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# **django-dbbackup Documentation**

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This Django application provides management commands to help backup and restore your project database and media files with various storages such as Amazon S3, DropBox or local file system.

It is made to:

- Allow you to secure your backup with GPG signature and encryption
- Archive with compression
- Deal easily with remote archiving
- Keep your development database up to date
- Use Crontab or Celery to setup automated backups

**Warning:** Django DBBackup version 3 is very different to its predecessors. See [Upgrade documentation](#) to help to get up to date.

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## 1.1 Installing on your system

### 1.1.1 Getting the latest stable release

```
pip install django-dbbbackup
```

### 1.1.2 Getting the latest release from trunk

In general, you should not be downloading and installing stuff directly from repositories – especially not if you are backing up sensitive data.

Security is important, bypassing PyPi repositories is a bad habit, because it will bypass the fragile key signatures authentication that are at least present when using PyPi repositories.

```
pip install -e git+https://github.com/mjs7231/django-dbbbackup.git#egg=django-dbbbackup
```

## 1.2 Add it in your project

In your `settings.py`, make sure you have the following things:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = (
    ...
    'dbbackup', # django-dbbbackup
)

DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'django.core.files.storage.FileSystemStorage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {'location': '/my/backup/dir/'}
```

Create the backup directory:

```
mkdir /my/backup/dir/
```

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**Note:** This configuration uses filesystem storage, but you can use any storage supported by Django API. See [Storage settings](#) for more information about it.

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## 1.3 Testing that everything worked

Now, you should be able to create your first backup by running:

```
$ python manage.py dbbackup
```

If your database was called `default` which is the normal Django behaviour of a single-database project, you should now see a new file in your backup directory.



## 2.1 General settings

### 2.1.1 DBBACKUP\_DATABASES

List of key entries for `settings.DATABASES` which shall be used to connect and create database backups.

Default: `list(settings.DATABASES.keys())` (keys of all entries listed)

### 2.1.2 DBBACKUP\_TMP\_DIR

Directory to be used in local filesystem for temporary files.

Default: `tempfile.gettempdir()`

### 2.1.3 DBBACKUP\_TMP\_FILE\_MAX\_SIZE

Maximum size in bytes for file handling in memory before a temporary file is written in `DBBACKUP_TMP_DIR`.

Default: `10*1024*1024`

### 2.1.4 DBBACKUP\_CLEANUP\_KEEP and DBBACKUP\_CLEANUP\_KEEP\_MEDIA

When issuing `dbbackup` and `mediabackup` with `--clean` option, the number of old backup files that are looked for and removed.

Default: `10` (backups)

### 2.1.5 DBBACKUP\_CLEANUP\_FILTER

A callable that takes a filename (of an old backup, to be cleaned) and returns a boolean indicating whether the backup should be kept (`True`) or deleted (`False`).

Default: `lambda filename: False`

This can be used to keep monthly backups, for example.

### 2.1.6 DBBACKUP\_DATE\_FORMAT

Date format to use for naming files. It must contain only alphanumerical characters, `'_'`, `'-'` or `'%'`.

Default: `'%Y-%m-%d-%H%M%S'`

### 2.1.7 DBBACKUP\_HOSTNAME

Used to identify a backup by a server name in the file name.

Default: `socket.gethostname()`

### 2.1.8 DBBACKUP\_FILENAME\_TEMPLATE

The template to use when generating the backup filename. By default this is `'{databasename}-{servername}-{datetime}.{extension}'`. This setting can also be made a function which takes the following keyword arguments:

```
def backup_filename(databasename, servername, datetime, extension, content_type):
    pass

DBBACKUP_FILENAME_TEMPLATE = backup_filename
```

This allows you to modify the entire format of the filename, for example, if you want to take advantage of Amazon S3's automatic expiry feature, you need to prefix your backups differently based on when you want them to expire.

`{datetime}` is rendered with `DBBACKUP_DATE_FORMAT`.

### 2.1.9 DBBACKUP\_MEDIA\_FILENAME\_TEMPLATE

Same as `DBBACKUP_FILENAME_TEMPLATE` but for media files backups.

## 2.2 Encrypting your backups

Considering that you might be putting secure data on external servers and perhaps untrusted servers where it gets forgotten over time, it's always a good idea to encrypt backups.

Just remember to keep the encryption keys safe, too!

### 2.2.1 PGP

You can encrypt a backup with the `--encrypt` option. The backup is done using GPG.

