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Preface

Purpose of this document

This document explains the FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres concepts to those who are to operate databases using it.

This document explains the features of FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

Intended readers

This document is intended for people who are:

- Considering installing FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres
- Using FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres for the first time
- Wanting to learn about the concept of FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres
- Wanting to see a functional overview of FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres

Readers of this document are also assumed to have general knowledge of:

- Computers
- Jobs
- Oracle Solaris
- Linux
- Windows(R)

Structure of this document

This document is structured as follows:

[Chapter 1 FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres Basics](#)

Explains the features of FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

[Appendix A List of Features](#)

Explains the lists of the main features provided by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

[Appendix B OSS Supported by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres](#)

Explains the OSS supported by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

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Chapter 1 FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres Basics

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres maintains the operating methods, interfaces for application development and SQL compatibility of PostgreSQL, while providing expanded features for enhanced reliability and operability.

This chapter explains the functionality extended by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

Refer to "[Appendix A List of Features](#)" for feature differences between editions.

Additionally, FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres supports various open source software (OSS). Refer to "[Appendix B OSS Supported by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres](#)" for information on OSS supported by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres has the following features:

- Flexible database recovery

Not only does FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres recover data to its most recent form when a failure occurs, which is essential for databases, but it can also recover to any point in time. Additionally, backup/recovery can be performed using any copy technology.

- Simple GUI-based installation and operation management

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres uses GUI to simplify cumbersome database operations, and allows databases to be used intuitively.

- High reliability by using database multiplexing

Database multiplexing protects important data and enables highly reliable database operation.



- High reliability by using the failover feature integrated with the cluster software

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres links with PRIMECLUSTER, thereby allowing highly reliable systems to be achieved by using failover.

- Seamless migration from Oracle databases

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides a compatibility feature with Oracle databases that localizes the correction of existing applications and allows easy migration to FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

- Linkage with integrated development environment

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres links with Visual Studio, thereby allowing a standard framework to be used to create applications.

- Storage Data Protection using Transparent Data Encryption

Information can be protected from data theft by encrypting data to be stored in the database.

- Data masking for improved security

The data masking feature changes the returned data for queries from applications, to prevent exposing actual data. This improves security for handling confidential data such as personal information.

- Audit logs for improved security

Audit logs can be used to counter security threats such as unauthorized access and misuse of privileges for the database.

- Enhanced query plan stability

The following features can control SQL statement query plans:

- Optimizer hints
- Locked statistics

These features are used for curbing performance deterioration caused by changes in SQL statement query plans, such as with mission-critical jobs that emphasize performance stability over improved SQL statement processing performance.

- Increased aggregation performance using the in-memory feature

The following features help speed up scans even when aggregating many rows.

- Vertical Clustered Index (VCI)
- In-memory data

- High-speed data load

Data from files can be loaded at high speed into FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres tables using the high-speed data load feature.

1.1 Flexible Database Recovery

Threats such as data corruption due to disk failure and incorrect operations are unavoidable in systems that use databases. The ability to reliably recover corrupted databases without extensive damage to users when such problems occur is an essential requirement in database systems.

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides the following recovery features that flexibly respond to this requirement:

- Media recovery, which recovers up to the most recent point in time
- Point-in-time recovery, which can recover up to a specific point in time
- Backup/recovery that can integrate with various copy technologies

Media recovery, which recovers up to the most recent point in time

When a disk failure occurs, media recovery can recover data to how it was immediately before the failure.

In order to recover the database, FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres accumulates a history of database update operations, such as data additions and deletions, as an update log.

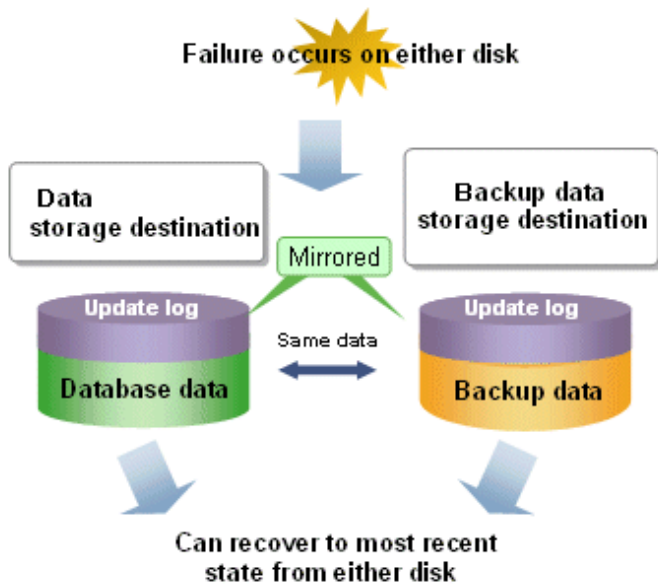
FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres retains a duplicate (mirror image) of the update log after backup execution on the data storage destination and on the backup data storage destination. Therefore, the data on one disk can be used to recover to the most recent state of the database even if a disk failure has occurred on the other.

