



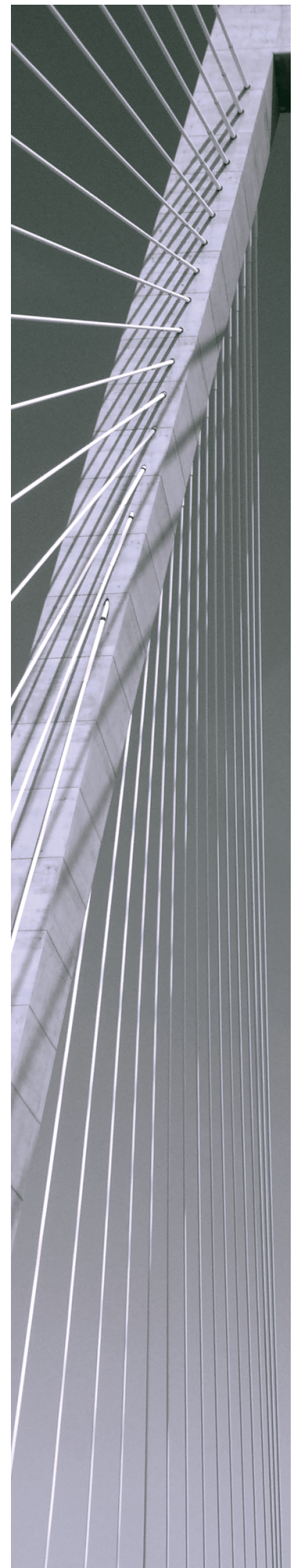
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About This Guide

Purpose

The *Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver Installation and Configuration Guide* explains how to install and configure the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver. The guide also provides details related to features of the driver.

Audience

The guide is intended for end users of the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, as well as administrators and developers integrating the driver.

Knowledge Prerequisites

To use the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, the following knowledge is helpful:

- Familiarity with the platform on which you are using the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver
- Ability to use the data source to which the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver is connecting
- An understanding of the role of ODBC technologies and driver managers in connecting to a data source
- Experience creating and configuring ODBC connections
- Exposure to SQL

Document Conventions

Italics are used when referring to book and document titles.

Bold is used in procedures for graphical user interface elements that a user clicks and text that a user types.

Monospace font indicates commands, source code, or contents of text files.

Note:

A text box with a pencil icon indicates a short note appended to a paragraph.

! Important:

A text box with an exclamation mark indicates an important comment related to the preceding paragraph.

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About the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver enables Business Intelligence (BI), analytics, and reporting on data that is stored in PostgreSQL databases. The driver complies with the ODBC 3.80 data standard and adds important functionality such as Unicode, as well as 32- and 64-bit support for high-performance computing environments on all platforms.

ODBC is one of the most established and widely supported APIs for connecting to and working with databases. At the heart of the technology is the ODBC driver, which connects an application to the database. For more information about ODBC, see *Data Access Standards* on the Simba Technologies

website: <https://www.simba.com/resources/data-access-standards-glossary>. For complete information about the ODBC specification, see the *ODBC API Reference* from the Microsoft documentation: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/odbc/reference/syntax/odbc-api-reference>.

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver is available for Microsoft® Windows®, Linux, and macOS platforms.

The *Installation and Configuration Guide* is suitable for users who are looking to access PostgreSQL data from their desktop environment. Application developers might also find the information helpful. Refer to your application for details on connecting via ODBC.

Note:

For information about how to use the driver in various BI tools, see the *Simba ODBC Drivers Quick Start Guide for Windows*: http://cdn.simba.com/docs/ODBC_QuickstartGuide/content/quick_start/intro.htm.

Windows Driver

Windows System Requirements

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver supports PostgreSQL versions 9.4 through 11.

Install the driver on client machines where the application is installed. Before installing the driver, make sure that you have the following:

- Administrator rights on your machine.
- A machine that meets the following system requirements:
 - One of the following operating systems:
 - Windows 10 or 8.1
 - Windows Server 2019, 2016, or 2012
 - 100 MB of available disk space

Before the driver can be used, the Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio 2015 with the same bitness as the driver must also be installed. If you obtained the driver from the Simba website, then your installation of the driver automatically includes this dependency. Otherwise, you must install the redistributable manually. You can download the installation packages for the redistributable at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/download/details.aspx?id=48145>.

Installing the Driver on Windows

If you did not obtain this driver from the Simba website, you might need to follow a different installation procedure. For more information, see the *Simba OEM ODBC Drivers Installation Guide*.

On 64-bit Windows operating systems, you can execute both 32- and 64-bit applications. However, 64-bit applications must use 64-bit drivers, and 32-bit applications must use 32-bit drivers. Make sure that you use a driver whose bitness matches the bitness of the client application:

- `Simba PostgreSQL 1.4 32-bit.msi` for 32-bit applications
- `Simba PostgreSQL 1.4 64-bit.msi` for 64-bit applications

You can install both versions of the driver on the same machine.

To install the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver on Windows:

1. Depending on the bitness of your client application, double-click to run **Simba PostgreSQL 1.4 32-bit.msi** or **Simba PostgreSQL 1.4 64-bit.msi**.
2. Click **Next**.
3. Select the check box to accept the terms of the License Agreement if you agree, and then click **Next**.
4. To change the installation location, click **Change**, then browse to the desired folder, and then click **OK**. To accept the installation location, click **Next**.
5. Click **Install**.
6. When the installation completes, click **Finish**.


Creating a Data Source Name on Windows

Typically, after installing the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, you need to create a Data Source Name (DSN).

Alternatively, for information about DSN-less connections, see [Using a Connection String](#) on page 43.

To create a Data Source Name on Windows:

1. From the Start menu, go to **ODBC Data Sources**.

 **Note:**

Make sure to select the ODBC Data Source Administrator that has the same bitness as the client application that you are using to connect to PostgreSQL.

2. In the ODBC Data Source Administrator, click the **Drivers** tab, and then scroll down as needed to confirm that the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver appears in the alphabetical list of ODBC drivers that are installed on your system.
3. Choose one:
 - To create a DSN that only the user currently logged into Windows can use, click the **User DSN** tab.
 - Or, to create a DSN that all users who log into Windows can use, click the **System DSN** tab.

 **Note:**

It is recommended that you create a System DSN instead of a User DSN. Some applications load the data using a different user account, and might not be able to detect User DSNs that are created under another user account.

4. Click **Add**.
5. In the Create New Data Source dialog box, select **Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver** and then click **Finish**. The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver DSN Setup dialog box opens.
6. In the **Data Source Name** field, type a name for your DSN.
7. In the **Server** field, type a comma-delimited list of endpoint servers you want to connect to.
8. In the **Port** field, type the number of the TCP port that the server uses to listen for client connections.

 **Note:**

The default port used by PostgreSQL is 5432.

9. In the **Database** field, type the name of the database that you want to access.
10. In the **Authentication** area, do one of the following:
 - To authenticate the connection using standard user name and password authentication, do the following:
 - a. From the **Auth Type** drop-down list, select **Standard**.
 - b. In the **User** field, type your user name for accessing the PostgreSQL database.
 - c. In the **Password** field, type the password corresponding to the user name you typed.
 - d. To encrypt your credentials, select one of the following:
 - If the credentials are used only by the current Windows user, select **Current User Only**.
 - Or, if the credentials are used by all users on the current Windows machine, select **All Users Of This Machine**.
 - Or, to authenticate the connection using the Kerberos protocol, do the following:
 - a. From the **Auth Type** drop-down list, select **Kerberos**.
 - b. In the **User** field, type your user name for accessing the PostgreSQL database.
 - c. In the **Service Name** field, type the Kerberos service principal name of the PostgreSQL server.
11. To configure client-server verification over SSL, click **SSL Options**. For more information, see [Configuring SSL Verification on Windows](#) on page 11.
12. To configure advanced driver options, click **Additional Options**. For more information, see [Configuring Additional Options on Windows](#) on page 13.
13. To configure logging behavior for the driver, click **Logging Options**. For more information, see [Configuring Logging Options on Windows](#) on page 16.

14. To configure how the driver returns and displays data, click **Data Type Options**. For more information, see [Configuring Data Type Options on Windows](#) on page 12.
15. To test the connection, click **Test**. Review the results as needed, and then click **OK**.

 **Note:**

If the connection fails, then confirm that the settings in the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver DSN Setup dialog box are correct. Contact your PostgreSQL server administrator as needed.


16. To save your settings and close the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver DSN Setup dialog box, click **OK**.
17. To close the ODBC Data Source Administrator, click **OK**.

Configuring SSL Verification on Windows

If you are connecting to a PostgreSQL server that has Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) enabled, then you can configure the driver to connect to an SSL-enabled socket. When connecting to a server over SSL, the driver supports identity verification between the client and the server.

To configure SSL verification on Windows:

1. To access the SSL options for a DSN, open the ODBC Data Source Administrator where you created the DSN, then select the DSN, then click **Configure**, and then click **SSL Options**.
2. In the **Authentication Mode** list, select the appropriate SSL mode.

 **Note:**

For information about SSL support in PostgreSQL, see "SSL Support" in the PostgreSQL Documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.4/static/libpq-ssl.html>.

3. To use the System Trust Store for SSL certificates, select the **Use System Trust Store** check box.
4. If you selected **Use System Trust Store**, choose one of the following options:
 - To check the validity of the certificate's trust chain, select the **Check Certificate Revocation** check box.
 - Or, to accept self-signed certificates, select the **Allow Self-signed Server Certificate** check box.

5. To specify an SSL certificate, select the **Enable Custom SSL CA Root Certificate** check box, and then, in the **Path** field, specify the full path to the certificate file.
6. To specify the minimum version of SSL to use, from the **Minimum TLS** drop-down list, select the minimum version of SSL.
7. To save your settings and close the dialog box, click **OK**.
8. To save your settings and close the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver DSN Setup dialog box, click **OK**.