```
python manage.py dbbackup --encrypt
```

...or when restoring from an encrypted backup:

```
python manage.py dbrestore --decrypt
```

Requirements:

- Install the python package `python-gnupg`: `pip install python-gnupg>=0.5.0`.
- You need a GPG key. ([GPG manual](#))
- Set the setting `DBBACKUP_GPG_RECIPIENT` to the name of the GPG key.

### 2.2.2 DBBACKUP\_GPG\_ALWAYS\_TRUST

The encryption of the backup file fails if GPG does not trust the public encryption key. The solution is to set the option 'trust-model' to 'always'. By default this value is `False`. Set this to `True` to enable this option.

### 2.2.3 DBBACKUP\_GPG\_RECIPIENT

The name of the key that is used for encryption. This setting is only used when making a backup with the `--encrypt` or `--decrypt` option.

## 2.3 Email configuration

### 2.3.1 DBBACKUP\_SEND\_EMAIL

Controls whether or not django-dbbackup sends an error email when an uncaught exception is received.

Default: `True`

### 2.3.2 DBBACKUP\_SERVER\_EMAIL

The email address that error messages come from, such as those sent to `DBBACKUP_ADMINS`.

Default: `django.conf.settings.SERVER_EMAIL`

### 2.3.3 DBBACKUP\_ADMINS

A list of all the people who get code error notifications. When `DEBUG=False` and an operation raises an exception, DBBackup will email these people with the full exception information. This should be a tuple of (Full name, email address).

Default: `django.conf.settings.ADMINS`

**Warning:** `DBBACKUP_FAILURE_RECIPIENTS` was used before and is now deprecated

### 2.3.4 DBBACKUP\_EMAIL\_SUBJECT\_PREFIX

Subject-line prefix for email messages sent by DBBackup.

Default: `' [dbbackup] '`

## 2.4 Database configuration

By default, DBBackup uses parameters from `settings.DATABASES` but you can make an independent configuration, see [Database settings](#)

## 2.5 Storage configuration

You have to use a storage for your backups, see [Storage settings](#) for more.

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### Database settings

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The following databases are supported by this application:

- SQLite
- MySQL
- PostgreSQL
- MongoDB
- ...and any other that you might implement

By default, DBBackup will try to use your database settings in `DATABASES` to handle the database, but some databases require custom options so you might want to use different parameters for backups. That's why we included a `DBBACKUP_CONNECTORS` setting; it follows the form of the django `DATABASES` setting:

```
DBBACKUP_CONNECTORS = {
    'default': {
        'USER': 'backupuser',
        'PASSWORD': 'backuppasword',
        'HOST': 'replica-for-backup'
    }
}
```

This configuration will allow you to use a replica with a different host and user, which is a great practice if you don't want to overload your main database.

DBBackup uses `Connectors` for creating and restoring backups; below you'll see specific parameters for the built-in ones.

### 3.1 Common

All connectors have the following parameters:

### 3.1.1 CONNECTOR

Absolute path to a connector class by default is:

- `dbbackup.db.sqlite.SqliteConnector` for `'django.db.backends.sqlite3'`
- `dbbackup.db.mysql.MySqlDumpConnector` for `django.db.backends.mysql`
- `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpConnector` for `django.db.backends.postgresql`
- `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpGisConnector` for `django.contrib.gis.db.backends.postgis`
- `dbbackup.db.mongodb.MongoDumpConnector` for `django_mongodb_engine`

All supported built-in connectors are described in more detail below.

Following database wrappers from `django-prometheus` module are supported:

- `django_prometheus.db.backends.postgresql` for `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpBinaryConnector`
- `django_prometheus.db.backends.sqlite3` for `dbbackup.db.sqlite.SqliteConnector`
- `django_prometheus.db.backends.mysql` for `dbbackup.db.mysql.MySqlDumpConnector`
- `django_prometheus.db.backends.postgis` for `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpGisConnector`

### 3.1.2 EXCLUDE

Tables to exclude from backup as list. This option may be unavailable for connectors when making snapshots.

### 3.1.3 EXTENSION

Extension of backup file name, default `'dump'`.

## 3.2 Command connectors

Some connectors use a command line tool as a dump engine, `mysqldump` for example. These kinds of tools have common attributes:

### 3.2.1 DUMP\_CMD

Path to the command used to create a backup; default is the appropriate command supposed to be in your `PATH`, for example: `'mysqldump'` for MySQL.

This setting is useful only for connectors using command line tools (children of `dbbackup.db.base.BaseCommandDBConnector`)

### 3.2.2 RESTORE\_CMD

Same as `DUMP_CMD` but used when restoring.

### 3.2.3 DUMP\_PREFIX and RESTORE\_PREFIX

String to include as prefix of dump or restore command. It will be added with a space between the launched command and its prefix.

### 3.2.4 DUMP\_SUFFIX and RESTORE\_SUFFIX

String to include as suffix of dump or restore command. It will be added with a space between the launched command and its suffix.

### 3.2.5 ENV, DUMP\_ENV and RESTORE\_ENV

Environment variables used during command running, default are `{ }`. `ENV` is used for every command, `DUMP_ENV` and `RESTORE_ENV` override the values defined in `ENV` during the dedicated commands.

### 3.2.6 USE\_PARENT\_ENV

Specify if the connector will use its parent's environment variables. By default it is `True` to keep `PATH`.

## 3.3 SQLite

SQLite uses by default `dbbackup.db.sqlite.SQLiteConnector`.

### 3.3.1 SQLiteConnector

It is in pure Python and copies the behavior of `.dump` command for creating a SQL dump.

### 3.3.2 SQLiteCPConnector

You can also use `dbbackup.db.sqlite.SQLiteCPConnector` for making a simple raw copy of your database file, like a snapshot.

In-memory database aren't dumpable with it.

## 3.4 MySQL

MySQL uses by default `dbbackup.db.mysql.MySQLDumpConnector`. It uses `mysqldump` and `mysql` for its job.

## 3.5 PostgreSQL

Postgres uses by default `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpConnector`, but we advise you to use `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpBinaryConnector`. The first one uses `pg_dump` and `pqsl` for its job, creating RAW SQL files.

The second uses `pg_restore` with binary dump files.

They can also use `psql` for launching administration command.

### 3.5.1 SINGLE\_TRANSACTION

When doing a restore, wrap everything in a single transaction, so errors cause a rollback.

This corresponds to `--single-transaction` argument of `psql` and `pg_restore`.

Default: `True`

### 3.5.2 DROP

With `PgDumpConnector`, it includes tables dropping statements in dump file. `PgDumpBinaryConnector` drops at restoring.

This corresponds to `--clean` argument of `pg_dump` and `pg_restore`.

Default: `True`

## 3.6 PostGIS

Set in `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpGisConnector`, it does the same as PostgreSQL but launches `CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS postgis;` before restore database.

### 3.6.1 PSQL\_CMD

Path to `psql` command used for administration tasks like enable PostGIS for example, default is `psql`.

### 3.6.2 PASSWORD

If you fill this settings `PGPASSWORD` environment variable will be used with every commands. For security reason, we advise to use `.pgpass` file.

### 3.6.3 ADMIN\_USER

Username used for launch action with privileges, extension creation for example.

### 3.6.4 ADMIN\_PASSWORD

Password used for launch action with privileges, extension creation for example.

## 3.7 MongoDB

MongoDB uses by default `dbbackup.db.mongodb.MongoDumpConnector`. it uses `mongodump` and `mongorestore` for its job.

For AuthEnabled MongoDB Connection, you need to add one custom option `AUTH_SOURCE` in your `DBBACKUP_CONNECTORS`.