Media recovery is executed using either a GUI tool provided with FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres (WebAdmin) or server commands.



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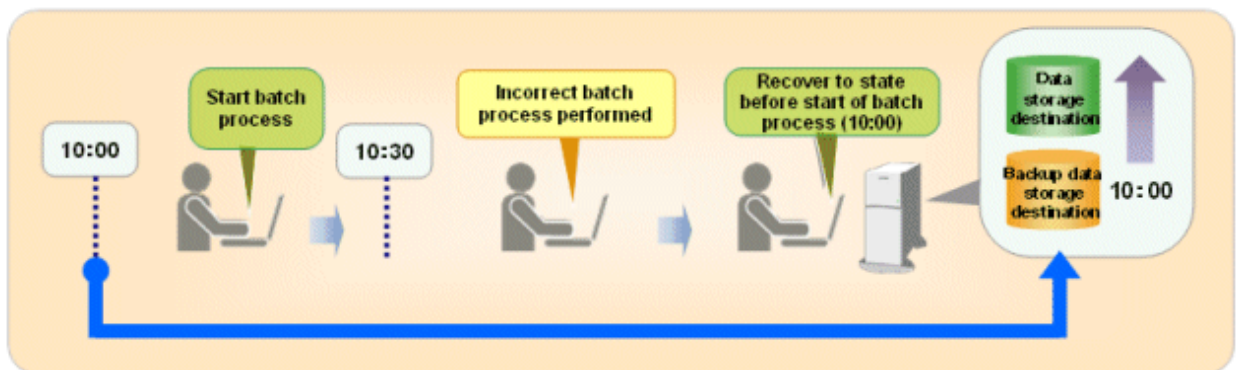
Recovery using WebAdmin requires less time and effort, since WebAdmin automatically determines the scope of the operation.



Point-in-time recovery, which can recover up to a specific point in time

Point-in-time recovery can be used to recover a database that has been updated by an incorrect operation, for example, by specifying any date and time before the incorrect operation.

Point-in-time recovery is executed using FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres server commands.



Backup/recovery that can integrate with various copy technologies

It is possible to back up to the backup data storage destination, or to any backup destination using any copy technology implemented by user exits.



For example, by using the high-speed copy feature of the storage device, the processing time for backup of large databases can be greatly reduced.

See

Refer to "Backup/Recovery Using the Copy Command" in the Operation Guide for information on backup/recovery using user exits.

1.2 Simple GUI-Based Installation and Operation Management

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides WebAdmin, which is a GUI tool for a range of tasks, from database installation to operation management. This allows the databases to be used simply and intuitively.

WebAdmin can be used for FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres setup, creating and monitoring a streaming replication cluster, database backups, and for recovery. Depending on the configuration, WebAdmin can be used to manage FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres instances in a single server, or instances spread across multiple servers.

- Setup

To perform setup using WebAdmin, you must create an instance. An instance is a set of server processes that manage a database cluster (database storage area on the data storage destination disk). Instances can be created easily and with only minimal required input, because the tool automatically determines the optimal settings for operation.

- Database backup/recovery

Database backup and recovery can be performed using simple GUI operations.