Configuring Data Type Options on Windows

You can configure data type options to modify how the driver displays or returns some data types.

To configure data type options on Windows:

1. To access data type options, open the ODBC Data Source Administrator where you created the DSN, then select the DSN, then click **Configure**, and then click **Data Type Options**.
2. To enable the driver to return data as Unicode character types, select the **Use Unicode** check box.

Note:

When the **Use Unicode** check box is selected, the driver does the following:

- Returns SQL_WCHAR instead of SQL_CHAR.
- Returns SQL_WVARCHAR instead of SQL_VARCHAR.
- Returns SQL_WLONGVARCHAR instead of SQL_LONGVARCHAR.

3. To configure the driver to return Boolean columns as SQL_VARCHAR instead of SQL_BIT, select the **Show Boolean Column As String** check box.
4. To configure the driver to return Text columns as SQL_LONGVARCHAR instead of SQL_VARCHAR, select the **Text as LongVarChar** check box.
5. To configure the driver to return Bytea columns as SQL_LONGVARBINARY instead of SQL_VARBINARY, select the **Bytea As LongVarBinary** check box.
6. To configure the driver to return Money columns with non-decimal characters removed, select the **Money As Decimal** check box.
7. In the **Max Varchar** field, type the maximum data length for VarChar columns.
8. In the **Max LongVarChar** field, type the maximum data length for LongVarChar columns.
9. In the **Max Bytea** field, type the maximum data length for Bytea columns.
10. To save your settings and close the Data Type Configuration dialog box, click **OK**.

Configuring Additional Options on Windows

You can configure additional options to modify the behavior of the driver.

To configure additional options on Windows:

1. To access advanced options, open the ODBC Data Source Administrator where you created the DSN, then select the DSN, then click **Configure**, and then click **Additional Options**.
2. Specify how the driver processes queries by doing one of the following:
 - To return query results one row at a time, select **Single Row Mode**.
 - To return a specific number of rows at a time, select **Use Declare/Fetch** and then, in the **Cache Size** field, type the number of rows.
 - To enable the driver to have multiple queries active on the same connection, select **Use Multiple Statements**. The ODBC application may interleave calls to ODBC statements, but all queries are still sent and executed sequentially.
 - To return the entire query result, select **Retrieve Entire Result Into Memory**.

 **Note:**

Use **Single Row Mode** if you plan to query large results and you do not want to retrieve the entire result into memory. Disabling **Single Row Mode** increases performance, but can result in out-of-memory errors.

3. To configure the driver to have only one active query at a time per connection, select the **Enforce Single Statement** check box.
4. To configure the driver to recognize table type information from the data source, select the **Enable Table Types** check box. For more information, see [Enable Table Types](#) on page 59.
5. To configure the driver to enable read-only mode, select the **Enable Read Only** check box. For more information, see [Enable Read Only](#) on page 59.
6. To connect to PostgreSQL through a proxy server, select the **Enable Proxy For PostgreSQL Connection** check box and then do the following:
 - a. In the **Proxy Server** field, type the host name or IP address of the proxy server.
 - b. In the **Proxy Port** field, type the number of the TCP port that the proxy server uses to listen for client connections.
 - c. If the proxy server requires authentication, then do the following:
 - i. In the **Proxy Username** field, type your user name for accessing the proxy server.

- ii. In the **Proxy Password** field, type the password corresponding to the user name.
7. To save your settings and close the Additional Configuration dialog box, click **OK**.
8. To save your settings and close the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver DSN Setup dialog box, click **OK**.

Configuring TCP Keepalives on Windows

By default, the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver is configured to use TCP keepalives to prevent connections from timing out. Settings such as how frequently the driver sends TCP keepalive packets are based on the operating system defaults. You can configure the TCP keepalive settings or disable the feature by modifying the appropriate values in the Windows Registry.

! Important:

Editing the Windows Registry incorrectly can potentially cause serious, system-wide problems that may require re-installing Windows to correct.


To configure TCP keepalives on Windows:

1. On the Start screen, type **regedit**, and then click the **regedit** search result.
2. Select the appropriate registry key for the bitness of your driver:
 - If you are using the 32-bit driver on a 64-bit machine, then select the following registry key, where *[YourDSN]* is the DSN for which you want to configure keepalives:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\ODBC\ODBC.INI\YourDSN]
 - Otherwise, select the following registry key, where *[YourDSN]* is the DSN for which you want to configure keepalives:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBC.INI\YourDSN]
3. To specify the interval of inactivity before the driver sends a TCP keepalive packet, configure the **KeepAliveldle** value by doing the following:
 - a. If the **KeepAliveldle** value does not already exist, create it. Select **Edit > New > String Value**, type **KeepAliveldle** as the name of the value, and then press **Enter**.
 - b. Select the **KeepAliveldle** value, and then Select **Edit > Modify**.
 - c. In the Edit String dialog box, in the **Value Data** field, type the number of seconds of inactivity before the driver sends a TCP keepalive packet.

 **Note:**

To use the system default, in the **Value Data** field, type **0**.

- d. Click **OK**.
4. To specify the number of TCP keepalive packets that can be lost before the connection is considered broken, configure the `KeepAliveCount` value. To do this, follow the procedure above, but type **KeepAliveCount** for the value name, and in the **Value Data** field, type the number of keepalive packets that can be lost.

 **Note:**

To use the system default, in the **Value Data** field, type **0**.

5. To specify the interval of time between each retransmission of a keepalive packet, configure the `KeepAliveInterval` value. To do this, follow the procedure above, but type **KeepAliveInterval** for the value name, and in the **Value Data** field, type the number of seconds to wait between each retransmission.

 **Note:**

To use the system default, in the **Value Data** field, type **0**.

6. Close the Registry Editor.

To disable TCP keepalives:

1. On the Start screen, type **regedit**, and then click the **regedit** search result.
2. Select the appropriate registry key for the bitness of your driver:
 - If you are using the 32-bit driver on a 64-bit machine, then select the following registry key, where *[YourDSN]* is the DSN for which you want to configure keepalives:


```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\ODBC\ODBC.INI\YourDSN
```
 - Otherwise, select the following registry key, where *[YourDSN]* is the DSN for which you want to configure keepalives:


```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBC.INI\YourDSN
```
3. If the **KeepAlive** value does not already exist, create it. Select **Edit > New > String Value**, then type **KeepAlive** as the name of the value, and then press **Enter**.
4. Select the **KeepAlive** value, and then click **Edit > Modify**.
5. In the Edit String dialog box, in the **Value Data** field, type **0**.
6. Click **OK**.
7. Close the Registry Editor.

Note:

To enable TCP keepalives after disabling them, set `KeepAlive` to 1.

Configuring Logging Options on Windows

To help troubleshoot issues, you can enable logging. In addition to functionality provided in the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, the ODBC Data Source Administrator provides tracing functionality.

! Important:

Only enable logging or tracing long enough to capture an issue. Logging or tracing decreases performance and can consume a large quantity of disk space.

Configuring Driver-wide Logging Options

The settings for logging apply to every connection that uses the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, so make sure to disable the feature after you are done using it. To configure logging for the current connection, see [Configuring Logging for the Current Connection](#) on page 17.

To enable driver-wide logging on Windows:

1. To access logging options, open the ODBC Data Source Administrator where you created the DSN, then select the DSN, then click **Configure**, and then click **Logging Options**.
2. From the **Log Level** drop-down list, select the logging level corresponding to the amount of information that you want to include in log files:

Logging Level	Description
OFF	Disables all logging.
FATAL	Logs severe error events that lead the driver to abort.
ERROR	Logs error events that might allow the driver to continue running.
WARNING	Logs events that might result in an error if action is not taken.

Logging Level	Description
INFO	Logs general information that describes the progress of the driver.
DEBUG	Logs detailed information that is useful for debugging the driver.
TRACE	Logs all driver activity.

3. In the **Log Path** field, specify the full path to the folder where you want to save log files.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Restart your ODBC application to make sure that the new settings take effect.

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver produces the following log files at the location you specify in the Log Path field:

- A `simbapostgresqlodbcdriver.log` file that logs driver activity that is not specific to a connection.
- A `simbapostgresqlodbcdriver_connection_[Number].log` file for each connection made to the database, where *[Number]* is a number that identifies each log file. This file logs driver activity that is specific to the connection.

If you enable the `UseLogPrefix` connection property, the driver prefixes the log file name with the user name associated with the connection and the process ID of the application through which the connection is made. For more information, see [UseLogPrefix](#) on page 73.

To disable driver logging on Windows:

1. Open the ODBC Data Source Administrator where you created the DSN, then select the DSN, then click **Configure**, and then click **Logging Options**.
2. From the **Log Level** drop-down list, select **LOG_OFF**.
3. Click **OK**.
4. Restart your ODBC application to make sure that the new settings take effect.

Configuring Logging for the Current Connection

You can configure logging for the current connection by setting the logging configuration properties in the DSN or in a connection string. For information about the logging configuration properties, see [Configuring Logging Options on Windows](#) on

page 16. Settings in the connection string take precedence over settings in the DSN, and settings in the DSN take precedence over driver-wide settings.

 **Note:**

If the `LogLevel` configuration property is passed in via the connection string or DSN, the rest of the logging configurations are read from the connection string or DSN and not from the existing driver-wide logging configuration.

To configure logging properties in the DSN, you must modify the Windows registry. For information about the Windows registry, see the Microsoft Windows documentation.

! Important:

Editing the Windows Registry incorrectly can potentially cause serious, system-wide problems that may require re-installing Windows to correct.

To add logging configurations to a DSN on Windows:

1. On the Start screen, type **regedit**, and then click the **regedit** search result.
2. Navigate to the appropriate registry key for the bitness of your driver and your machine:
 - 32-bit System DSNs: `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\ODBC\ODBC.INI\`[DSN Name]
 - 64-bit System DSNs: `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBC.INI\`[DSN Name]
 - 32-bit and 64-bit User DSNs: `HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\ODBC\ODBC.INI\`[DSN Name]
3. For each configuration option that you want to configure for the current connection, create a value by doing the following:
 - a. If the key name value does not already exist, create it. Right-click the `[DSN Name]` and then select **New > String Value**, type the key name of the configuration option, and then press **Enter**.
 - b. Right-click the key name and then click **Modify**.

