

Recognized PostgreSQL External Communications Channels

The PostgreSQL Community is active across a variety of communication channels, both those hosted on PostgreSQL Infrastructure and also those hosted elsewhere. This policy regulates external channels which are officially recognized by the community and run outside of the PostgreSQL infrastructure.

To become recognised as an external channel, the owners of the channel must self-certify that they meet the criteria below, aimed at ensuring they meet the standards of openness expected in the PostgreSQL Community.

Use of the terms "MUST", "MUST NOT", "SHOULD" and "SHOULD NOT" in the criteria below should be interpreted per [RFC2119](#).

The channel **MUST** contribute to the betterment of the PostgreSQL Project and/or the Community. It may not participate in any activities which may bring the Project into disrepute or otherwise work against the interests of the Project or the Community.

The [PostgreSQL Core Team](#) may recognise, not recognise, or rescind a previous recognition of any channel without justification, regardless of whether or not the recognition criteria are met.

These criteria may be reviewed and potentially updated at any time.

Code of Conduct

Every owner, administrator, and moderator **MUST** follow the PostgreSQL Community Code of Conduct. (<https://www.postgresql.org/about/policies/coc/>)

The project acknowledges that it is not always possible to obtain confirmation from users that they have read and agreed on the Code of Conduct. However, users **MUST** be informed of the expectation that they will abide by it. To this end, when a user signs onto the channel (or at some other point near the start of the channel use), the user **SHOULD** be presented with a statement that the channel follows the PostgreSQL Community Code of Conduct, and that all participants in the channel are expected to do likewise.

Ownership and Administration

Each recognized external communication channel MUST have a minimum of 5 administrators (including the owner), who all have an equal vote in how the channel is managed.

Moderation

The Owner of the recognized external communication channel MUST elect trusted administrators to help with the day-to-day moderation. The Owner SHOULD take input from other administrators into account when electing new administrators. The group of administrators may additionally elect moderators which can help with moderating specific channels, but do not have administrator privileges. Example: a moderator may remove a user from a Slack channel, but can not ban the user from using the service.

If a channel member files a complaint with the PostgreSQL Community Code of Conduct Committee, the admin team MUST cooperate with the Committee's investigation to provide requested information.

In the event a user is banned from the external communications channel for a Code of Conduct violation, the admin team for the channel MUST notify the PostgreSQL Community Code of Conduct Committee (coc@postgresql.org), regardless of whether a complaint has been filed with that Committee.

Signup

Sign up for the external communication channel must be available to everyone, except owners of previously banned accounts who have not had their ban rescinded.

Recognition

The owner of the external communication channel can submit a formless request for recognition to the pgsq-ww mailing list. The request MUST include the name of the communication channel, information about how to sign up, the real name of the owner, the real names of all current administrators, and an email address/list for contacting the admin team.

The names of the owner and all administrators SHOULD be listed on the external communication website where possible, and MUST be listed on the postgresql.org page which displays the list of external communication channels. The owner acknowledges that they MUST send updates to the pgsq-ww mailing list if administrators change.

Terms of Service

In case the PostgreSQL Code of Conduct and the Terms of Services of the recognized external communication channel conflict, the Terms of Service take precedence. In the event of a conflict, all relevant information **MUST** be made transparent to every administrator. Action in case of such a conflict **MUST** be taken only after a discussion among the channel administrators and owner, and a majority decision reached as to the appropriate handling of the matter.