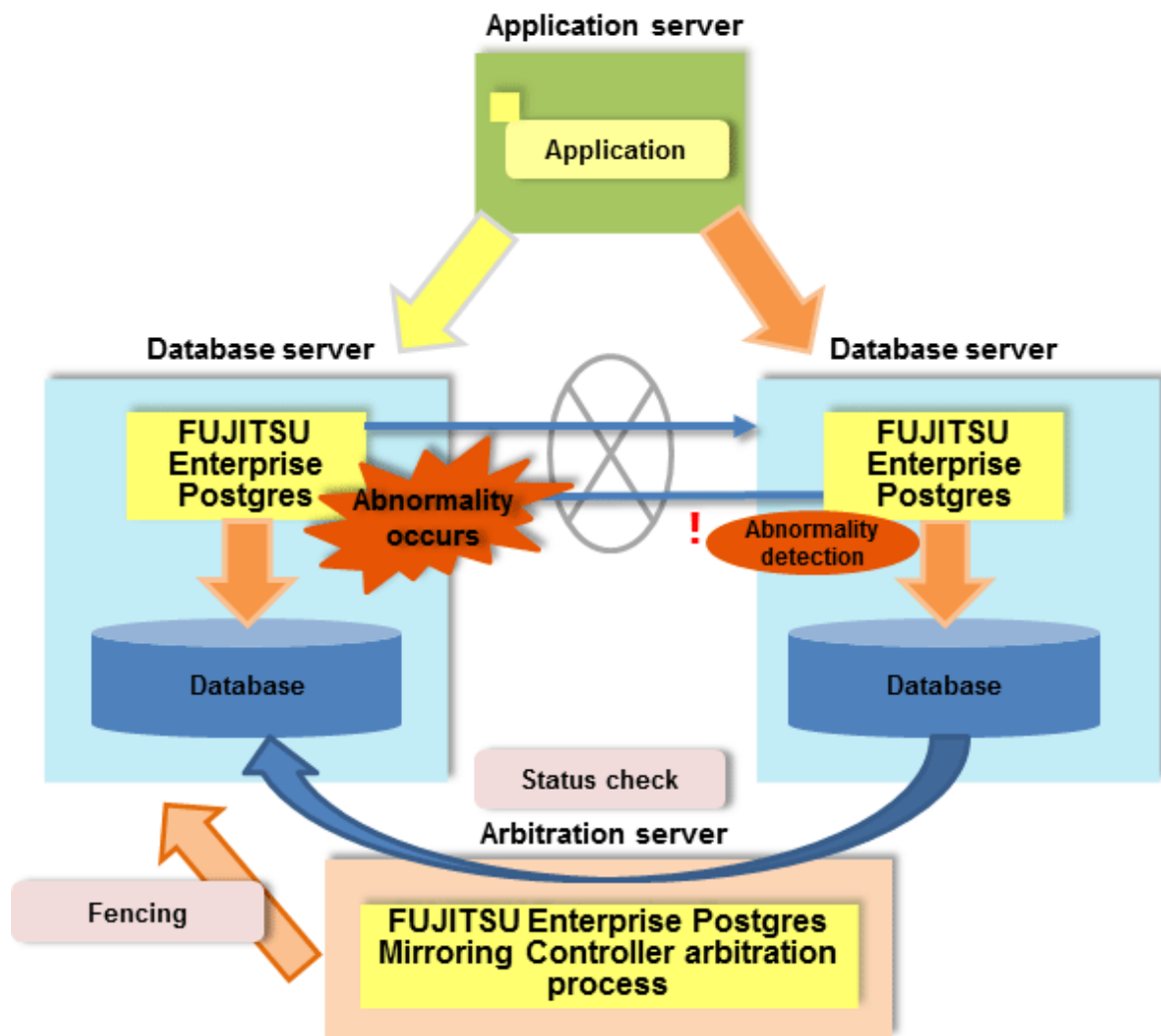
In particular, FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres can automatically identify and isolate the location of errors. This simplifies the recovery process and enables faster recovery.

In addition, FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides the following expanded features in pgAdmin:

- NCHAR type
- Expanded trigger definition
 - REPLACE feature
 - Function call feature

1.3 High Reliability with Database Multiplexing

It is vital for systems that use databases to protect data from damage or loss caused by a range of factors such as hardware and software errors. Database multiplexing protects important data and enables highly reliable database operation.



FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres not only mirrors a database using the PostgreSQL streaming replication feature, but also provides simplified switchover and standby disconnection features as well as a feature to detect faults in elements that are essential for the continuity of database process, disk, network, and other database operations.

Even if a switchover is performed, the client automatically distinguishes between the primary and standby servers, so applications can be connected transparently regardless of the physical server.

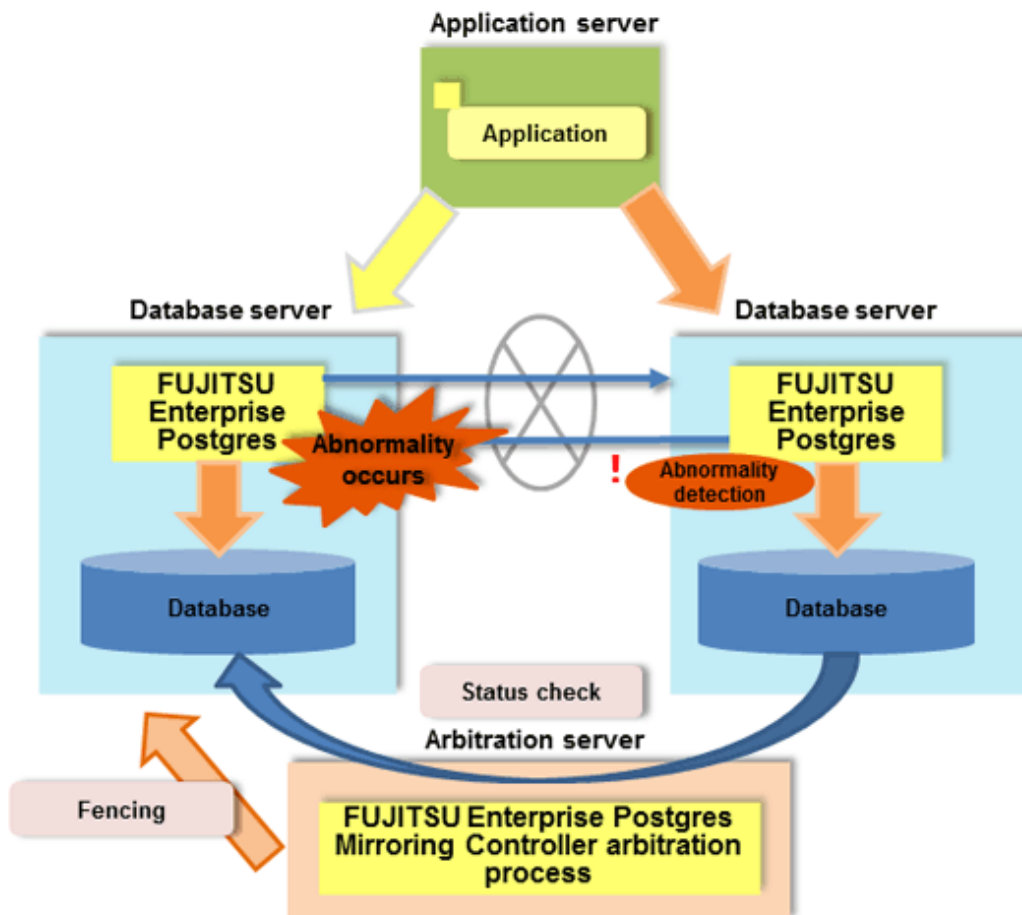
The Mirroring Controller option enables the primary server (the database server used for the main jobs) to be switched automatically to the standby server if an error occurs in the former.

