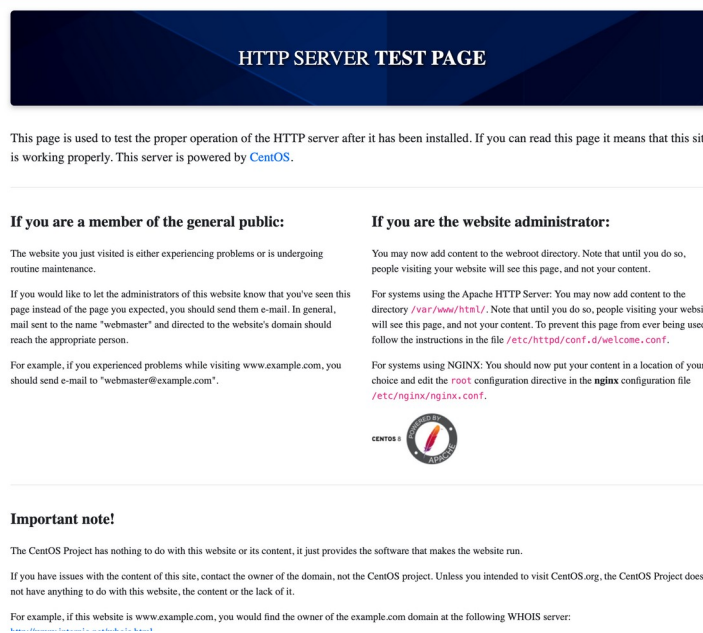
```
#Check the HTTP Server is running
systemctl status httpd

#Stop the HTTP Server
systemctl stop httpd

#Start the HTTP Server
systemctl start httpd
```

Once the HTTP Server status has started, you will be able to access the Apache front end via the below URL exchanging the values between <> to match that of your own instance.

<PRIVATE/PUBLICIP>:80



**HTTP SERVER TEST PAGE**

This page is used to test the proper operation of the HTTP server after it has been installed. If you can read this page it means that this site is working properly. This server is powered by [CentOS](#).

**If you are a member of the general public:**

The website you just visited is either experiencing problems or is undergoing routine maintenance.

If you would like to let the administrators of this website know that you've seen this page instead of the page you expected, you should send them e-mail. In general, mail sent to the name "webmaster" and directed to the website's domain should reach the appropriate person.

For example, if you experienced problems while visiting [www.example.com](#), you should send e-mail to "webmaster@example.com".

**If you are the website administrator:**

You may now add content to the webroot directory. Note that until you do so, people visiting your website will see this page, and not your content.

For systems using the Apache HTTP Server: You may now add content to the directory `/var/www/html/`. Note that until you do so, people visiting your website will see this page, and not your content. To prevent this page from ever being used, follow the instructions in the file `/etc/httpd/conf.d/welcome.conf`.

For systems using NGINX: You should now put your content in a location of your choice and edit the `root` configuration directive in the `nginx` configuration file `/etc/nginx/nginx.conf`.

**CentOS 5**

**Important note!**

The CentOS Project has nothing to do with this website or its content, it just provides the software that makes the website run.

If you have issues with the content of this site, contact the owner of the domain, not the CentOS project. Unless you intended to visit [CentOS.org](#), the CentOS Project does not have anything to do with this website, the content or the lack of it.

For example, if this website is [www.example.com](#), you would find the owner of the [example.com](#) domain at the following WHOIS server:

## PGAdmin4

pgAdmin is designed to monitor and manage multiple PostgreSQL and EDB Advanced Server database servers, both local and remote, through a single graphical interface that allows the easy creation and management of database objects, as well as a number of other tools for managing your databases.



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Upon initial use of the AMI, run the below script as the **root** user to configure the credentials required to access the PGAdmin4 Console running locally on the target server.

```
/usr/pgadmin4/bin/setup-web.sh
```

## OUTPUT & RESPOND

```
[root@ip-172-31-93-13 ~]# /usr/pgadmin4/bin/setup-web.sh
Setting up pgAdmin 4 in web mode on a Redhat based platform...
Creating configuration database...
NOTE: Configuring authentication for SERVER mode.

Enter the email address and password to use for the initial pgAdmin user account:

Email address: example@cloudimg.co.uk (This is an example, enter an email address of choice)
Password: (Enter a password of choice)
Retype password: (Enter a password of choice)

pgAdmin 4 - Application Initialisation
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Creating storage and log directories...
Configuring SELinux...
setsebool: SELinux is disabled.
setsebool: SELinux is disabled.

The Apache web server is running and must be restarted for the pgAdmin 4 installation to
complete. Continue (y/n)? y (Enter y to restart Apache)

Apache successfully restarted. You can now start using pgAdmin 4 in web mode at
http://127.0.0.1/pgadmin4

[root@ip-172-31-93-13 ~]#
```

You will now be able to access the PGAdmin4 Front End via the below URL exchanging the values between the <> to match that of your instance.