```
DBBACKUP_CONNECTORS = {
    'default': {
        ...
        'AUTH_SOURCE': 'admin',
    }
}
```

Or in DATABASES one:

```
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        ...
        'AUTH_SOURCE': 'admin',
    }
}
```

### 3.7.1 OBJECT\_CHECK

Validate documents before inserting in database (option `--objcheck` in command line), default is `True`.

### 3.7.2 DROP

Replace objects that are already in database, (option `--drop` in command line), default is `True`.

## 3.8 Custom connector

Creating your connector is easy; create a children class from `dbbackup.db.base.BaseDBConnector` and create `_create_dump` and `_restore_dump`. If your connector uses a command line tool, inherit it from `dbbackup.db.base.BaseCommandDBConnector`

## 3.9 Connecting a Custom connector

Here is an example, on how to easily connect a custom connector that you have created or even that you simply want to reuse:

```
DBBACKUP_CONNECTOR_MAPPING = {
    'transaction_hooks.backends.postgis': 'dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpGisConnector',
}
```

Obviously instead of `dbbackup.db.postgresql.PgDumpGisConnector` you can use the custom connector you have created yourself and `transaction_hooks.backends.postgis` is simply the database engine name you are using.



## CHAPTER 4

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### Storage settings

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One of the most helpful features of `django-dbbbackup` is the ability to store and retrieve backups from a local or a remote storage. This functionality is mainly based on Django Storage API and extends its possibilities.

You can choose your backup storage backend by setting `settings.DBBACKUP_STORAGE`, it must be the full path of a storage class. For example: `django.core.files.storage.FileSystemStorage` to use file system storage. Below, we'll list some of the available solutions and their options.

The storage's options are gathered in `settings.DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS` which is a dictionary of keywords representing how to configure it.

**Warning:** Do not configure backup storage with the same configuration as your media files as you'll risk sharing backups inside public directories.

By default DBBackup uses the [built-in file system storage](#) to manage files on a local directory. Feel free to use any Django storage, you can find a variety of them at [Django Packages](#).

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**Note:** Storing backups to local disk may also be useful for Dropbox if you already have the official Dropbox client installed on your system.

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## 4.1 File system storage

### 4.1.1 Setup

To store your backups on the local file system, simply setup the required settings below.

```
DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'django.core.files.storage.FileSystemStorage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {'location': '/my/backup/dir/'}
```

### 4.1.2 Available settings

#### location

Absolute path to the directory that will hold the files.

#### file\_permissions\_mode

The file system permissions that the file will receive when it is saved.

#### directory\_permissions\_mode

The file system permissions that the directory will receive when it is saved.

See [FileSystemStorage's documentation](#) for a full list of available settings.

## 4.2 Google cloud storage

Our backend for Google cloud storage uses django-storages.

### 4.2.1 Setup

In order to backup to Google cloud storage, you'll first need to create an account at google. Once that is complete, you can follow the required setup below.