In addition, by using the data on the standby server, reference jobs such as data analysis and form output can be performed in parallel to the jobs on the primary server.

Operation using the arbitration server

Mirroring Controller may not be able to correctly determine the status of the other server if there is a network issue between database servers or a server is in an unstable state. As a result, both servers will temporarily operate as primary servers, so it may be possible to perform updates from either server.

In database multiplexing mode, it is possible to add a server (arbitration server) that can objectively check the status of the database servers and isolate (fence) unstable servers. Using an arbitration server can prevent the issue mentioned above (both servers temporarily operating as primary servers) and enables highly reliable operation.



 See

- Refer to "Database Multiplexing Mode" in the Cluster Operation Guide (Database Multiplexing) for information on the database multiplexing.

S L 1.4 High Reliability Using Failover Integrated with the Cluster Software

If the system stops, services are interrupted until recovery is complete. In large-scale systems, the interruption takes longer, and may cause significant disruption for many people receiving the services.

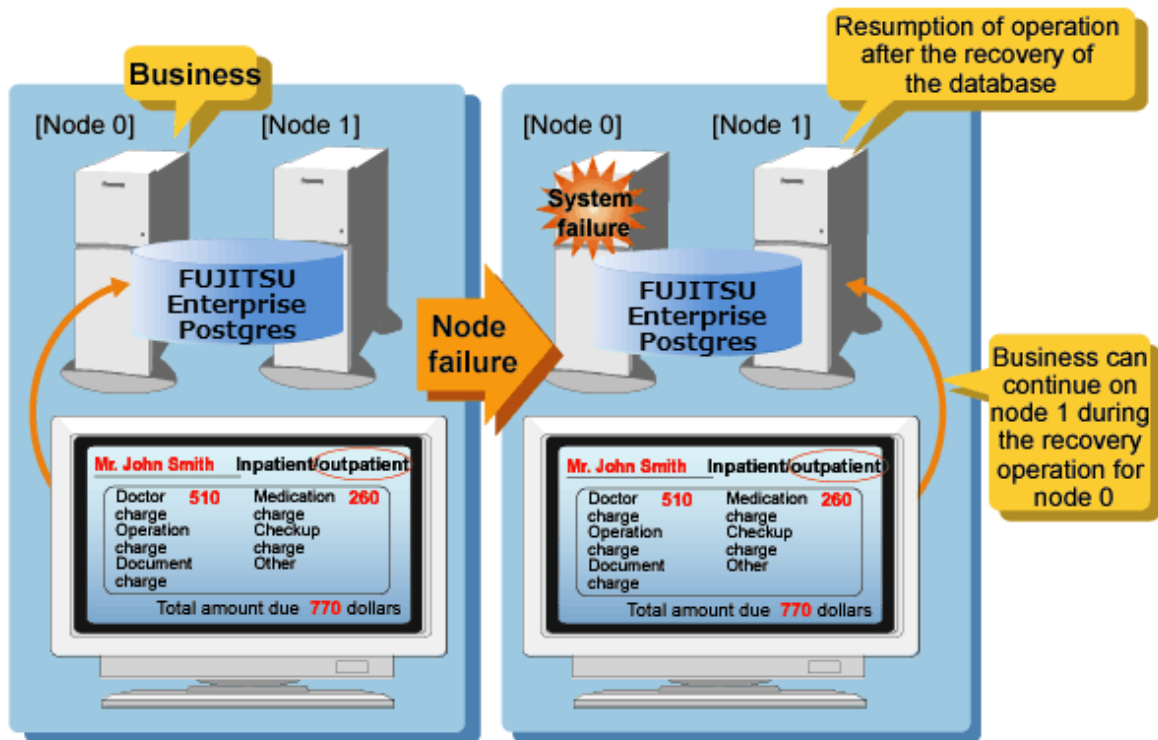
In FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres, the failover feature integrated with the cluster software can minimize the system stoppage time when an issue occurs.

Medical accounting system

Some hospitals with a large number of patients manage and operate the various data required for accounting in a database. If this accounting system stops and takes several minutes to recover, it is expected that this will have a significant impact.