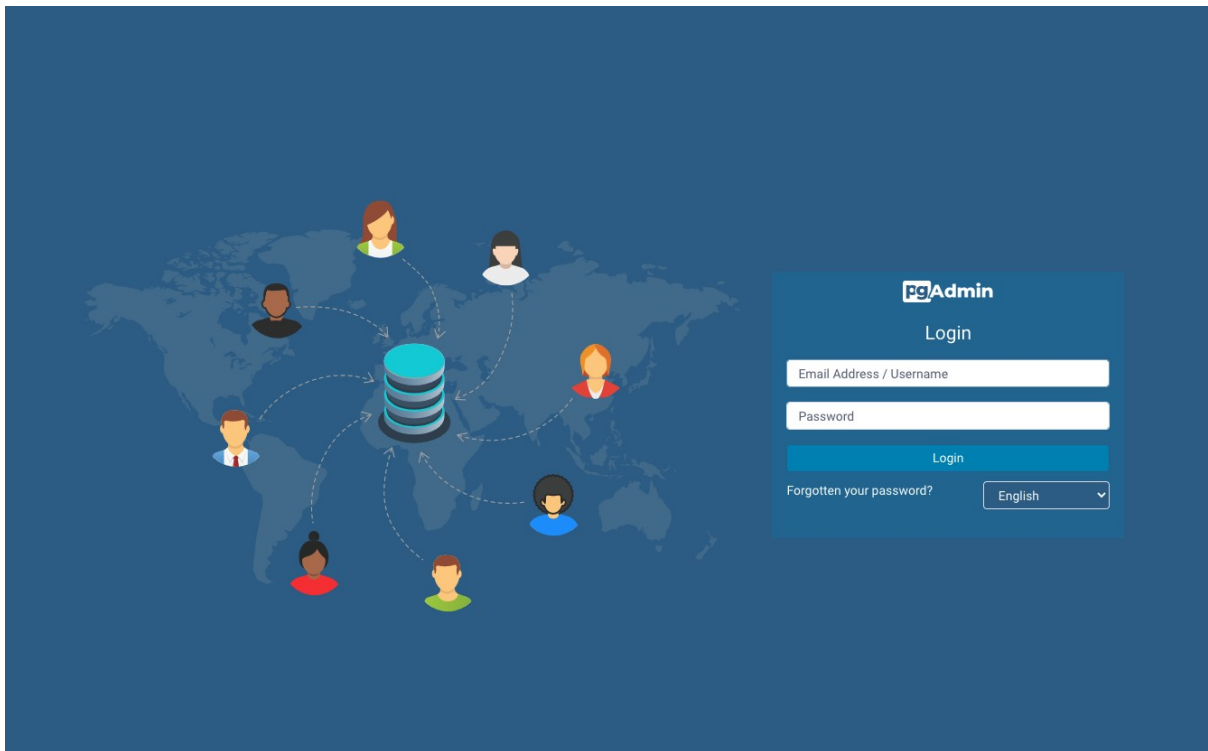
<PUBLIC/PRIVATEIP>/pgadmin4



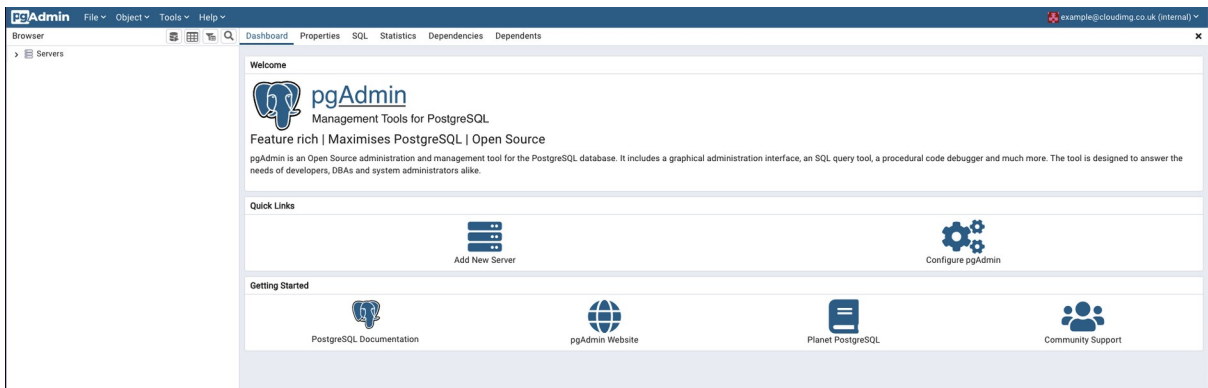
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Enter the credentials created in the above usr/pgadmin4/bin/setup-web.sh script.