To confirm the key names for each configuration option, see [Driver Configuration Options](#) on page 54.
 - c. In the Edit String dialog box, in the **Value Data** field, type the value for the configuration option.
4. Close the Registry Editor.
5. Restart your ODBC application to make sure that the new settings take effect.

Verifying the Driver Version Number on Windows

If you need to verify the version of the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver that is installed on your Windows machine, you can find the version number in the ODBC Data Source Administrator.

To verify the driver version number on Windows:

1. From the Start menu, go to **ODBC Data Sources**.

 **Note:**

Make sure to select the ODBC Data Source Administrator that has the same bitness as the client application that you are using to connect to PostgreSQL.

2. Click the **Drivers** tab and then find the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver in the list of ODBC drivers that are installed on your system. The version number is displayed in the **Version** column.

macOS Driver

macOS System Requirements

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver supports PostgreSQL versions 9.4 through 11.

Install the driver on client machines where the application is installed. Each client machine that you install the driver on must meet the following minimum system requirements:

- macOS version 10.13 or 10.14 or 10.15
- 215MB of available disk space
- One of the following ODBC driver managers installed:
 - iODBC 3.52.9 or later
 - unixODBC 2.2.14 or later


Installing the Driver on macOS

If you did not obtain this driver from the Simba website, you might need to follow a different installation procedure. For more information, see the *Simba OEM ODBC Drivers Installation Guide*.

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver is available for macOS as a `.dmg` file named `Simba PostgreSQL 1.4.dmg`. The driver supports both 32- and 64-bit client applications.

To install the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver on macOS:

1. Double-click **Simba PostgreSQL 1.4.dmg** to mount the disk image.
2. Double-click **Simba PostgreSQL 1.4.pkg** to run the installer.
3. In the installer, click **Continue**.
4. On the Software License Agreement screen, click **Continue**, and when the prompt appears, click **Agree** if you agree to the terms of the License Agreement.
5. Optionally, to change the installation location, click **Change Install Location**, then select the desired location, and then click **Continue**.

 **Note:**

By default, the driver files are installed in the `/Library/simba/postgresql` directory.

6. To accept the installation location and begin the installation, click **Install**.
7. When the installation completes, click **Close**.

Next, configure the environment variables on your machine to make sure that the ODBC driver manager can work with the driver. For more information, see [Configuring the ODBC Driver Manager on Non-Windows Machines](#) on page 26.

Verifying the Driver Version Number on macOS

If you need to verify the version of the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver that is installed on your macOS machine, you can query the version number through the Terminal.

To verify the driver version number on macOS:

- At the Terminal, run the following command:

```
pkgutil --info com.simba.postgresqlodbc
```

The command returns information about the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver that is installed on your machine, including the version number.

Linux Driver

The Linux driver is available as an RPM file and as a tarball package.

Linux System Requirements

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver supports PostgreSQL versions 9.4 through 11.

Install the driver on client machines where the application is installed. Each client machine that you install the driver on must meet the following minimum system requirements:

- One of the following distributions:
 - Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® (RHEL) 6 or 7 or 8
 - CentOS 6 or 7 or 8
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 12 or 15
 - Debian 8 or 9
 - Ubuntu 16.04 or 18.04
 - Oracle Linux 7.5
- 150 MB of available disk space
- One of the following ODBC driver managers installed:
 - iODBC 3.52.9 or later
 - unixODBC 2.2.14 or later
- The `krb5-libs` library that matches the bitness of the driver must be installed.

 **Note:**

If the package manager in your Linux distribution cannot resolve the dependency automatically when installing the driver, then download and manually install the package.

To install the driver, you must have root access on the machine.

Installing the Driver Using the RPM File

If you did not obtain this driver from the Simba website, you might need to follow a different installation procedure. For more information, see the *Simba OEM ODBC Drivers Installation Guide*.

On 64-bit editions of Linux, you can execute both 32- and 64-bit applications. However, 64-bit applications must use 64-bit drivers, and 32-bit applications must use 32-bit

drivers. Make sure that you use a driver whose bitness matches the bitness of the client application:

- `simbapostgresql-[Version]-[Release].i686.rpm` for the 32-bit driver
- `simbapostgresql-[Version]-[Release].x86_64.rpm` for the 64-bit driver

The placeholders in the file names are defined as follows:

- `[Version]` is the version number of the driver.
- `[Release]` is the release number for this version of the driver.

You can install both the 32-bit and 64-bit versions of the driver on the same machine.

To install the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver using the RPM File:

1. Log in as the root user.
2. Navigate to the folder containing the RPM package for the driver.
3. Depending on the Linux distribution that you are using, run one of the following commands from the command line, where `[RPMFileName]` is the file name of the RPM package:

- If you are using Red Hat Enterprise Linux or CentOS, run the following command:

```
yum --nogpgcheck localinstall [RPMFileName]
```

- Or, if you are using SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, run the following command:

```
zypper install [RPMFileName]
```

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver files are installed in the `/opt/simba/postgresql` directory.

4. If you received a license file through email, then copy the license file into the `/opt/simba/postgresql/lib/32` or `/opt/simba/postgresql/lib/64` folder, depending on the version of the driver that you installed.

Next, configure the environment variables on your machine to make sure that the ODBC driver manager can work with the driver. For more information, see [Configuring the ODBC Driver Manager on Non-Windows Machines](#) on page 26.

Installing the Driver Using the Tarball Package

If you did not obtain this driver from the Simba website, you might need to follow a different installation procedure. For more information, see the *Simba OEM ODBC Drivers Installation Guide*.

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver is available as a tarball package named `SimbaPostgreSQLODBC-[Version].[Release]-Linux.tar.gz`, where *[Version]* is the version number of the driver and *[Release]* is the release number for this version of the driver. The package contains both the 32-bit and 64-bit versions of the driver.

On 64-bit editions of Linux, you can execute both 32- and 64-bit applications. However, 64-bit applications must use 64-bit drivers, and 32-bit applications must use 32-bit drivers. Make sure that you use a driver whose bitness matches the bitness of the client application. You can install both versions of the driver on the same machine.

To install the driver using the tarball package:

1. Log in as the root user, and then navigate to the folder containing the tarball package.
2. Run the following command to extract the package and install the driver:

```
tar -zxvf [TarballName]
```

Where *[TarballName]* is the name of the tarball package containing the driver.

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver files are installed in the `opt/simba/postgresql` directory.

Next, configure the environment variables on your machine to make sure that the ODBC driver manager can work with the driver. For more information, see [Configuring the ODBC Driver Manager on Non-Windows Machines](#) on page 26.

Verifying the Driver Version Number on Linux

If you need to verify the version of the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver that is installed on your Linux machine, you can query the version number through the command-line interface if the driver was installed using an RPM file. Alternatively, you can search the driver's binary file for version number information.

To verify the driver version number on Linux using the command-line interface:

- Depending on your package manager, at the command prompt, run one of the following commands:

- ```
yum list | grep SimbaPostgreSQLODBC
```

- ```
rpm -qa | grep SimbaPostgreSQLODBC
```

The command returns information about the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver that is installed on your machine, including the version number.

To verify the driver version number on Linux using the binary file:

1. Navigate to the `/lib` subfolder in your driver installation directory. By default, the path to this directory is: `/opt/simba/postgresql/lib`.
2. Open the driver's `.so` binary file in a text editor, and search for the text `$driver_version_sb$:`. The driver's version number is listed after this text.

Configuring the ODBC Driver Manager on Non-Windows Machines

To make sure that the ODBC driver manager on your machine is configured to work with the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, do the following:

- Set the library path environment variable to make sure that your machine uses the correct ODBC driver manager. For more information, see [Specifying ODBC Driver Managers on Non-Windows Machines](#) on page 26.
- If the driver configuration files are not stored in the default locations expected by the ODBC driver manager, then set environment variables to make sure that the driver manager locates and uses those files. For more information, see [Specifying the Locations of the Driver Configuration Files](#) on page 27.

After configuring the ODBC driver manager, you can configure a connection and access your data store through the driver.

Specifying ODBC Driver Managers on Non-Windows Machines

You need to make sure that your machine uses the correct ODBC driver manager to load the driver. To do this, set the library path environment variable.

macOS

If you are using a macOS machine, then set the `DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable to include the paths to the ODBC driver manager libraries. For example, if the libraries are installed in `/usr/local/lib`, then run the following command to set `DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH` for the current user session:

```
export DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH=$DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/local/lib
```

For information about setting an environment variable permanently, refer to the macOS shell documentation.