But if failover is applied to this kind of system and an issue occurs on the operating server, it is quickly switched and the standby server takes over operation, so that services are provided without interruption.

The example below illustrates a medical accounting system using failover.



 See

Refer to the Cluster Operation Guide (PRIMECLUSTER) for information on the failover feature integrated with the cluster software.

1.5 Seamless Migration from Oracle Databases

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres supports Orafce, to provide compatibility with Oracle databases.

Using the compatibility feature reduces the cost of correcting existing applications and results in easy database migration.

 See

Refer to "Compatibility with Oracle Databases" in the Application Development Guide for information on compatible features.

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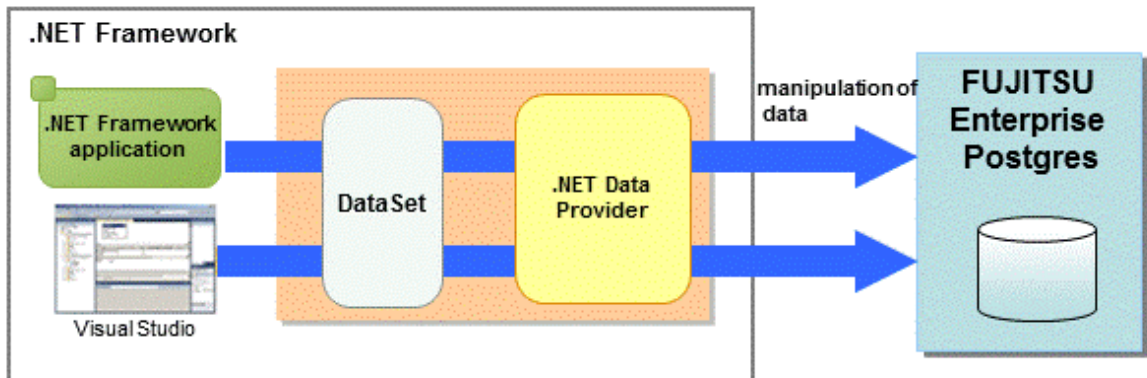
The features compatible with Oracle databases are enabled by default.

1.6 Linkage with Integrated Development Environment

You can link with Microsoft Visual Studio to create application. And, you can automatically generate applications to access database resources by linking to Visual Studio.

Relationship between .NET Framework and FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides .NET Data Provider, which is an interface for ADO.NET of .NET Framework. This enables you to select FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres as the connection destination database of ADO.NET and use the intuitive and efficient application development features of Visual Studio.

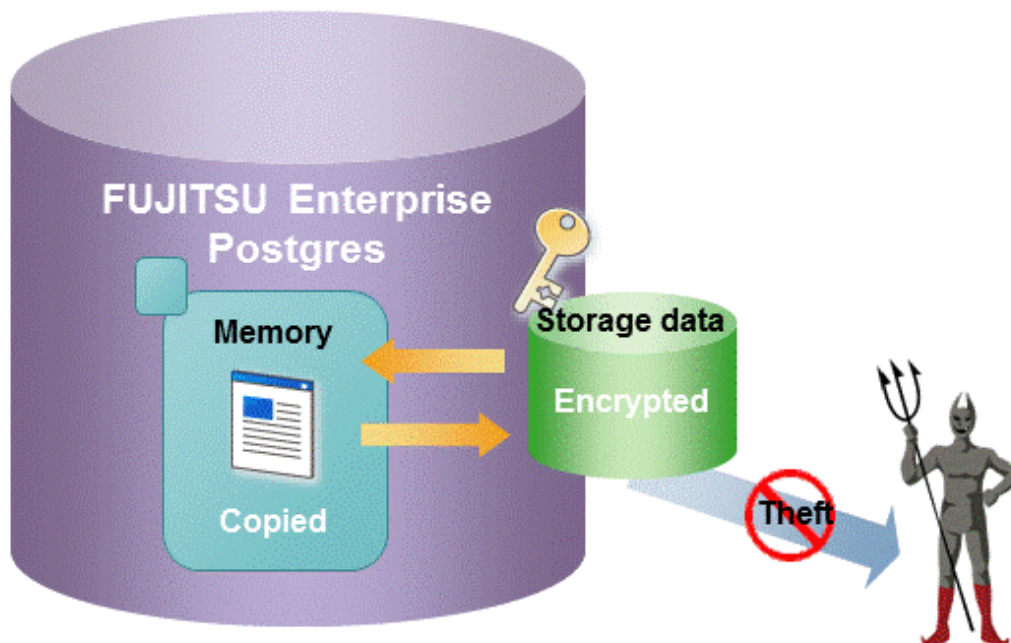


1.7 Storage Data Protection Using Transparent Data Encryption

The encryption of data to be stored in a database is essential under the following encryption requirements of PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard), the data security standard of the credit industry:

- Confidential information (such as credit card numbers) can be encrypted.
- The encryption key and data are managed as separate entities.
- The encryption key is replaced at regular intervals.