Click Login



Select Add New Server to connect to the Postgres Database.



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Register - Server

General Connection SSL SSH Tunnel Advanced

Name: EXAMPLE CONNECTION

Server group: Servers

Background: X

Foreground: X

Connect now?:

Shared?:

Comments:

Close Reset Save

Enter a name for the connection, this example will use 'EXAMPLE CONNECTION'

Select Connection

Register - Server

General Connection SSL SSH Tunnel Advanced

Host name/address: 44.202.142.254

Port: 5432

Maintenance database: postgres

Username: postgres

Kerberos authentication?:

Password: .....

Save password?:

Role:

Service:

Close Reset Save

Enter in the Host field the IP address of your instance.

Enter Username: postgres



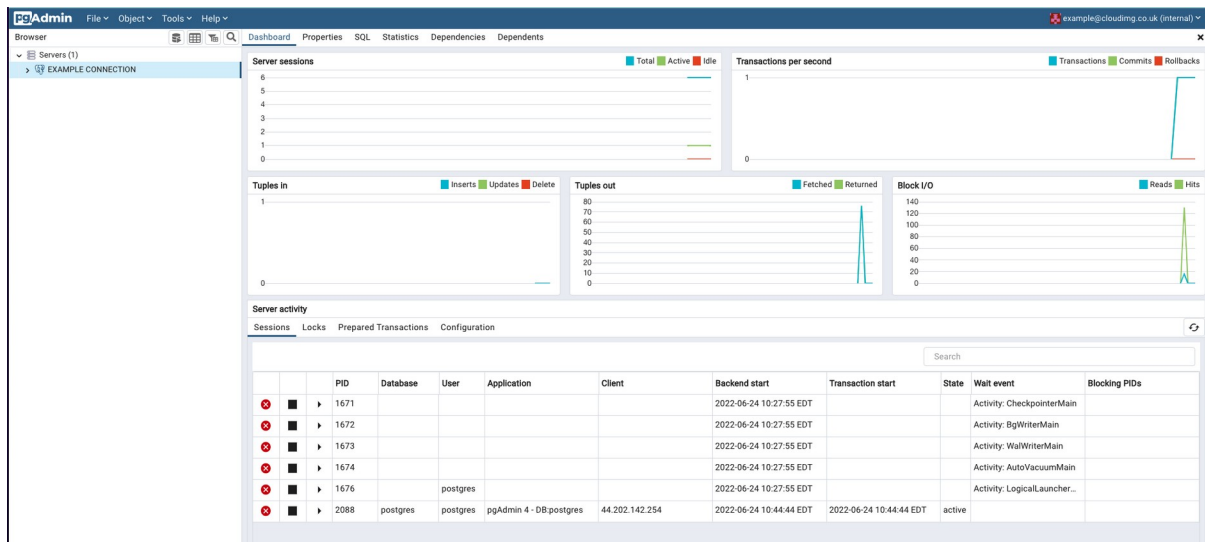
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For Password enter the value found in the /stage/scripts/postgresql\_root\_database\_password.log file located on the instance.

Click Save



You will now have a remote connection to the Postgres database running on the instance.

## Postgres Database Engine

For local administration and access to the postgres database, follow the below commands for checking the service, stopping the service & starting the service along with how to log into the database from the instance command line interface.

As the root user, run the below commands to check, stop or start the postgres database service. By default, the service is configured to start on boot.

```
#Check the postgres server status

systemctl status postgresql-15

#Stop the postgres database engine

systemctl stop postgresql-15

#Start the postgres database engine
```



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```
systemctl start postgresql-15
```

Run the below commands as the **root** user to switch to the postgres OS user for accessing the postgres database engine command line interface from the instance locally.

```
sudo su - postgres
```

```
psql
```



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