

# Connecting with Node.js

This guide explains how to establish a connection between a Node.js application and a PostgreSQL database using the `pg` package. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and execution of a simple SQL query.

## Variables

Certain parameters must be provided to establish a successful connection to a PostgreSQL database. Below is a breakdown of each required variable, its purpose, and where to find it. Here’s what each variable represents:

Variable	Description	Purpose
<code>USER</code>	PostgreSQL username, from the Elestio service overview page	Identifies the database user who has permission to access the PostgreSQL database.
<code>PASSWORD</code>	PostgreSQL password, from the Elestio service overview page	The authentication key required for the specified <code>USER</code> to access the database
<code>HOST</code>	Hostname for PostgreSQL connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The address of the server hosting the PostgreSQL database.
<code>PORT</code>	Port for PostgreSQL connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The network port is used to connect to PostgreSQL. The default port is <code>5432</code> .
<code>DATABASE</code>	Database Name for PostgreSQL connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The name of the database being accessed. A PostgreSQL instance can contain multiple databases.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below, make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the code moving ahead.



postgresql-2p7j1

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Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

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Database Admin

Display your database credentials

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Host postgresql-2p7j1-u7774.vm.elestio.app



Port 25432



User postgres



Password \*\*\*\*\*

Show password



CLI PGPASSWORD=\*\*\*\*\* psql --host=postgresql-2p7j1-u7774.vm.elestio.app --port=25432 --username=postgres

Show password



# Prerequisites

## • Install Node.js and NPM

- Check if Node.js is installed by running:

```
node -v
```

- If not installed, download it from [nodejs.org](https://nodejs.org) and install.
- Verify npm installation:

```
npm -v
```

## • Install the `pg` Package

The `pg` package enables Node.js applications to interact with PostgreSQL. Install it using:

```
npm install pg --save
```

# Code

Once all prerequisites are set up, create a new file named `pg.js` and add the following code:

```
const pg = require("pg");

// Database connection configuration
```

```
const config = {
  user: "USER",
  password: "PASSWORD",
  host: "HOST",
  port: "PORT",
  database: "DATABASE",
};

// Create a new PostgreSQL client
const client = new pg.Client(config);

// Connect to the database
client.connect((err) => {
  if (err) {
    console.error("Connection failed:", err);
    return;
  }
  console.log("Connected to PostgreSQL");

  // Run a test query to check the PostgreSQL version
  client.query("SELECT VERSION()", [], (err, result) => {
    if (err) {
      console.error("Query execution failed:", err);
      client.end();
      return;
    }

    console.log("PostgreSQL Version:", result.rows[0]);

    // Close the database connection
    client.end((err) => {
      if (err) console.error("Error closing connection:", err);
    });
  });
});
```

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

```
node pg.js
```

If the connection is successful, the terminal will display output similar to:

```
Connected to PostgreSQL
PostgreSQL Version: {
  version: 'PostgreSQL 16.8 (Debian 16.8-1.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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