```
pip install django-storages[google]
```

Add the following to your project's settings. Strictly speaking only *bucket\_name* is required, but we'd recommend to add the other two as well. You can also find more settings in the readme for [django-storages](#)

```
DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'storages.backends.gcloud.GoogleCloudStorage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {
    "bucket_name": "your_bucket_name",
    "project_id": "your_project_id",
    "blob_chunk_size": 1024 * 1024
}
```

## 4.3 Amazon S3

Our S3 backend uses Django Storages which uses [boto3](#).

### 4.3.1 Setup

In order to backup to Amazon S3, you'll first need to create an Amazon Webservices Account and setup your Amazon S3 bucket. Once that is complete, you can follow the required setup below.

```
pip install django-storages[boto3]
```

Add the following to your project's settings:

```
DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'storages.backends.s3boto3.S3Boto3Storage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {
    'access_key': 'my_id',
    'secret_key': 'my_secret',
    'bucket_name': 'my_bucket_name',
    'default_acl': 'private',
}
```

### 4.3.2 Available settings

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**Note:** See the [Django Storage S3 storage official documentation](#) for all options.

The options listed here are a selection of dictionary keys returned by `get_default_settings` in `django-storages/storages/backends/s3boto3.py`, which allows us to write nicer code compared to using the `AWS_` prefixed settings.

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**access\_key** - Required

Your AWS access key as string. This can be found on your [Amazon Account Security Credentials](#) page.

**secret\_key** - Required

Your Amazon Web Services secret access key, as a string.

**bucket\_name** - Required

Your Amazon Web Services storage bucket name, as a string. This directory must exist before attempting to create your first backup.

**region\_name** - Optional

Specify the Amazon region, e.g. `'us-east-1'`

**endpoint\_url** - Optional

Set this to fully override the endpoint, e.g. to use an alternative S3 service, which is compatible with AWS S3. The value must contain the protocol, e.g. `'https://compatible-s3-service.example.com'`.

**default\_acl** - Required

This setting can either be `'private'` or `'public'`. Since you want your backups to be secure you'll want to set `'default_acl'` to `'private'`.

*NOTE: This value will be removed in a future version of django-storages. See their [CHANGELOG](#) for details.*

**location** - Optional

If you want to store your backups inside a particular folder in your bucket you need to specify the `'location'`. The folder can be specified as `'folder_name/'`. You can specify a longer path with `'location': 'root_folder/sub_folder/sub_sub_folder/'`.

## 4.4 Dropbox

In order to backup to Dropbox, you'll first need to create a Dropbox account and set it up to communicate with the Django-DBBackup application. Don't worry, all instructions are below.

### 4.4.1 Setup your Dropbox account

1. Login to Dropbox and navigate to Developers » MyApps. <https://www.dropbox.com/developers/apps>
2. Click the button to create a new app and name it whatever you like. As an example, I named mine ‘Website Backups’.
3. After your app is created, note the options button and more importantly the ‘App Key’ and ‘App Secret’ values inside. You’ll need those later.

### 4.4.2 Setup your Django project

```
pip install dropbox django-storages
```

... And make sure you have the following required settings:

```
DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'storages.backends.dropbox.DropBoxStorage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {
    'oauth2_access_token': 'my_token',
}
```

### 4.4.3 Available settings

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**Note:** See [django-storages dropbox official documentation](#) for more details.

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**oauth2\_access\_token** - Required

Your OAuth access token

**root\_path**

Jail storage to this directory

## 4.5 FTP

To store your database backups on a remote filesystem via [a]FTP, simply setup the required settings below.

### 4.5.1 Setup

```
pip install django-storages
```

**Warning:** This storage doesn’t use a private connection for communication so don’t use it if you’re not certain about the security of the link between the client and the server.

```
DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'storages.backends.ftp.FTPStorage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {
    'location': 'ftp://user:pass@server:21'
}
```

## 4.5.2 Settings

**location** - Required

A FTP URI with optional user, password and port. example: 'ftp://anonymous@myftp.net '

## 4.5.3 Setup

We use FTP backend from Django-Storages (again).

```
pip install django-storages
```

Here a simple configuration:

```
DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'storages.backends.ftp.FTPStorage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {'location': ftp://myftpserver/}
```

## 4.6 SFTP

To store your database backups on a remote filesystem via SFTP, simply setup the required settings below.

### 4.6.1 Setup

This backend is from Django-Storages with the [paramiko](#) backend.

```
pip install paramiko django-storages
```

The following configuration grants SSH server access to the local user:

```
DBBACKUP_STORAGE = 'storages.backends.sftpstorage.SFTPStorage'
DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS = {'host': 'myserver'}
```

### 4.6.2 Available settings

**host** - Required

Hostname or address of the SSH server

**root\_path** - Default ~/

Jail storage to this directory

**params** - Default {}

Argument used by method:*paramiko.SSHClient.connect()*. See [paramiko SSHClient.connect\(\) documentation](#) for details.

**interactive** - Default False

A boolean indicating whether to prompt for a password if the connection cannot be made using keys, and there is not already a password in *params*.

**file\_mode**

UID of the account that should be set as owner of the files on the remote.

**dir\_mode**

GID of the group that should be set on the files on the remote host.

**known\_host\_file**

Absolute path of known\_hosts file, if it isn't set "`~/ .ssh/known_hosts`" will be used.



## Commands

The primary usage of DBBackup is with command line tools. By default, commands will create backups and upload to your defined storage or download and restore the latest backup.

Arguments can be passed to commands to compress/uncompress and encrypt/decrypt.

## 5.1 dbbackup

Backup of database.

