

# Connecting with Go

This guide walks you through setting up a Go application to connect to a Hydra database, using the PostgreSQL-compatible `lib/pq` driver, and running a basic query to verify the connection.

## Variables


To connect to a Hydra database, you only need **one environment variable** — the connection URI. This URI contains all the necessary information like username, password, host, port, and database name.

Variable	Description	Purpose
<code>HYDRA_URI</code>	Full Hydra (PostgreSQL-compatible) connection string from the Elestio service overview	Provides all credentials and connection details in a single URI

A typical URI format looks like:

```
postgresql://<USER>:<PASSWORD>@<HOST>:<PORT>/<DATABASE>
```

You can find the details needed in the URI from the **Elestio service overview** details. Copy and replace the variables carefully in the URI example provided above.

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Hydra

Cluster

Running

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Open terminal

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Delete cluster

Add node

Overview

Nodes

Backups

Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated ☐

Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

Auto-Failover activated ☒

Node

1 Primary Node

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

# Prerequisites

## • Install Go

- Check if Go is installed:

```
go version
```

- If not, download and install Go: <https://go.dev/dl/>

## • Install pq Driver

```
go get github.com/lib/pq
```

# Code

Once all prerequisites are set up, create a new file named `main.go` and add the following code, and replace the `HYDRA_URI` with actual link or in environment setup as you wish:

```

package main

import (
    "database/sql"
    "fmt"
    "log"
    "os"

    _ "github.com/lib/pq"
)

func getDBConnection(connStr string) (*sql.DB, error) {
    db, err := sql.Open("postgres", connStr)
    if err != nil {
        return nil, fmt.Errorf("failed to open database connection: %v", err)
    }

    if err := db.Ping(); err != nil {
        return nil, fmt.Errorf("failed to ping database: %v", err)
    }

    return db, nil
}

func main() {
    // Get the Hydra connection string from environment variable
    connStr := os.Getenv("HYDRA_URI")
    if connStr == "" {
        log.Fatal("HYDRA_URI environment variable not set")
    }

    db, err := getDBConnection(connStr)
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatal(err)
    }
    defer db.Close()

    query := "SELECT current_database(), current_user, version()"
    row := db.QueryRow(query)

```

```
var dbName, user, version string
if err := row.Scan(&dbName, &user, &version); err != nil {
    log.Fatal("Failed to scan row:", err)
}

fmt.Printf("Connected to Hydra\nDatabase: %s\nUser: %s\nVersion: %s\n", dbName, user, version)
}
```

Set your Hydra URI as an environment variable:

```
export HYDRA_URI=postgresql://user:password@host:port/database
```

To execute the script, open the terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory where `main.go`. Once in the correct directory, run the script with the command

```
go run main.go
```

If successful, you'll see output like:

```
Connected to Hydra
Database: elestio
User: postgres
Version: PostgreSQL 14.13 (Debian 14.13-1.pgdg120+1) on x86_64-pc-linux-gnu, compiled by gcc (Debian
12.2.0-14) 12.2.0, 64-bit
```

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