To satisfy these requirements, FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides a transparent data encryption feature. Note that PostgreSQL uses an encryption feature called pgcrypto, which can also be used in FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres, but requires applications to be modified. Therefore, we recommend using FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres's transparent data encryption feature.





Refer to "Protecting Storage Data Using Transparent Data Encryption" in the Operation Guide for information on stored data encryption.

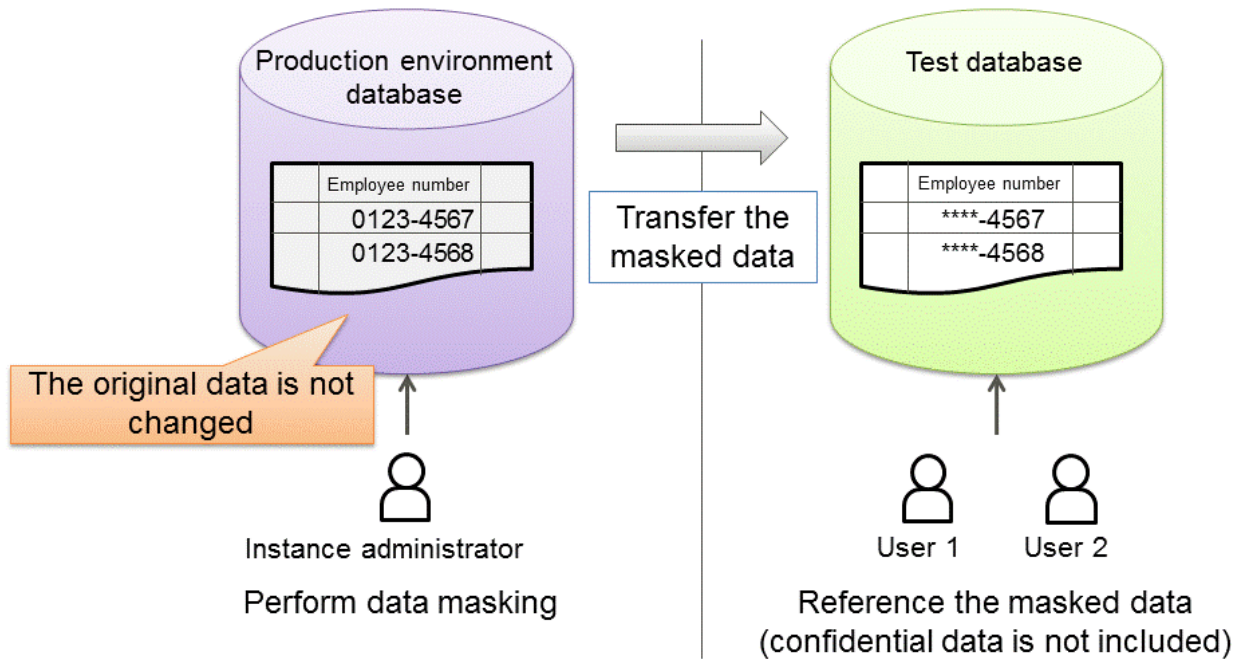
1.8 Data Masking for Improved Security

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides a data masking feature that protects data to maintain security of data handled in systems.

The data masking feature changes the returned data for queries from applications and makes it available for reference without exposing the actual data.

For example, for a query of employee data, digits except the last four digits of an eight-digit employee number can be changed to "*" so that it can be used for reference.

Also, the data changed by the data masking feature can be transferred to a test database so that users who perform testing or development can reference the data. As production data should not be used in a test or development environment because of the risk of data leakage, this feature enables data that is similar to actual production data to be safely used in those environments.



Refer to "Data Masking" in the Operation Guide for information on data masking.

1.9 Security Enhancement Using Audit Logs

Details relating to database access can be retrieved in audit logs. The audit log feature can be used to counter security threats such as unauthorized access to the database and misuse of privileges.

In PostgreSQL, logs output as server logs can be used as audit logs by using the log output feature. There are, however, logs that cannot be analyzed properly, such as SQL runtime logs, which do not output the schema name. Additionally, because the output conditions cannot be specified in detail, log volumes can be large, which may lead to deterioration in performance.

The audit log feature of FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres enables retrieval of details relating to database access as an audit log by extending the feature to pgaudit. Additionally, audit logs can be output to a dedicated log file or server log. This enables efficient and accurate log monitoring.



Refer to "Audit Log Feature" in the Security Operation Guide for details.

1.10 Enhanced Query Plan Stability

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres estimates the cost of query plans based on SQL statements and database statistical information, and selects the least expensive query plan. However, like other databases, FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres does not necessarily select the most suitable query plan. For example, it may suddenly select unsuitable query plan due to changes in the data conditions.

In mission-critical systems, stable performance is more important than improved performance, and changes in query plans case to be avoided. In this situation, the following features can stabilize query plans:

- Optimizer hints

You can use `pg_hint_plan` to specify a query plan in each individual SQL statement.

- Locked statistics

You can use `pg_dmbs_stats` to lock statistical information per object, such as a database, schema, or table.



Refer to "Optimizer Hints" in the Application Development Guide for information on optimizer hints.