```
$ ./manage.py dbbackup
Backing Up Database: /tmp/tmp.x0kN9sYSqk
Backup size: 3.3 KiB
Writing file to tmp-zuluvm-2016-07-29-100954.dump
```

### 5.1.1 Help

```
usage: manage.py dbbackup [-h] [-noinput] [-q] [-c] [-d DATABASE] [-s SERVERNAME] [-z] [-e] [-o OUTPUT_FILENAME] [-O OUTPUT_PATH] [-x EXCLUDE_TABLES] [--version] [-v0, 1, 2, 3] [--settings SETTINGS] [--pythonpath PYTHONPATH] [--traceback] [--no-color] [--force-color] [--skip-checks]
```

Backup a database, encrypt and/or compress and write to storage.

optional arguments: **-h**, **--help** show this help message and exit **-noinput** Tells Django to NOT prompt the user for input of any kind. **-q**, **--quiet** Tells Django to NOT output other text than errors. **-c**, **--clean** Clean up old backup files **-d DATABASE**, **--database DATABASE** Database(s) to backup specified by key separated by commas(default: all) **-s SERVERNAME**, **--servername SERVERNAME** Specify server name to include in backup filename **-z**, **--compress** Compress the backup files **-e**, **--encrypt** Encrypt the backup files **-o OUTPUT\_FILENAME**, **--output - filename OUTPUT\_FILENAME** Specify filename on storage **-O OUTPUT\_PATH**, **--output - path OUTPUT\_PATH** Specify where to store on local filesystem **-x EXCLUDE\_TABLES**, **--exclude - tables EXCLUDE\_TABLES** Exclude tables from backup **--version** Show program's version number and exit **-v0, 1, 2, 3** Verbosity level; 0=minimal output, 1=normal output, 2=output with debug messages, 3=maximal output **--settings SETTINGS** Python path to valid settings module (default: django.conf.settings) **--pythonpath PYTHONPATH** Python path for the settings module **--traceback** Raise KeyboardInterrupt exception if a traceback is printed **--no-color** Don't colorize the command output **--force-color** Force colorization of the command output **--skip-checks** Skip the system checks.

```

--version show program's version number and exit -v0, 1, 2, 3, -- verbosity0, 1, 2, 3 Verbosity level; 0 =
minimal output, 1 = normal output, 2 = verbose output, 3 = very verbose output --
--settings SETTINGSThe Python path to a settings module, e.g. "myproject.settings.main". If this isn't provided, the DJANGO
--pythonpath PYTHONPATH A directory to add to the Python path, e.g. "/home/djangoprojects/myproject". --
--traceback Raise on Command Error exceptions --no-color Don't colorize the command output. --force-color
Force colorization of the command output. --skip-checks Skip system checks.

```

## 5.2 dbrestore

**Restore a database. ::** \$ ./manage.py dbrestore Restoring backup for database: /tmp/tmp.x0kN9sYSqk Finding latest backup Restoring: tmp-zuluvn-2016-07-29-100954.dump Restore tempfile created: 3.3 KiB

### 5.2.1 Help

```

usage: manage.py dbrestore [-h] [-noinput] [-q] [-d DATABASE] [-i INPUT_FILENAME] [-I INPUT_PATH] [-s SERVERNAME]
version)[-v0, 1, 2, 3][-- settings SETTINGSThe Python path to a settings module, e.g. "myproject.settings.main". If this isn't provided, the DJANGO
pythonpath PYTHONPATH A directory to add to the Python path, e.g. "/home/djangoprojects/myproject". --
traceback Raise on Command Error exceptions --no-color Don't colorize the command output. --force-color
Force colorization of the command output. --skip-checks Skip system checks.

```

Restore a database backup from storage, encrypted and/or compressed.

optional arguments: -h, -help show this help message and exit -noinput Tells Django to NOT prompt the user for input of any kind. -q, -quiet Tells Django to NOT output other text than errors. -d DATABASE, -database DATABASE Database to restore -i INPUT\_FILENAME, -input filename INPUT\_FILENAME Specify filename to backup from -I INPUT\_PATH, -input path INPUT\_PATH Specify path on local filesystem to backup from -s SERVERNAME, -servername SERVERNAME If backup file is not specified, filter the existing ones with the given servername -c, --decrypt Decrypt database for restoring -p PASSPHRASE, --passphrase PASSPHRASE Passphrase for decrypt file -z, --uncompress Uncompress gzip database for restoring --version show program's version number and exit -v0, 1, 2, 3, -- verbosity0, 1, 2, 3 Verbosity level; 0 = minimal output, 1 = normal output, 2 = verbose output, 3 = very verbose output --settings SETTINGSThe Python path to a settings module, e.g. "myproject.settings.main". --pythonpath PYTHONPATH A directory to add to the Python path, e.g. "/home/djangoprojects/myproject". --traceback Raise on Command Error exceptions --no-color Don't colorize the command output. --force-color Force colorization of the command output. --skip-checks Skip system checks.

## 5.3 mediabackup

Backup media files, gather all in a tarball and encrypt or compress.