Linux

If you are using a Linux machine, then set the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable to include the paths to the ODBC driver manager libraries. For example, if the libraries are installed in `/usr/local/lib`, then run the following command to set `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` for the current user session:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/local/lib
```

For information about setting an environment variable permanently, refer to the Linux shell documentation.

Specifying the Locations of the Driver Configuration Files

By default, ODBC driver managers are configured to use hidden versions of the `odbc.ini` and `odbcinst.ini` configuration files (named `.odbc.ini` and `.odbcinst.ini`) located in the home directory, as well as the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file in the `lib` subfolder of the driver installation directory. If you store these configuration files elsewhere, then you must set the environment variables described below so that the driver manager can locate the files.

If you are using iODBC, do the following:


- Set `ODBCINI` to the full path and file name of the `odbc.ini` file.
- Set `ODBCINSTINI` to the full path and file name of the `odbcinst.ini` file.
- Set `SIMBAPOSTGRESQLODBCINI` to the full path and file name of the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file.

 **Note:**

If you acquired the driver from a vendor other than Simba, you need to replace `SIMBA` with the name of your vendor.

If you are using unixODBC, do the following:

- Set `ODBCINI` to the full path and file name of the `odbc.ini` file.
- Set `ODBCSYSINI` to the full path of the directory that contains the `odbcinst.ini` file.
- Set `SIMBAPOSTGRESQLODBCINI` to the full path and file name of the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file.

 **Note:**

If you acquired the driver from a vendor other than Simba, you need to replace `SIMBA` with the name of your vendor.

For example, if your `odbc.ini` and `odbcinst.ini` files are located in `/usr/local/odbc` and your `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file is located in `/etc`, then set the environment variables as follows:

For iODBC:

```
export ODBCINI=/usr/local/odbc/odbc.ini
export ODBCINSTINI=/usr/local/odbc/odbcinst.ini
export SIMBAPOSTGRESQLODBCINI=/etc/simba.postgresqlodbc.ini
```

For unixODBC:

```
export ODBCINI=/usr/local/odbc/odbc.ini
export ODBCYSINI=/usr/local/odbc
export SIMBAPOSTGRESQLODBCINI=/etc/simba.postgresqlodbc.ini
```

To locate the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file, the driver uses the following search order:

1. If the `SIMBAPOSTGRESQLODBCINI` environment variable is defined, then the driver searches for the file specified by the environment variable.
2. The driver searches the directory that contains the driver library files for a file named `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini`.
3. The driver searches the current working directory of the application for a file named `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini`.
4. The driver searches the home directory for a hidden file named `.simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` (prefixed with a period).
5. The driver searches the `/etc` directory for a file named `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini`.

Configuring ODBC Connections on a Non-Windows Machine

The following sections describe how to configure ODBC connections when using the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver on non-Windows platforms:

- [Creating a Data Source Name on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 29
- [Configuring a DSN-less Connection on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 33
- [Configuring SSL Verification on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 35
- [Configuring Query Processing Modes on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 36
- [Configuring a Proxy Connection on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 37
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- [Configuring Logging Options on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 38
- [Testing the Connection on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 40

Creating a Data Source Name on a Non-Windows Machine

When connecting to your data store using a DSN, you only need to configure the `odbc.ini` file. Set the properties in the `odbc.ini` file to create a DSN that specifies the connection information for your data store. For information about configuring a DSN-less connection instead, see [Configuring a DSN-less Connection on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 33.

If your machine is already configured to use an existing `odbc.ini` file, then update that file by adding the settings described below. Otherwise, copy the `odbc.ini` file from the `Setup` subfolder in the driver installation directory to the home directory, and then update the file as described below.

To create a Data Source Name on a non-Windows machine:

1. In a text editor, open the `odbc.ini` configuration file.

 **Note:**

If you are using a hidden copy of the `odbc.ini` file, you can remove the period (.) from the start of the file name to make the file visible while you are editing it.

2. In the `[ODBC Data Sources]` section, add a new entry by typing a name for the DSN, an equal sign (=), and then the name of the driver.

For example, on a macOS machine:

```
[ODBC Data Sources]
Sample DSN=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver
```

As another example, for a 32-bit driver on a Linux machine:

```
[ODBC Data Sources]
Sample DSN=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver 32-bit
```

3. Create a section that has the same name as your DSN, and then specify configuration options as key-value pairs in the section:
 - a. Set the `Driver` property to the full path of the driver library file that matches the bitness of the application.

For example, on a macOS machine:

```
Driver=/Library/simba/postgresql/lib/libpostgsqlodbc_sbu.dylib
```

As another example, for a 32-bit driver on a Linux machine:

```
Driver=/opt/simba/postgresql/lib/32/libpostgsqlodbc_sb32.so
```

- b. Set the `Server` property to a comma-delimited list of endpoint servers you want to connect to, and then set the `Port` property to the number of the TCP port that these servers use to listen for client connections.

For example:

```
Server=testserver.abcabcabcabc.com,testserver.cbacba  
cba.com,  
Port=5439
```

- c. Set the `Database` property to the name of the database that you want to access.

For example:

```
Database=TestDB
```

- d. To configure authentication, do one of the following:
- To use standard authentication, do the following:
 - i. Set the `UseKerberos` property to 0.
 - ii. Set the `UID` property to your user name for accessing the PostgreSQL server.
 - iii. Set the `PWD` property to the password corresponding to the user name that you provided in the previous step.

For example:

```
UseKerberos=0
UID=simba
PWD=simba123
```

- Or, to use Kerberos authentication, do the following:
 - i. Set the `UseKerberos` property to 1.
 - ii. Set the `UID` property to your user name for accessing the PostgreSQL server.
 - iii. Set the `KerberosServiceName` property to the Kerberos service principal name of the PostgreSQL server.

For example:

```
UseKerberos=1
UID=simba
KerberosServiceName=simba_postgresql
```

- e. To connect to the server through SSL, enable SSL and specify the certificate information. For more information, see [Configuring SSL Verification on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 35.
- f. Optionally, modify how the driver runs queries and retrieves results into memory. For more information, see [Configuring Query Processing Modes on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 36.
- g. Optionally, configure the driver to connect through a proxy server. For more information, see [Configuring a Proxy Connection on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 37.
- h. Optionally, modify the TCP keepalive settings that the driver uses to prevent connections from timing out. For more information, see [Configuring TCP Keepalives on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 38.
- i. Optionally, set additional key-value pairs as needed to specify other optional connection settings. For detailed information about all the configuration options supported by the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, see [Driver Configuration Options](#) on page 54.

4. Save the `odbc.ini` configuration file.

Note:

If you are storing this file in its default location in the home directory, then prefix the file name with a period (.) so that the file becomes hidden. If you are storing this file in another location, then save it as a non-hidden file (without the prefix), and make sure that the ODBCINI environment variable specifies the location. For more information, see [Specifying the Locations of the Driver Configuration Files](#) on page 27.

For example, the following is an `odbc.ini` configuration file for macOS containing a DSN that connects to PostgreSQL:

```
[ODBC Data Sources]
Sample DSN=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver
[Sample DSN]
Driver=/Library/simba/postgresql/lib/libpostgresqlodbc_
sbu.dylib
Server=192.168.222.160
Port=5432
Database=TestDB
UseKerberos=0
UID=simba
PWD=simba123
```

As another example, the following is an `odbc.ini` configuration file for a 32-bit driver on a Linux machine, containing a DSN that connects to PostgreSQL:

```
[ODBC Data Sources]
Sample DSN=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver 32-bit
[Sample DSN]
Driver=/opt/simba/postgresql/lib/32/libpostgresqlodbc_
sb32.so
Server=192.168.222.160
Port=5432
Database=TestDB
UseKerberos=0
UID=simba
PWD=simba123
```

You can now use the DSN in an application to connect to the data store.


Configuring a DSN-less Connection on a Non-Windows Machine

To connect to your data store through a DSN-less connection, you need to define the driver in the `odbcinst.ini` file and then provide a DSN-less connection string in your application.

If your machine is already configured to use an existing `odbcinst.ini` file, then update that file by adding the settings described below. Otherwise, copy the `odbcinst.ini` file from the `Setup` subfolder in the driver installation directory to the home directory, and then update the file as described below.

To define a driver on a non-Windows machine:

1. In a text editor, open the `odbcinst.ini` configuration file.

 **Note:**

If you are using a hidden copy of the `odbcinst.ini` file, you can remove the period (.) from the start of the file name to make the file visible while you are editing it.

2. In the `[ODBC Drivers]` section, add a new entry by typing a name for the driver, an equal sign (=), and then `Installed`.

For example:

```
[ODBC Drivers]
Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver=Installed
```

3. Create a section that has the same name as the driver (as specified in the previous step), and then specify the following configuration options as key-value pairs in the section:
 - a. Set the `Driver` property to the full path of the driver library file that matches the bitness of the application.

For example, on a macOS machine:

```
Driver=/Library/simba/postgresql/lib/libpostgreslodb
bc_sbu.dylib
```

As another example, for a 32-bit driver on a Linux machine:

```
Driver=/opt/simba/postgresql/lib/32/libpostgreslodb
c_sb32.so
```

- b. Optionally, set the `Description` property to a description of the driver.

For example:

```
Description=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver
```

4. Save the `odbcinst.ini` configuration file.

 **Note:**

If you are storing this file in its default location in the home directory, then prefix the file name with a period (`.`) so that the file becomes hidden. If you are storing this file in another location, then save it as a non-hidden file (without the prefix), and make sure that the `ODBCINSTINI` or `ODBCSYSINI` environment variable specifies the location. For more information, see [Specifying the Locations of the Driver Configuration Files](#) on page 27.

For example, the following is an `odbcinst.ini` configuration file for macOS:

```
[ODBC Drivers]
Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver=Installed
[Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver]
Description=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver
Driver=/Library/simba/postgresql/lib/libpostgresqlodbc_
sbu.dylib
```

As another example, the following is an `odbcinst.ini` configuration file for both the 32- and 64-bit drivers on Linux:

```
[ODBC Drivers]
Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver 32-bit=Installed
Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver 64-bit=Installed
[Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver 32-bit]
Description=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver (32-bit)
Driver=/opt/simba/postgresql/lib/32/libpostgresqlodbc_
sb32.so
[Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver 64-bit]
Description=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver (64-bit)
Driver=/opt/simba/postgresql/lib/64/libpostgresqlodbc_
sb64.so
```

You can now connect to your data store by providing your application with a connection string where the `Driver` property is set to the driver name specified in the `odbcinst.ini` file, and all the other necessary connection properties are also set.

For more information, see "DSN-less Connection String Examples" in [Using a Connection String](#) on page 43.

For instructions about configuring specific connection features, see the following:

- [Configuring SSL Verification on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 35
- [Configuring a Proxy Connection on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 37
- [Configuring Query Processing Modes on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 36
- [Configuring TCP Keepalives on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 38

For detailed information about all the connection properties that the driver supports, see [Driver Configuration Options](#) on page 54.

Configuring SSL Verification on a Non-Windows Machine

If you are connecting to a PostgreSQL server that has Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) enabled, then you can configure the driver to connect to an SSL-enabled socket. When connecting to a server over SSL, the driver supports identity verification between the client and the server.

You can set the connection properties described below in a connection string or in a DSN (in the `odbc.ini` file). Settings in the connection string take precedence over settings in the DSN.

To configure SSL verification on a non-Windows machine:

1. Set the `SSLMode` property to the appropriate SSL mode.

 **Note:**

For information about SSL support in PostgreSQL, see "SSL Support" in the PostgreSQL Documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.4/static/libpq-ssl.html>.

2. To specify an SSL certificate, set the `SSLCertPath` property to the full path and file name of the certificate file.
3. To specify the minimum version of SSL to use, set the `Min_TLS` property to the minimum version of SSL. Supported options include `1.0` for TLS 1.0, `1.1` for TLS 1.1, and `1.2` for TLS 1.2.

Configuring Query Processing Modes on a Non-Windows Machine

To optimize driver performance, you can modify how the driver runs queries and retrieves results into memory. For example, you can configure the driver to return entire query results into memory all at once, or one row at a time. Use a query processing mode that prevents queries from consuming too much memory, based on the expected result size of your queries and the specifications of your system.

Note:

Use Single Row Mode if you plan to query large results and you do not want to retrieve the entire result into memory. Using the other query processing modes increases performance, but can result in out-of-memory errors.

You can set the connection properties described below in a connection string or in a DSN (in the `odbc.ini` file). Settings in the connection string take precedence over settings in the DSN.

Enabling Single Row Mode

You can configure the driver to return query results one row at a time.

To enable Single Row Mode:

1. Set the `SingleRowMode` property to 1.
2. Make sure that the `UseDeclareFetch` property is set to 0 or not set.

Enabling Declare/Fetch Mode

You can configure the driver to return a specific number of rows at a time.

To enable Declare/Fetch Mode:

1. Set the `UseDeclareFetch` property to 1.
2. Set the `Fetch` property to the number of rows that the driver returns at a time.

Enabling Retrieve Entire Result Mode

You can configure the driver to return entire query results into memory.

To enable Retrieve Entire Result Mode:

- Make sure that the `SingleRowMode`, `UseDeclareFetch`, and `UseMultipleStatements` properties are set to 0 or not set.

Enabling Multiple Statements Mode

You can enable the driver to have multiple queries active on the same connection. The ODBC application may interleave calls to ODBC statements, but all queries are still sent and executed sequentially. When using this mode, the driver returns all the query results into memory.

To enable Multiple Statements Mode:

1. Set the `UseMultipleStatements` property to 1.
2. Make sure that the `SingleRowMode` and `UseDeclareFetch` properties are set to 0 or not set.

Enabling Enforce Single Statement Mode

You can configure the driver to allow only one active query at a time per connection.

To enable Enforce Single Statement Mode:

1. Set the `EnforceSingleStatement` property to 1.
2. Make sure that the `UseMultipleStatements` is set to 0 or not set.

Configuring a Proxy Connection on a Non-Windows Machine

You can configure the driver to connect to PostgreSQL through a proxy server, so that communications between the driver and your PostgreSQL data source are passed through the proxy server.

You can set the connection properties described below in a connection string or in a DSN (in the `odbc.ini` file). Settings in the connection string take precedence over settings in the DSN.

To configure a proxy connection on a non-Windows machine:

1. Set the `ProxyHost` property to the host name or IP address of the proxy server.
2. Set the `ProxyPort` property the number of the TCP port that the proxy server uses to listen for client connections.
3. If the proxy server requires authentication, then do the following:
 - a. Set the `ProxyUid` property to your user name for accessing the proxy server.
 - b. Set the `ProxyPwd` property to the password corresponding to the user name.


Configuring TCP Keepalives on a Non-Windows Machine

By default, the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver is configured to use TCP keepalives to prevent connections from timing out. Settings such as how frequently the driver sends TCP keepalive packets are based on the operating system defaults.

You can set the connection properties described below in a connection string or in a DSN (in the `odbc.ini` file). Settings in the connection string take precedence over settings in the DSN.

To configure TCP keepalives on a non-Windows machine:

1. Set the `KeepAliveIdle` property to the number of seconds of inactivity before the driver sends a TCP keepalive packet.
2. Set the `KeepAliveCount` property to the number of keepalive packets that can be lost before the connection is considered broken.
3. Set the `KeepAliveInterval` property to the number of seconds to wait before each retransmission of a keepalive packet.

 **Note:**

To use the system default for `KeepAliveIdle`, `KeepAliveCount`, or `KeepAliveInterval`, set the property to 0.

To disable TCP keepalives:

- Set the `KeepAlive` property to 0.

 **Note:**

To enable TCP keepalives after disabling them, remove the `KeepAlive` property or set it to 1.

Configuring Logging Options on a Non-Windows Machine

To help troubleshoot issues, you can enable logging in the driver.

! Important:

- Only enable logging long enough to capture an issue. Logging decreases performance and can consume a large quantity of disk space.
- The settings for logging apply to every connection that uses the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, so make sure to disable the feature after you are done using it.

Logging is configured through driver-wide settings in the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file, which apply to all connections that use the driver.

To enable logging on a non-Windows machine:

1. Open the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` configuration file in a text editor.
2. To specify the level of information to include in log files, set the `LogLevel` property to one of the following numbers:

LogLevel Value	Description
0	Disables all logging.
1	Logs severe error events that lead the driver to abort.
2	Logs error events that might allow the driver to continue running.
3	Logs events that might result in an error if action is not taken.
4	Logs general information that describes the progress of the driver.
5	Logs detailed information that is useful for debugging the driver.
6	Logs all driver activity.

3. Set the `LogPath` key to the full path to the folder where you want to save log files.
4. Optionally, to prefix the log file name with the user name and process ID associated with the connection, set the `UseLogPrefix` property to 1.

5. Save the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` configuration file.
6. Restart your ODBC application to make sure that the new settings take effect.

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver produces the following log files at the location you specify using the `LogPath` key:

- A `simbapostgresqlodbcdriver.log` file that logs driver activity that is not specific to a connection.
- A `simbapostgresqlodbcdriver_connection_[Number].log` file for each connection made to the database, where `[Number]` is a number that identifies each log file. This file logs driver activity that is specific to the connection.

If you set the `UseLogPrefix` property to 1, then each file name is prefixed with `[UserName]_[ProcessID]_`, where `[UserName]` is the user name associated with the connection and `[ProcessID]` is the process ID of the application through which the connection is made. For more information, see [UseLogPrefix](#) on page 73.

To disable logging on a non-Windows machine:

1. Open the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` configuration file in a text editor.
2. Set the `LogLevel` key to 0.
3. Save the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` configuration file.
4. Restart your ODBC application to make sure that the new settings take effect.

Testing the Connection on a Non-Windows Machine

To test the connection, you can use an ODBC-enabled client application. For a basic connection test, you can also use the test utilities that are packaged with your driver manager installation. For example, the iODBC driver manager includes simple utilities called `iodbctest` and `iodbctestw`. Similarly, the unixODBC driver manager includes simple utilities called `isql` and `iusql`.

Using the iODBC Driver Manager

You can use the `iodbctest` and `iodbctestw` utilities to establish a test connection with your driver. Use `iodbctest` to test how your driver works with an ANSI application, or use `iodbctestw` to test how your driver works with a Unicode application.

 **Note:**

There are 32-bit and 64-bit installations of the iODBC driver manager available. If you have only one or the other installed, then the appropriate version of `iodbctest` (or `iodbctestw`) is available. However, if you have both 32- and 64-bit versions installed, then you need to make sure that you are running the version from the correct installation directory.

For more information about using the iODBC driver manager, see <http://www.iodbc.org>.

To test your connection using the iODBC driver manager:

1. Run **`iodbctest`** or **`iodbctestw`**.
2. Optionally, if you do not remember the DSN, then type a question mark (?) to see a list of available DSNs.
3. Type the connection string for connecting to your data store, and then press ENTER. For more information, see [Using a Connection String](#) on page 43.

If the connection is successful, then the `SQL>` prompt appears.

Using the unixODBC Driver Manager

You can use the `isql` and `iusql` utilities to establish a test connection with your driver and your DSN. `isql` and `iusql` can only be used to test connections that use a DSN. Use `isql` to test how your driver works with an ANSI application, or use `iusql` to test how your driver works with a Unicode application.

 **Note:**

There are 32-bit and 64-bit installations of the unixODBC driver manager available. If you have only one or the other installed, then the appropriate version of `isql` (or `iusql`) is available. However, if you have both 32- and 64-bit versions installed, then you need to make sure that you are running the version from the correct installation directory.

For more information about using the unixODBC driver manager, see <http://www.unixodbc.org>.

To test your connection using the unixODBC driver manager:

- Run `isql` or `iusql` by using the corresponding syntax:

- `isql [DataSourceName]`
- `iusql [DataSourceName]`

`[DataSourceName]` is the DSN that you are using for the connection.

If the connection is successful, then the `SQL>` prompt appears.

 **Note:**

For information about the available options, run `isql` or `iusql` without providing a DSN.

Using a Connection String

For some applications, you might need to use a connection string to connect to your data source. For detailed information about how to use a connection string in an ODBC application, refer to the documentation for the application that you are using.

The connection strings in the following sections are examples showing the minimum set of connection attributes that you must specify to successfully connect to the data source. Depending on the configuration of the data source and the type of connection you are working with, you might need to specify additional connection attributes. For detailed information about all the attributes that you can use in the connection string, see [Driver Configuration Options](#) on page 54.

DSN Connection String Example

The following is an example of a connection string for a connection that uses a DSN:

```
DSN= [DataSourceName]
```

[DataSourceName] is the DSN that you are using for the connection.

You can set additional configuration options by appending key-value pairs to the connection string. Configuration options that are passed in using a connection string take precedence over configuration options that are set in the DSN.

DSN-less Connection String Examples

Some applications provide support for connecting to a data source using a driver without a DSN. To connect to a data source without using a DSN, use a connection string instead.

! Important:

When you connect to the data store using a DSN-less connection string, the driver does not encrypt your credentials.

The placeholders in the examples are defined as follows, in alphabetical order:

- *[DatabaseName]* is the database that you want to access.
- *[PortNumber]* is the number of the TCP port that the PostgreSQL server uses to listen for client connections.

- *[PPort]* is the number of the TCP port that the proxy server uses to listen for client connections.
- *[PServer]* is the IP address or host name of the proxy server to which you are connecting.
- *[Server]* is the IP address or host name of the PostgreSQL server to which you are connecting.
- *[ServiceName]* is the Kerberos service principal name of the PostgreSQL server.
- *[YourPassword]* is the password corresponding to your user name.
- *[YourUserName]* is the user name that you use to access the PostgreSQL server.

Connecting to a PostgreSQL Server Using Standard Authentication

The following is the format of a DSN-less connection string for a basic connection to a PostgreSQL server:

```
Driver=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver;  
Server=[Server];Port=[PortNumber];  
Database=[DatabaseName];UseKerberos=0;  
UID=[YourUserName];PWD=[YourPassword];
```

For example:

```
Driver=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver;Server=192.168.222.160;  
Port=5400;Database=TestDB;UseKerberos=0;UID=simba;  
PWD=simba;
```

Connecting to a PostgreSQL Server Using Kerberos Authentication

The following is the format of a DSN-less connection string for connecting to a PostgreSQL using Kerberos authentication:

```
Driver=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver;  
Server=[Server];Port=[PortNumber];  
Database=[DatabaseName];UseKerberos=1;  
UID=[YourUserName];KerberosServiceName=[ServiceName];
```

For example:

```
Driver=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver;Server=192.168.222.160;  
Port=5400;Database=TestDB;UseKerberos=1;  
UID=simba;KerberosServiceName=simba_postgresql;
```

Connecting to a PostgreSQL Server Through a Proxy Server

The following is the format of a DSN-less connection string for connecting to a PostgreSQL server through a proxy server:

```
Driver=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver;  
Server=[Server];Port=[PortNumber];  
Database=[DatabaseName];UseKerberos=0;  
UID=[YourUserName];PWD=[YourPassword];  
ProxyHost=[PServer];ProxyPort=[PPort];
```

For example:

```
Driver=Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver;Server=192.168.222.160;  
Port=5400;Database=TestDB;UseKerberos=0;UID=simba;  
PWD=simba;ProxyHost=192.168.222.160;  
ProxyPort=8000;
```

Features

For more information on the features of the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, see the following:

- [Query Processing Modes](#) on page 46
- [TCP Keepalives](#) on page 47
- [Data Types](#) on page 47
- [Security and Authentication](#) on page 52

Query Processing Modes

To support performance tuning, the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver provides different query processing modes that you can configure to modify how the driver runs queries and retrieves results into memory.

The following query processing modes are available:

- **Single Row Mode:** The driver returns query results one row at a time.
- **Declare/Fetch Mode:** The driver returns a user-specified number of rows at a time.
- **Retrieve Entire Result Mode:** The driver returns the entire query result into memory.
- **Multiple Statements Mode:** The driver can have multiple queries active on the same connection. The ODBC application may interleave calls to ODBC statements, but all queries are still sent and executed sequentially. When using this mode, the driver returns all the query results into memory.
- **Enforce Single Statement Mode:** The driver allows only one active statement at a time for each connection. You can use this mode in conjunction with the Single Row, Declare/Fetch, and Retrieve Entire Result modes. If you attempt to set both the Enforce Single Statement and Multiple Statements modes, Multiple Statements Mode takes precedence.

By default, the driver does not allow more than one active query at a time, and returns the entire query result into memory.

Use a query processing mode that prevents queries from consuming too much memory, considering the expected result size of your queries and the specifications of your system.

For information about configuring how the driver processes queries, see [Configuring Additional Options on Windows](#) on page 13 if you are using the Windows version of

the driver, or see [Configuring Query Processing Modes on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 36 if you are using a non-Windows version of the driver.

TCP Keepalives

By default, the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver is configured to use TCP keepalives to verify the status of a connection and prevent it from timing out. After you connect to a PostgreSQL server, the driver automatically sends keepalive packets to the server. If the server does not respond, then the driver returns an indication that the connection is broken.

For information about configuring settings for TCP keepalives when using the Windows driver, see [Configuring TCP Keepalives on Windows](#) on page 14. For information about configuring settings for TCP keepalives when using the Linux or macOS driver, see [Configuring TCP Keepalives on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 38.

Data Types

The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver supports many common data formats, converting between PostgreSQL data types and SQL data types.

The table below lists the supported data type mappings.

 **Note:**

If the Use Unicode option (the `UseUnicode` key) is enabled, then the driver returns `SQL_WCHAR` instead of `SQL_CHAR`, and `SQL_WVARCHAR` instead of `SQL_VARCHAR`.

PostgreSQL Type	SQL Type
ARRAY	SQL_VARCHAR
BIGINT	SQL_BIGINT
BIGSERIAL	SQL_BIGINT

PostgreSQL Type	SQL Type
BIT	SQL_VARCHAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the length of the column is greater than the Max Varchar (<code>MaxVarchar</code>) setting, then SQL_LONGVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the <code>UseUnicode</code> key) is enabled, then SQL_WVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the <code>UseUnicode</code> key) is enabled and the column length is greater than the Max Varchar (<code>MaxVarchar</code>) setting, then SQL_WLONGVARCHAR is returned instead.
BIT VARYING	SQL_VARCHAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the length of the column is greater than the Max Varchar (<code>MaxVarchar</code>) setting, then SQL_LONGVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the <code>UseUnicode</code> key) is enabled, then SQL_WVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the <code>UseUnicode</code> key) is enabled and the column length is greater than the Max Varchar (<code>MaxVarchar</code>) setting, then SQL_WLONGVARCHAR is returned instead.
BOOLEAN	SQL_BIT <p>If the Show Boolean Column As String option (the <code>BoolsAsChar</code> key) is enabled, then SQL_VARCHAR is returned instead.</p>
BOX	SQL_VARCHAR
BYTEA (ESCAPE AND HEX FORMATS)	SQL_VARBINARY <p>If the Bytea As LongVarBinary option (the <code>ByteaAsLongVarBinary</code> key) is enabled, then SQL_LONGVARBINARY is returned instead.</p>

PostgreSQL Type	SQL Type
CHAR	SQL_CHAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the length of the column is greater than the Max Varchar (MaxVarchar) setting, then SQL_LONGVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the UseUnicode key) is enabled, then SQL_WCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the UseUnicode key) is enabled and the column length is greater than the Max Varchar (MaxVarchar) setting, then SQL_WLONGVARCHAR is returned instead.
CID	SQL_VARCHAR
CIDR	SQL_VARCHAR
CIRCLE	SQL_VARCHAR
COMPOSITE TYPES	SQL_VARCHAR
DATE	SQL_TYPE_DATE If you are using ODBC 2.0, the SQL type is SQL_DATE.
DATERANGE	SQL_VARCHAR
DECIMAL	SQL_NUMERIC
DOUBLE PRECISION	SQL_DOUBLE
ENUM	SQL_VARCHAR
FLOAT (SAME AS DOUBLE PRECISION)	SQL_DOUBLE

PostgreSQL Type	SQL Type
GEOMETRY	SQL_VARCHAR
INT4RANGE	SQL_VARCHAR
INT8RANGE	SQL_VARCHAR
INET	SQL_VARCHAR
INTEGER	SQL_INTEGER
INTERVAL	SQL_VARCHAR
JSON	SQL_VARCHAR
JSONB	SQL_VARCHAR
LINE	SQL_VARCHAR
LSEG	SQL_VARCHAR
MACADDR	SQL_VARCHAR
MONEY	SQL_DECIMAL
NUMERIC	SQL_NUMERIC
NUMRANGE	SQL_VARCHAR
OID	SQL_INTEGER
PATH	SQL_VARCHAR
PG_LSN	SQL_VARCHAR
POINT	SQL_VARCHAR
POLYGON	SQL_VARCHAR
REAL	SQL_REAL

PostgreSQL Type	SQL Type
SERIAL	SQL_INTEGER
SMALLINT	SQL_SMALLINT
SMALLSERIAL	SQL_SMALLINT
TEXT	SQL_VARCHAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Use Unicode option (the <code>UseUnicode</code> key) is enabled, then SQL_WVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Text As LongVarChar option (the <code>TextAsLongVarChar</code> key) is enabled, then SQL_LONGVARCHAR is returned instead. • If both options are enabled, then SQL_WLONGVARCHAR is returned instead.
TID	SQL_VARCHAR
TIME (WITH TIME ZONE)	SQL_TYPE_TIME If you are using ODBC 2.0, the SQL type is SQL_TIME.
TIME (WITHOUT TIME ZONE)	SQL_TYPE_TIME If you are using ODBC 2.0, the SQL type is SQL_TIME.
TIMESTAMP	SQL_TYPE_TIMESTAMP If you are using ODBC 2.0, the SQL type is SQL_TIMESTAMP.
TSQUERY	SQL_VARCHAR
TSRANGE	SQL_VARCHAR
TSTZRANGE	SQL_VARCHAR
TSVECTOR	SQL_VARCHAR
TXID_SNAPSHOT	SQL_VARCHAR

PostgreSQL Type	SQL Type
UUID	SQL_GUID
VARCHAR	SQL_VARCHAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the length of the column is greater than the Max Varchar (<code>MaxVarchar</code>) setting, then SQL_LONGVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the <code>UseUnicode</code> key) is enabled, then SQL_WVARCHAR is returned instead. • If the Use Unicode option (the <code>UseUnicode</code> key) is enabled and the column length is greater than the Max Varchar (<code>MaxVarchar</code>) setting, then SQL_WLONGVARCHAR is returned instead.
XID	SQL_INTEGER

Security and Authentication

To protect data from unauthorized access, PostgreSQL data stores require all connections to be authenticated using user credentials. Some data stores also require connections to be made over the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol, either with or without one-way authentication. The Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver provides full support for these authentication protocols.

Note:

In this documentation, "SSL" refers to both TLS (Transport Layer Security) and SSL (Secure Sockets Layer). The driver supports TLS 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2. The SSL version used for the connection is the highest version that is supported by both the driver and the server.

The driver provides a mechanism that enables you to authenticate your connection using your PostgreSQL user name and password or the Kerberos protocol. For detailed configuration instructions, see [Creating a Data Source Name on Windows](#) on page 9 or [Creating a Data Source Name on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 29.

Additionally, the driver supports SSL connections with or without one-way authentication. If the server has an SSL-enabled socket, then you can configure the driver to connect to it.

It is recommended that you enable SSL whenever you connect to a server that is configured to support it. SSL encryption protects data and credentials when they are

transferred over the network, and provides stronger security than authentication alone. For information about configuring SSL settings, see [Configuring SSL Verification on Windows](#) on page 11 or [Configuring SSL Verification on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 35.

Driver Configuration Options

Driver Configuration Options lists the configuration options available in the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver alphabetically by field or button label. Options having only key names, that is, not appearing in the user interface of the driver, are listed alphabetically by key name.

When creating or configuring a connection from a Windows machine, the fields and buttons described below are available in the following dialog boxes:

- Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver DSN Setup
- Additional Options
- Data Type Configuration
- SSL Options
- Logging Options

When using a connection string, use the key names provided below.

Configuration Options Appearing in the User Interface

The following configuration options are accessible via the Windows user interface for the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver, or via the key name when using a connection string or configuring a connection from a Linux or macOS computer:

- [Allow Self-Signed Server Certificate](#) on page 55
- [Auth Type](#) on page 55
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Allow Self-Signed Server Certificate

Key Name	Default Value	Required
AllowSelfSigned ServerCert	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver allows a connection to a PostgreSQL server that uses a self-signed certificate.

- Enabled (1): The driver authenticates the PostgreSQL server even if the server is using a self-signed certificate.
- Disabled (0): The driver does not allow self-signed certificates from the server.

Note:

This setting is applicable only when SSL is enabled and the system trust store is being used. For more information, see [Use System Trust Store](#) on page 69.

Auth Type

Key Name	Default Value	Required
UseKerberos	Standard (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver uses Kerberos authentication.

- Kerberos (1): The driver uses Kerberos authentication.
- Standard (0): The driver uses standard PostgreSQL user name and password authentication.

Authentication Mode

Key Name	Default Value	Required
SSLMode	prefer	No

Description

The SSL certificate verification mode to use when connecting to PostgreSQL. The following values are possible:

- **verify-full**: Connect only using SSL, a trusted certificate authority, and a server name that matches the certificate.
- **verify-ca**: Connect only using SSL and a trusted certificate authority.
- **require**: Connect only using SSL.
- **prefer**: Connect using SSL if available. Otherwise, connect without using SSL.
- **allow**: By default, connect without using SSL. If the server requires SSL connections, then use SSL.
- **disable**: Connect without using SSL.

Note:

For information about SSL support in PostgreSQL, see "SSL Support" in the PostgreSQL Documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.4/static/libpq-ssl.html>.

Bytea As LongVarBinary

Key Name	Default Value	Required
ByteaAsLongVarBinary	Selected (1)	No

Description

This option specifies the SQL data type that the driver uses to return Bytea data.

- Enabled (1): The driver returns Bytea columns as SQL_LONGVARBINARY data.
- Disabled (0): The driver returns Bytea columns as SQL_VARBINARY data.

Cache Size

Key Name	Default Value	Required
Fetch	100	Yes, if Declare/Fetch Mode is enabled.

Description

The number of rows that the driver returns when Declare/Fetch Mode is enabled. For more information, see [Use Declare/Fetch](#) on page 68.

Check Certificate Revocation

Key Name	Default Value	Required
CheckCertRevocation	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver checks to see if a certificate has been revoked while retrieving a certificate chain from the Windows Trust Store.

This option is only applicable if you are using a CA certificate from the Windows Trust Store (see [Use System Trust Store](#) on page 69).

- Enabled (1): The driver checks for certificate revocation while retrieving a certificate chain from the Windows Trust Store.
- Disabled (0): The driver does not check for certificate revocation while retrieving a certificate chain from the Windows Trust Store.

Note:

This property is disabled when the `AllowSelfSignedServerCert` property is set to 1.

Note:

This option is only available on Windows.

Custom SSL Certificate Path

Key Name	Default Value	Required
SSLCertPath	The location of the driver DLL file.	No

Description

The full path of the file containing the root certificate for verifying the server.

If this option is not set, then the driver looks in the folder that contains the driver DLL file.

Database

Key Name	Default Value	Required
Database	None	Yes

Description

The name of the PostgreSQL database that you want to access.

Enable Proxy For PostgreSQL Connection

Key Name	Default Value	Required
N/A	Clear	Yes, if using the Additional Configuration dialog box to configure a proxy connection.

Description

Note:

This option is used only when you configure proxy connections using the Additional Configuration dialog box.

This option specifies whether the driver passes the connection to PostgreSQL through a proxy server.

- Enabled: The driver passes the connection through a proxy server.
- Disabled: The driver does not pass the connection through a proxy server.

For information about configuring proxy connections, see [Configuring Additional Options on Windows](#) on page 13 and [Configuring a Proxy Connection on a Non-Windows Machine](#) on page 37.

Enable Read Only

Key Name	Default Value	Required
ReadOnly	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option controls whether the driver is in read-only mode.

- Enabled (1): The connection is in read-only mode, and cannot write to the data store.
- Disabled (0): The connection is not in read-only mode, and can write to the data store.

Enable Table Types

Key Name	Default Value	Required
EnableTableTypes	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver recognizes table type information from the data source. By default, the driver only recognizes a single, generic table type.

- Enabled (1): The driver recognizes the following table types: TABLE, VIEW, SYSTEM TABLE, and LOCAL TEMPORARY.
- Disabled (0): All tables returned from the data source have the generic type TABLE.

Encrypt Password

Key Name	Default Value	Required
N/A	All Users Of This Machine	No

Description

This option specifies how the driver encrypts the credentials that are saved in the DSN:

- **Current User Only:** The credentials are encrypted, and can only be used by the current Windows user.
- **All Users Of This Machine:** The credentials are encrypted, but can be used by any user on the current Windows machine.

! Important:

This option is available only when you configure a DSN using the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver DSN Setup dialog box in the Windows driver. When you connect to the data store using a connection string, the driver does not encrypt your credentials.

Enforce Single Statement

Key Name	Default Value	Required
EnforceSingleStatement	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver can have more than one active query at a time per connection.

- Enabled (1): The driver can have only one active query at a time.

- Disabled (0): The driver can have multiple active queries if Use Multiple Statements is enabled. For more information, see [Use Multiple Statements](#) on page 69.

 **Note:**

If Enforce Single Statement and Use Multiple Statements are both enabled, Multiple Statements Mode takes precedence.

Log Level

Key Name	Default Value	Required
LogLevel	OFF (0)	No

Description

Use this property to enable or disable logging in the driver and to specify the amount of detail included in log files.

! Important:

- Only enable logging long enough to capture an issue. Logging decreases performance and can consume a large quantity of disk space.
- When logging with connection strings and DSNs, this option only applies to per-connection logs.

Set the property to one of the following values:

- OFF (0): Disable all logging.
- FATAL (1): Logs severe error events that lead the driver to abort.
- ERROR (2): Logs error events that might allow the driver to continue running.
- WARNING (3): Logs events that might result in an error if action is not taken.
- INFO (4): Logs general information that describes the progress of the driver.
- DEBUG (5): Logs detailed information that is useful for debugging the driver.
- TRACE (6): Logs all driver activity.

When logging is enabled, the driver produces the following log files at the location you specify in the Log Path (`LogPath`) property:

- A `simbapostgresqldbdriver.log` file that logs driver activity that is not specific to a connection.

- A `simbapostgresqlodbcdriver_connection_[Number].log` file for each connection made to the database, where `[Number]` is a number that identifies each log file. This file logs driver activity that is specific to the connection.

If you enable the `UseLogPrefix` connection property, the driver prefixes the log file name with the user name associated with the connection and the process ID of the application through which the connection is made. For more information, see [UseLogPrefix](#) on page 73.

Log Path

Key Name	Default Value	Required
LogPath	None	Yes, if logging is enabled.

Description

The full path to the folder where the driver saves log files when logging is enabled.

! Important:

When logging with connection strings and DSNs, this option only applies to per-connection logs.

Max Bytea

Key Name	Default Value	Required
MaxBytea	255	No

Description

The maximum data length for Bytea columns.

Max LongVarChar

Key Name	Default Value	Required
MaxLongVarChar	8190	No

Description

The maximum data length for LongVarChar columns.

- If the column is of type WVARCHAR, the length is in Unicode characters.
- Otherwise, the length is in UTF-8 code units.

Max Varchar

Key Name	Default Value	Required
MaxVarchar	255	No

Description

The maximum data length for VARCHAR columns.

- If the column is of type WVARCHAR, the length is in Unicode characters.
- Otherwise, the length is in UTF-8 code units.

Minimum TLS

Key Name	Default Value	Required
Min_TLS	TLS 1.0 (1 . 0)	No

Description

The minimum version of TLS/SSL that the driver allows the data store to use for encrypting connections. For example, if TLS 1.1 is specified, TLS 1.0 cannot be used to encrypt connections.

- TLS 1.0 (1 . 0): The connection must use at least TLS 1.0.
- TLS 1.1 (1 . 1): The connection must use at least TLS 1.1.
- TLS 1.2 (1 . 2): The connection must use at least TLS 1.2.

Money As Decimal

Key Name	Default Value	Required
MoneyAsDecimal	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver removes non-decimal characters, such as the dollar sign (\$) and thousands separator (,), when it returns data of type Money.

- Enabled (1): The driver removes non-decimal characters when it returns Money data.
- Disabled (0): The driver does not remove non-decimal characters.

Password

Key Name	Default Value	Required
PWD OR Password	None	Yes, if configuring the driver to use standard authentication.

Description

The password corresponding to the user name that you provided in the User field (the Username or UID key).

Port

Key Name	Default Value	Required
Port	5432	Yes

Description

The number of the TCP port that the PostgreSQL server uses to listen for client connections.

Proxy Password

Key Name	Default Value	Required
ProxyPwd	None	Yes, if connecting to a proxy server that requires authentication.

Description

The password that you use to access the proxy server.

Proxy Port

Key Name	Default Value	Required
ProxyPort	None	Yes, if connecting through a proxy server.

Description

The number of the port that the proxy server uses to listen for client connections.

Proxy Server

Key Name	Default Value	Required
ProxyHost	None	Yes, if connecting through a proxy server.

Description

The host name or IP address of a proxy server that you want to connect through.

Proxy Username

Key Name	Default Value	Required
ProxyUid	None	Yes, if connecting to a proxy server that requires authentication.

Description

The user name that you use to access the proxy server.

Retrieve Entire Result Into Memory

Key Name	Default Value	Required
N/A	Selected (1)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver returns the entire query result into memory.

- Enabled (1): The driver returns the entire query result into memory.
- Disabled (0): The driver returns the query result in chunks or single rows.

When using keys to set driver options, you can enable this option by setting the `SingleRowMode`, `UseDeclareFetch`, and `UseMultipleStatements` keys to 0.

Note:

When using connection attributes to set driver options, you can enable this option by setting the `SingleRowMode`, `UseDeclareFetch`, and `UseMultipleStatements` attributes to 0.

Server

Key Name	Default Value	Required
Server	None	Yes

Description

A comma-delimited list of endpoint servers. The driver attempts to connect to each server in the order specified until it finds a valid server or the list has been exhausted. If a valid server cannot be found the driver alerts the user.

Service Name

Key Name	Default Value	Required
<code>KerberosServiceName</code>	<code>postgres</code>	No

Description

The Kerberos service principal name of the PostgreSQL server.

Show Boolean Column As String

Key Name	Default Value	Required
<code>BoolsAsChar</code>	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies the SQL data type that the driver uses to return Boolean data.

- Enabled (1): The driver returns Boolean columns as SQL_VARCHAR data with a length of 5.
- Disabled (0): The driver returns Boolean columns as SQL_BIT data.

Single Row Mode

Key Name	Default Value	Required
<code>SingleRowMode</code>	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver uses Single Row Mode and returns query results one row at a time. Enable this option if you plan to query large results and do not want to retrieve the entire result into memory.

- Enabled (1): The driver returns query results one row at a time.
- Disabled (0): The driver returns all query results at once.

When using connection attributes to set driver options, make note of the following:

- If `SingleRowMode` and `UseDeclareFetch` are both set to 0, then the driver retrieves the entire query result into memory.
- If `UseDeclareFetch` is set to 1, then it takes precedence over `SingleRowMode`.
- If `SingleRowMode` is set to 1 and `UseDeclareFetch` is set to 0, then `SingleRowMode` takes precedence over `UseMultipleStatements`.

Text As LongVarChar

Key Name	Default Value	Required
TextAsLongVarchar	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies the SQL data type that the driver uses to return Text data. The returned data type is also affected by the Use Unicode option (the `UseUnicode` key). For more information, see [Use Unicode](#) on page 70.

- Enabled (1): The driver returns Text columns as SQL_LONGVARCHAR data. If the Use Unicode option (the `UseUnicode` key) is also enabled, then the driver returns SQL_WLONGVARCHAR data instead.
- Disabled (0): The driver returns Text columns as SQL_VARCHAR data. If the Use Unicode option (the `UseUnicode` key) is also enabled, then the driver returns SQL_WVARCHAR data instead.

Use Declare/Fetch

Key Name	Default Value	Required
UseDeclareFetch	Clear (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver uses Declare/Fetch Mode and returns a specific number of rows at a time.

- Enabled (1): The driver uses Declare/Fetch Mode and returns a specific number of rows at a time. To specify the number of rows, configure the Cache Size option (the `Fetch` attribute).
- Disabled (0): The driver returns all rows at once.

When using keys to set driver options, make note of the following:

- If `UseDeclareFetch` is set to 1, then it takes precedence over `SingleRowMode` and `UseMultipleStatements`.
- If `UseDeclareFetch` is set to 0 and `SingleRowMode` is set to 1, then the driver returns query results one row at a time.
- If `UseDeclareFetch` and `SingleRowMode` are both set to 0, then the driver retrieves the entire query result into memory.

Use Multiple Statements

Key Name	Default Value	Required
UseMultipleStatements	Disabled (0)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver can have more than one active query at a time per connection.

- Enabled (1): The driver can have multiple queries active on the same connection. The ODBC application may interleave calls to ODBC statements, but all queries are still sent and executed sequentially. The driver returns all the query results into memory
- Disabled (0): The driver executes queries one at a time.

When using connection attributes to set driver options, make note of the following:

- If `UseDeclareFetch` is set to 1, then it takes precedence over `UseMultipleStatements`.
- If `UseDeclareFetch` is set to 0 and `SingleRowMode` is set to 1, then `SingleRowMode` takes precedence over `UseMultipleStatements`.

Use System Trust Store

Key Name	Default Value	Required
UseSystemTrustStore	Selected (1)	No

Description

This option specifies whether to use a CA certificate from the system trust store, or from a specified `.pem` file.

- Enabled (1): The driver verifies the connection using a certificate in the system trust store.
- Disabled (0): The driver verifies the connection using a specified `.pem` file. For information about specifying a `.pem` file, see [Custom SSL Certificate Path](#) on page 58.

Note:

This option is only available on Windows.

Use Unicode

Key Name	Default Value	Required
UseUnicode	Selected (1)	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver returns PostgreSQL data as Unicode or regular SQL types.

- Enabled (1): The driver returns data as Unicode character types:
 - SQL_WCHAR is returned instead of SQL_CHAR.
 - SQL_WVARCHAR is returned instead of SQL_VARCHAR.
 - SQL_WLONGVARCHAR is returned instead of SQL_LONGVARCHAR.
- Disabled (0): The driver returns data as regular SQL types:
 - SQL_CHAR is returned instead of SQL_WCHAR.
 - SQL_VARCHAR is returned instead of SQL_WVARCHAR.
 - SQL_LONGVARCHAR is returned instead of SQL_WLONGVARCHAR.

For detailed information about how the driver returns PostgreSQL data as SQL types, see [Data Types](#) on page 47.

User

Key Name	Default Value	Required
UID OR Username	None	Yes

Description

The user name that you use to access the PostgreSQL server.

If you are using keys to set driver options, UID takes precedence over Username.

Configuration Options Having Only Key Names

The following configuration options do not appear in the Windows user interface for the Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver. They are accessible only when you use a connection string or configure a connection on macOS or Linux.

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The `UseLogPrefix` property must be configured as a Windows Registry key value, or as a driver-wide property in the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file for macOS or Linux.

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Driver

Key Name	Default Value	Required
Driver	Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver when installed on Windows, or the absolute path of the driver shared object file when installed on a non-Windows machine.	Yes

Description

On Windows, the name of the installed driver (`Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver`).

On other platforms, the name of the installed driver as specified in `odbcinst.ini`, or the absolute path of the driver shared object file.

KeepAlive

Key Name	Default Value	Required
KeepAlive	1	No

Description

When this option is enabled (1), the driver uses TCP keepalives to prevent connections from timing out.

When this option is disabled (0), the driver does not use TCP keepalives.

KeepAliveCount

Key Name	Default Value	Required
KeepAliveCount	0	No

Description

The number of TCP keepalive packets that can be lost before the connection is considered broken.

When this key is set to 0, the driver uses the system default for this setting.

KeepAliveInterval

Key Name	Default Value	Required
KeepAliveInterval	0	No

Description

The number of seconds between each TCP keepalive retransmission.

When this key is set to 0, the driver uses the system default for this setting.

KeepAliveTime

Key Name	Default Value	Required
KeepAliveTime	0	No

Description

The number of seconds of inactivity before the driver sends a TCP keepalive packet.

When this key is set to 0, the driver uses the system default for this setting.

Locale

Key Name	Default Value	Required
Locale	en-US	No

Description

The locale to use for error messages.

UseLogPrefix

Key Name	Default Value	Required
UseLogPrefix	0	No

Description

This option specifies whether the driver includes a prefix in the names of log files so that the files can be distinguished by user and application.

Set the property to one of the following values:

- 1: The driver prefixes log file names with the user name and process ID associated with the connection that is being logged.

For example, if you are connecting as a user named "jdoe" and using the driver in an application with process ID 7836, the generated log files would be named `jdoe_7836_simbapostgresqlodbcdriver.log` and `jdoe_7836_`

`simbapostgresqlodbcdriver_connection_[Number].log`, where *[Number]* is a number that identifies each connection-specific log file.

- 0: The driver does not include the prefix in log file names.

To configure this option for the Windows driver, you create a value for it in one of the following registry keys:

- For a 32-bit driver installed on a 64-bit machine: **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Simba\Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver\Driver**
- Otherwise: **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Simba\Simba PostgreSQL ODBC Driver\Driver**

Use `UseLogPrefix` as the value name, and either 0 or 1 as the value data.

To configure this option for a non-Windows driver, you must use the `simba.postgresqlodbc.ini` file.

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