Refer to "Locked Statistics" in the Application Development Guide or information on locked statistics.



Use the features provided when FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres is installed for optimizer hints and locked statistical information. FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres does not support other similar open-source features.

1.11 Increased Aggregation Performance Using the In-memory Feature

FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides the in-memory feature, which uses columnar index and memory-resident data. This reduces disk I/Os and enhances aggregation performance.



This feature can only be used in Advanced Edition.

Columnar index

Many aggregation processes may require a large portion of data in a particular column. However, traditional row data structure reads unnecessary columns, resulting in inefficient use of memory and CPU cache, and slower processing. FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres provides a type of columnar index, VCI (Vertical Clustered Index). This addresses the above issues, and enhances aggregation performance.

VCI provides the following benefits:

- Minimizes impact on existing jobs, and can perform aggregation using job data in real time.
- Provided as an index, so no application modification is required.
- Stores data also on the disk, so aggregation jobs can be quickly resumed using a VCI even if a failure occurs (when an instance is restarted).
- If the amount of memory used by VCI exceeds the set value, aggregation can still continue by using VCI data on the disk.

It also provides the features below:

- Disk compression
Compresses VCI data on the disk, minimizing required disk space. Even if disk access is required, read overhead is low.
- Parallel scan
Enhances aggregation performance by distributing aggregation processes to multiple CPU cores and then processing them in parallel.

In-memory data

The following features keep VCI data in memory and minimize disk I/Os on each aggregation process.

- Preload feature
Ensures stable response times by loading VCI data to memory before an application scans it after the instance is restarted.
- Stable buffer feature
Reduces disk I/Os by suppressing VCI data eviction from memory by other job data.

Purposes of this feature

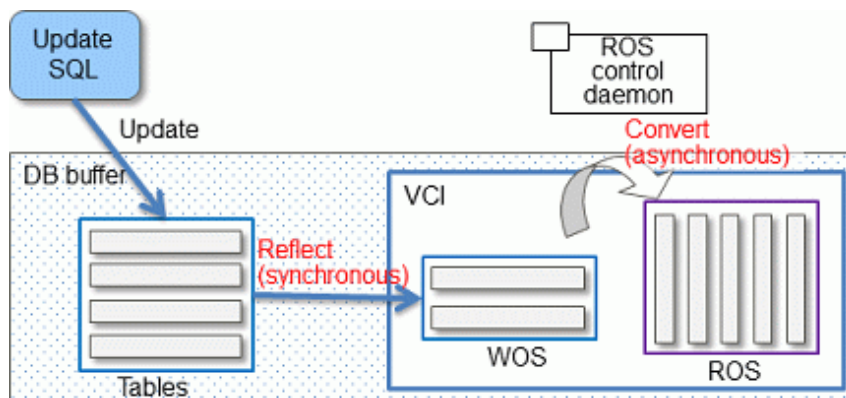
This feature has a data structure that can efficiently use the newly added resources, and aims to enhance the existing aggregation processing in normal operations to be faster than parallel scan. It shares the same purpose of enhancing aggregation performance with the parallel scan feature that is provided separately, but differs in that it speeds up nightly batch processes by utilizing available resources.

VCI architecture

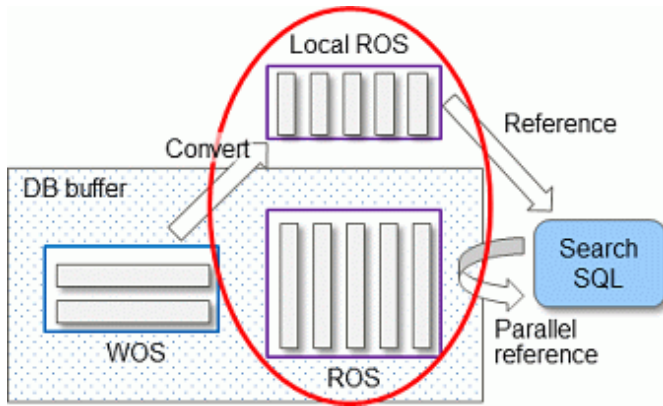
This section briefly explains VCI architecture as it contains basic terminology required, for example, when setting parameters.

Update and aggregation operations to enable real time use of job data are described.

VCI has write buffer row-based WOS (Write Optimized Store) in addition to the columnar data structure ROS (Read Optimized Store). Converting each update into a columnar index has a significant impact on the update process response times. Therefore, data is synchronously reflected to the row-based WOS when updating. After a certain amount of data is stored in WOS, the ROS control daemon asynchronously converts it to ROS. As above, the entire VCI is synchronized with the target table column, minimizing update overhead.



The same scan results can be obtained without a VCI by using WOS in conjunction with ROS. More specifically, WOS is converted to Local ROS in local memory for each aggregation process, and aggregated with ROS.



See

Refer to "Installing and Operating the In-memory Feature" in the Operation Guide for information on installation and operation of VCI.

Refer to "Scan Using a Vertical Clustered Index (VCI)" in the Application Development Guide for information on scan using a VCI.