```

$ ./manage.py mediabackup
Backup size: 10.0 KiB
Writing file to zuluvn-2016-07-04-081612.tar

```

### 5.3.1 Help

```

usage: manage.py mediabackup [-h] [-noinput] [-q] [-c] [-s SERVERNAME] [-z] [-e] [-o OUTPUT_FILENAME] [-O OUTPUT_PATH]
version)[-v0, 1, 2, 3][-- settings SETTINGSThe Python path to a settings module, e.g. "myproject.settings.main". If this isn't provided, the DJANGO
pythonpath PYTHONPATH A directory to add to the Python path, e.g. "/home/djangoprojects/myproject". --
traceback Raise on Command Error exceptions --no-color Don't colorize the command output. --force-color
Force colorization of the command output. --skip-checks Skip system checks.

```

Backup media files, gather all in a tarball and encrypt or compress.

optional arguments: `-h`, `--help` show this help message and exit `--noinput` Tells Django to NOT prompt the user for input of any kind. `-q`, `--quiet` Tells Django to NOT output other text than errors. `-c`, `--clean` Clean up old backup files `-s SERVERNAME`, `--servername SERVERNAME` Specify server name to include in backup filename `-z`, `--compress` Compress the archive `-e`, `--encrypt` Encrypt the backup files `-o OUTPUT_FILENAME`, `--output filename OUTPUT_FILENAME` Specify filename on storage `-O OUTPUT_PATH`, `--output path OUTPUT_PATH` Specify where to store on local filesystem `--version` show program's version number and exit `-v0, 1, 2, 3`, `--verbosity0, 1, 2, 3` Verbosity level; 0 = minimal output, 1 = normal output, 2 = verbose output, 3 = very verbose output `--settings SETTING` The Python path to a settings module, e.g. "myproject.settings.main". If this isn't provided, the DJANGO `--pythonpath PYTHONPATH` A directory to add to the Python path, e.g. "/home/djangoprojects/myproject". `--traceback` Raise on CommandError exceptions `--no-color` Don't colorize the command output. `--force-color` Force colorization of the command output. `--skip-checks` Skip system checks.

## 5.4 mediarestore

Restore media files, extract files from archive and put into media storage.

```
$ ./manage.py mediarestore
Restoring backup for media files
Finding latest backup
Reading file zuluv-2016-07-04-082551.tar
Restoring: zuluv-2016-07-04-082551.tar
Backup size: 10.0 KiB
Are you sure you want to continue? [Y/n]
2 file(s) restored
```

### 5.4.1 Help

usage: `manage.py mediarestore [-h] [--noinput] [-q] [-i INPUT_FILENAME] [--input-path INPUT_PATH] [--s SERVERNAME] [-e] [--p PASSPHRASE] [--v0, 1, 2, 3] [--settings SETTING] [--pythonpath PYTHONPATH] [--traceback] [--no-color] [--force-color] [--skip-checks]`

Restore a media backup from storage, encrypted and/or compressed.

optional arguments: `-h`, `--help` show this help message and exit `--noinput` Tells Django to NOT prompt the user for input of any kind. `-q`, `--quiet` Tells Django to NOT output other text than errors. `-i INPUT_FILENAME`, `--input filename INPUT_FILENAME` Specify filename to backup from `--input-path INPUT_PATH`, `--input path INPUT_PATH` Specify path on local filesystem to backup from `-s SERVERNAME`, `--servername SERVERNAME` If backup file is not specified, filter the existing ones with the given servername `-e`, `--decrypt` Decrypt database before restoring `-p PASSPHRASE`, `--passphrase PASSPHRASE` Passphrase for decrypt file `-z`, `--uncompress` Uncompress gzip database before restoring `-r`, `--replace` Replace existing files `--version` show program's version number and exit `-v0, 1, 2, 3`, `--verbosity0, 1, 2, 3` Verbosity level; 0 = minimal output, 1 = normal output, 2 = verbose output, 3 = very verbose output `--settings SETTING` The Python path to a settings module, e.g. "myproject.settings.main". If this isn't provided, the DJANGO `--pythonpath PYTHONPATH` A directory to add to the Python path, e.g. "/home/djangoprojects/myproject". `--traceback` Raise on CommandError exceptions `--no-color` Don't colorize the command output. `--force-color` Force colorization of the command output. `--skip-checks` Skip system checks.

## 5.5 listbackups

This command helps to list backups filtered by type ('media' or 'db'), by compression or encryption.

### 5.5.1 Help

usage: manage.py listbackups [-h] [--noinput] [-q] [-d DATABASE] [-z] [-Z] [-e] [-E] [-c CONTENT\_TYPE] [--version] [--v0, 1, 2, 3] [--settings SETTINGS] [--pythonpath PYTHONPATH] [--traceback] [--no-color] [--force-color] [--skip-checks]

optional arguments: -h, --help show this help message and exit --noinput Tells Django to NOT prompt the user for input of any kind. -q, --quiet Tells Django to NOT output other text than errors. -d DATABASE, --database DATABASE Filter by database name -z, --compressed Exclude non-compressed -Z, --not-compressed Exclude compressed -e, --encrypted Exclude non-encrypted -E, --not-encrypted Exclude encrypted -c CONTENT\_TYPE, --content-type CONTENT\_TYPE Filter by content type 'db' or 'media' --versions show program's version number and exit --v0, 1, 2, 3, --verbosity0, 1, 2, 3 Verbosity level; 0 = minimal output, 1 = normal output, 2 = verbose output, 3 = very verbose output --settings SETTINGS The Python path to a settings module, e.g. "myproject.settings.main". If this isn't provided, the DJANGO\_SETTINGS\_MODULE environment variable will be used. --pythonpath PYTHONPATH A directory to add to the Python path, e.g. "/home/djangoprojects/myproject". --traceback Raise on CommandErrors exceptions --no-color Don't colorize the command output. --force-color Force colorization of the command output. --skip-checks Skip system checks.

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**Note:** If you have a custom and/or interesting way of use DBBackup, do not hesitate to make a pull request.

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### 6.1 Django-cron

Example of cron job with `django-cron` with file system storage:

```
import os
from django.core import management
from django.conf import settings
from django_cron import CronJobBase, Schedule

class Backup(CronJobBase):
    RUN_AT_TIMES = ['6:00', '18:00']
    schedule = Schedule(run_at_times=RUN_AT_TIMES)
    code = 'my_app.Backup'

    def do(self):
        management.call_command('dbbackup')
```



### 7.1 Settings

The following settings are now useless, you can remove them:

- `DBBACKUP_BACKUP_ENVIRONMENT`: **Must be set in** `CONNECTORS [ 'dbname' ] [ 'env' ]`
- `DBBACKUP_RESTORE_ENVIRONMENT`: **Same as** `BACKUP_ENVIRONMENT`
- `DBBACKUP_FORCE_ENGINE`
- `DBBACKUP_READ_FILE`
- `DBBACKUP_WRITE_FILE`
- `DBBACKUP_BACKUP_DIRECTORY`: **Was used by** `Filesystem` storage, use `location` parameter
- `DBBACKUP_SQLITE_BACKUP_COMMANDS`: **Was used by** `SQLite` database, use `CONNECTORS`'s parameters.
- `DBBACKUP_SQLITE_RESTORE_COMMANDS`: **Same as** `SQLITE_BACKUP_COMMANDS`
- `DBBACKUP_MYSQL_BACKUP_COMMANDS`: **Same as** `SQLITE_BACKUP_COMMANDS` **but for** `MySQL`
- `DBBACKUP_MYSQL_RESTORE_COMMANDS`: **Same as** `MYSQL_BACKUP_COMMANDS`
- `DBBACKUP_POSTGRESQL_BACKUP_COMMANDS` **Same as** `MYSQL_BACKUP_COMMANDS` **but for** `PostgreSQL`
- `DBBACKUP_POSTGRESQL_RESTORE_COMMANDS`: **Same as** `DBBACKUP_POSTGRESQL_BACKUP_COMMANDS`:  
**Was used to activate** `PostGIS`, use `PgDumpGisConnector` connector to enable this option
- `DBBACKUP_POSTGRESQL_RESTORE_SINGLE_TRANSACTION`: **Must be set in**  
`CONNECTORS [ 'dbname' ] [ 'single_transaction' ]`
- `DBBACKUP_BUILTIN_STORAGE`

## 7.2 Commands

### 7.2.1 dbrestore

`--backup-extension` has been removed, DBBackup should automatically know the appropriate file.

Listing from this command, `--list`, has been removed in favor of `listbackups` command.

### 7.2.2 mediabackup

mediabackup's `--no-compress` option has been replaced by `--compress` to maintain consistency with other commands.

This command can now backup remote storage, not only the local filesystem `DBBACKUP_BACKUP_DIRECTORY`.

### 7.2.3 mediarestore

You are now able to restore your media files backups. Unfortunately you'll not be able to restore backup files from previous versions of dbbackup.

## 7.3 Database connector

We made a total refactoring of DBCommands system. It is now easier to use, configure and implement a custom connector.

All database configuration for backups are defined in settings `DBBACKUP_CONNECTORS`. By default, the `DATABASES` parameters are used but can be overridden in this new constant.

**This dictionary stores configuration about how backups are made**, the path of the backup command (`/bin/mysqldump`), add a suffix or a prefix

to the command line, environment variable, etc.

The system has been kept pretty simple and can detect alone how to backup your DB. If it can't just submit to us your Django DB Engine and we'll try to fix it.

### 7.3.1 SQLite

Previously a backup was made by copying the database file. Now you have the choice between making a raw snapshot or making a real SQL dump. It can be useful to exclude tables or to not overwrite data.

If you want to restore your old backups choose `dbbackup.db.sqlite.SQLiteCPConnector`.

## 7.4 Storage engine

All storage engines has been removed from DBBackup except the basic filesystem storage. The project now uses Django storages as an intermediary driver.

`settings.DBBACKUP_STORAGE` must now be a full path to a Django storage, for example `'django.core.files.storage.FileSystemStorage'`. `settings.DBBACKUP_STORAGE_OPTIONS` maintains its function of containing the options of the storage.



If you were using a storage backend that has been removed, don't worry, we will ensure you have a solution by testing and writing an equivalent using Django-Storages.



Dbbackup is a free license software where all help are welcomed. This documentation aims to help users or developers to bring their contributions to this project.

### 8.1 Submit a bug, issue or enhancement

All communication are made with [GitHub issues](#). Do not hesitate to open a issue if:

- You have an improvement idea
- You found a bug
- You've got a question
- More generally something seems wrong for you

### 8.2 Make a patch

We use [GitHub pull requests](#) to manage all patches. For a better handling of requests we advise you to:

1. Fork the project and make a new branch
2. Make your changes with tests if possible and documentation if needed
3. Push changes to your fork repository and test it with Travis
4. If it succeeds, open a pull request
5. Bother us until we give you an answer

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**Note:** We advise you to launch it with Python 2 & 3 before push and try it in Travis. DBBackup uses a lot of file operations, so breaks between Python versions are easy.

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## 8.3 Test environment

We provides tools to help developers to quickly test and develop DBBackup. There are 2 majors scripts:

- `runtests.py`: Unit tests launcher and equivalent of `manage.py` in the test project.
- `functional.sh`: Shell script that use `runtests.py` to create a database backup and restore it, the same with media, and test if they are restored.

### 8.3.1 `runtests.py`

You can test code on your local machine with the `runtests.py` script:

```
python runtests.py
```

But if argument are provided, it acts as `manage.py` so you can simply launch some other command to test deeply, example:

```
# Enter in Python shell
python runtests.py shell

# Launch a particular test module
python runtests.py test dbbackup.tests.test_utils
```

All tests are stored in `dbbackup.tests`.

### 8.3.2 `functional.sh`

It tests at a higher level if backup/restore mechanism is alright. It becomes powerful because of the configuration you can give to it. See the next chapter for explanation about it.

### 8.3.3 Configuration

DBBackup contains a test Django project at `dbbackup.tests` and its `settings` module. This configuration takes care of the following environment variables:

**DB\_ENGINE** - Default: `django.db.backends.sqlite3`

Databank-Engine to use. See in `django.db.backends` for default backends.

**DB\_NAME** - Default: `:memory:`

Database name. Should be set correctly if a db other than `sqlite3` is used.

**DB\_USER** - Default: `None`

DB Username

**DB\_PASSWORD** - Default: `None`

DB Password

**DB\_HOST** - Default: `None`

DB Host

**MEDIA\_ROOT** - Default: `tempfile.mkdtemp()`

Django's `MEDIA_ROOT`, useful if you want test media backup from filesystem

**STORAGE** - Default: `dbbackup.tests.utils.FakeStorage`

Storage used for backups

**STORAGE\_OPTIONS**

Options for instantiating the chosen storage. It must be formatted as `"key1=foo, key2=bar"` and will be converted into a `dict`.

## 8.4 Online CI

We use [Travis](#) which tests Dbbackup with a matrix of components' versions: Several versions of Django and several versions of Python including 2, 3 and PyPy.

Code coverage is ensured with [Coveralls](#) and the project has not yet reached a minimum coverage limit.

Code health is checked with [Landscape](#)



### 9.1 4.0.0b0 (2021-12-19)

- Fix RemovedInDjango41Warning related to default\_app\_config #413
- Add authentication database support for MongoDB #379
- Remove six dependency #371
- Explicitly support Python 3.6+. #408
- Drop support for end of life Django versions. Currently support 2.2, 3.2, 4.0. #408
- Replace ugettext\_lazy with gettext\_lazy #342
- Changed logging settings from settings.py to late init #332
- Fix authentication error when postgres is password protected #361
- Use exclude-table-data instead of exclude-table #363
- Add support for exclude tables data in the command interface #375
- Move author and version information into setup.py to allow building package in isolated environment (e.g. with the build package). #414
- Documentation fixes #341 #333 #349 #348 #337 #411

### 9.2 3.3.0 (2020-04-14)

- Documentation fixes #341 #333 #328 #320 #305 #303 #302 #298 #281 #266 #349 #348 #337
- “output-filename” in mediabackup command #324
- Fixes for test infrastructure and mongodb support #318
- sqlite3: don’t throw warnings if table already exists #317

- Fixes for django3 and updated travis (and File handling) [#316](#)
- Restoring from FTP [#313](#)
- Fixes to run dbbackup management command in Postgres for non-latin Windows. [#273](#)
- Apply changes from pull request 244; Update to include sftp storage [#280](#)
- Quick fix for proper selection of DB name to restore [#260](#)



## CHAPTER 10

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### Compatibility

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As we want to ensure a lot of platforms will be able to save data before upgrading, Django-DBBackup supports PyPy, 3.2 to 3.5 and Django greater than 2.2



## CHAPTER 11

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### Other Resources

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- [GitHub repository](#)
- [PyPI project](#)
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- [GitHub issues](#)
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