1.12 High-Speed Data Load

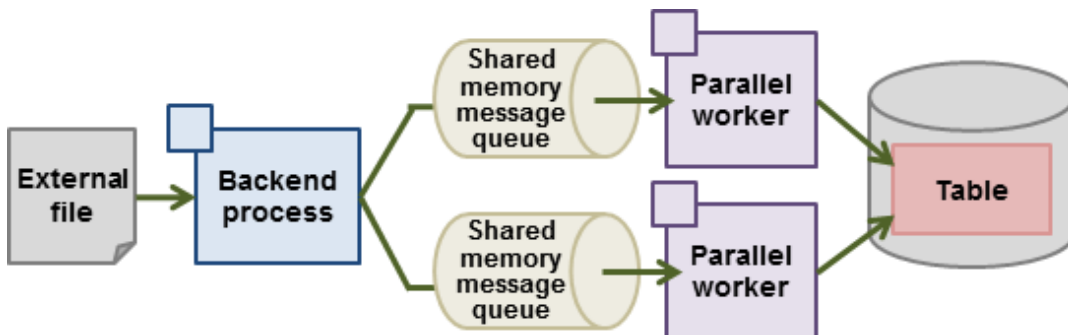
High-speed data load executes COPY FROM commands using multiple parallel workers. Because conversion of data from the external file to the appropriate internal format, table creation, and index creation are performed in parallel, it is possible to load large volumes of data at high speed.

Note

This feature is available only in the Advanced Edition.

Architecture of high-speed data load

High-speed data load is required for parameter setting and resource estimation, so a brief description of its architecture is provided below.



High-speed data load uses a single backend process collaborating with multiple parallel workers to perform data load in parallel. Data is exchanged between the backend process and parallel workers via shared memory message queues. The backend process distributes the loaded data of external files to multiple parallel workers. Each parallel worker then converts the data loaded from the shared memory message queue into the appropriate internal format, and inserts it into the table. If the table has indexes, their keys are extracted and inserted into the index page.



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Refer to "High-Speed Data Load" in the Operation Guide for details.
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Appendix A List of Features

The following table lists the main features provided by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres.

Category	Feature	Linux		Windows		Solaris	
		AE	SE	AE	SE	AE	SE
Fujitsu-developed software technology	WebAdmin (Rapid setup, One-click recovery)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Improved reliability	Database multiplexing	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
	Failover (integration with PRIMECLUSTER)	Y (*1)	Y (*1)	N	N	Y	Y
	Backup/recovery using user exits	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Application development	Embedded SQL integration Java integration ODBC integration .NET Framework integration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Features compatible with Oracle databases	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Security	Storage data encryption	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Data masking	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Audit log	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Performance	In-memory feature	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
	High-speed data load	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Performance tuning	Optimizer hints	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Fixed statistical information	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Y: Provided

N: Not provided

*1: Supported on RHEL only.

Appendix B OSS Supported by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres

The OSS supported by FUJITSU Enterprise Postgres is listed below.

OSS name	Version and level	Platform		Description	Reference
		Linux	Windows		
PostgreSQL	10.3	Y	Y	Database management system	PostgreSQL Documentation
orafce	3.6.1	Y	Y	Oracle-compatible SQL features	"Compatibility with Oracle Databases" in the Application Development Guide
Pgpool-II	3.7.1	Y	N	Failover, connection pooling, load balance, etc.	"Pgpool-II" in the Installation and Setup Guide for Server
oracle_fdw	2.0.0	Y	Y	Connection to the Oracle database server	"oracle_fdw" in the Installation and Setup Guide for Server
pg_statsinfo	10.0	Y	N	Collection and accumulation of statistics	"pg_statsinfo" in the Installation and Setup Guide for Server
pg_dbms_stats	1.3.9	Y	Y	Tuning (statistics management, query tuning)	"Locked Statistics" in the Application Development Guide
pg_hint_plan	10.1.3.0	Y	Y		"Optimizer Hints" in the Application Development Guide
pg_repack	1.4.2	Y	N	Table reorganization	"pg_repack" in the Installation and Setup Guide for Server
pg_rman	1.3.6	Y	N	Backup and restore management	"pg_rman" in the Installation and Setup Guide for Server
pgAdmin4	2.1	N	Y	Operation and development GUI	Operation Guide
pgBadger	9.2	Y	N	Log analysis	"pgBadger" in the Installation and Setup Guide for Server
pg_bigm	1.2	Y	N	Full-text search (multibyte)	"pg_bigm" in the Installation and Setup Guide for Server
PostgreSQL JDBC driver	42.2.1	Y	Y	JDBC driver	"JDBC Driver" in the Application Development Guide
psqlODBC	10.01.0000	Y	Y	ODBC driver	"ODBC Driver" in the Application Development Guide

OSS name	Version and level	Platform		Description	Reference
		Linux	Windows		
Npgsql	3.2.6	N	Y	.NET data provider	".NET Data Provider" in the Application Development Guide

Y: Supported

N: Not supported

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