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Data migration tool - Part I: from Postgres to IRIS

Sometimes it is necessary to transfer or migrate data and data schema from Postgres to IRIS. There are currently a few options for doing this, but the two most popular options are using DBeaver (<https://openexchange.intersystems.com/package/DBeaver>) or SQLGateway. The first will be demonstrated in this article and the second is presented in an excellent article by Robert Cemper, DB Migration using SQLgateway (<https://community.intersystems.com/post/db-migration-using-sqlgateway>), see in this article how to perform this migration using DBeaver:

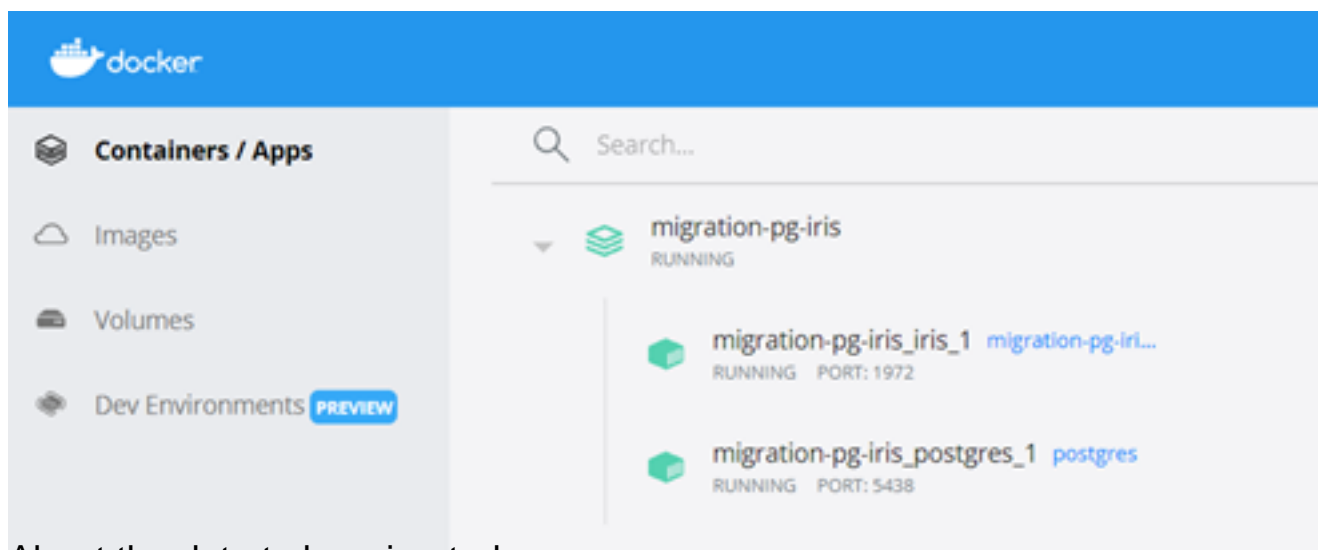
Get the sample data to the migration process

In the Github is possible download a docker compose project to build and run 2 databases:

- Source Database: PostgreSQL database Docker instance with a sample database.
- Target Database: InterSystems IRIS data platform Docker instance with a ready schema to receive the source database.

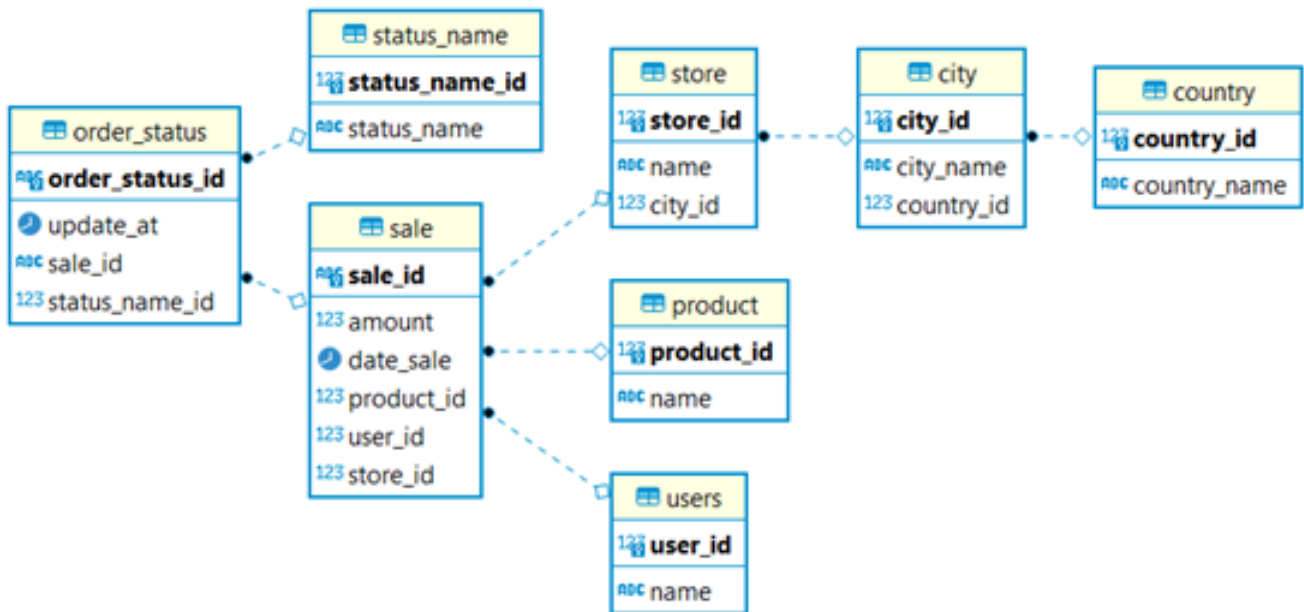
To get the sample and run it, follow these steps:

1. Go to the <https://github.com/yurimarx/migration-pg-iris> and click Download to go to the git repository.
2. Clone the project: git clone <https://github.com/yurimarx/migration-pg-iris.git>.
3. Go to the project folder migration-pg-iris.
4. Do the build: docker-compose build.
5. Execute the containers: docker-compose up -d.
6. See in your docker desktop with the instances are ok:



About the data to be migrated

The data to be migrated is represented here:



So, the migration process from PostgreSQL to IRIS will migrate:

- 08 tables.
- 1000000 rows of sale.
- 250000 rows of users.
- 300 rows of product.
- 500 rows of store.
- 100 rows of country.
- 30 rows of city.
- 5 rows of status_name.

The migration destination will be `dctest` schema inside `USER` namespace in the InterSystems IRIS database.

Open-source tool to migrate from PostgreSQL to IRIS: DBeaver

DBeaver is a database tool to connect, create, drop, select, update and delete data objects to the main database products in the market. Download it from: <https://openexchange.intersystems.com/package/DBeaver>. Now follow the installation instructions to get this fantastic product into your laptop or desktop.

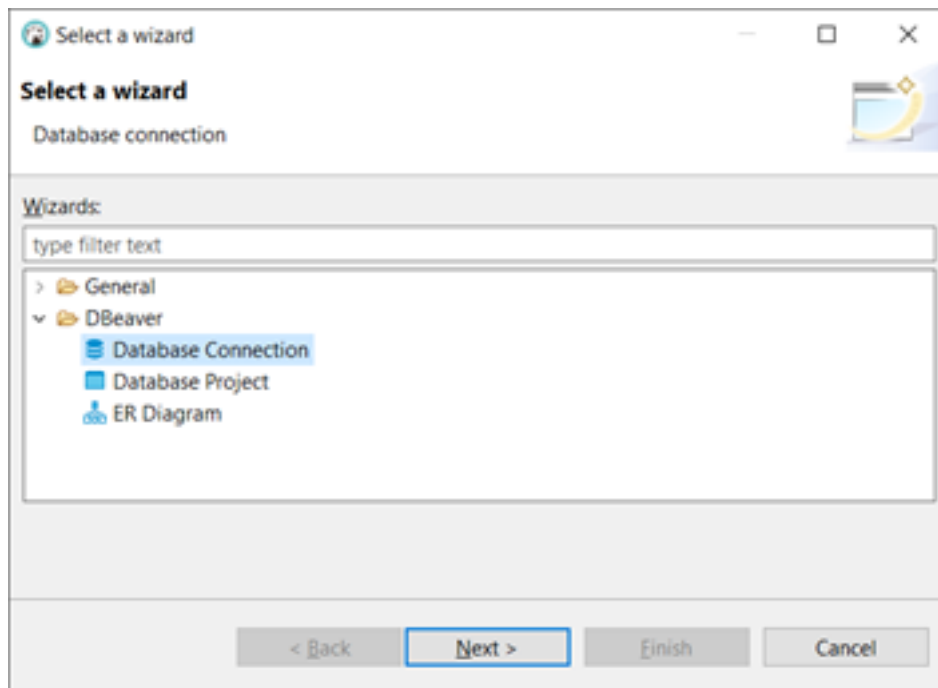
DBeaver can be used to migrate data between database connections, even if they are from different manufacturers and versions.

Connecting the Source and Target Databases using the DBeaver

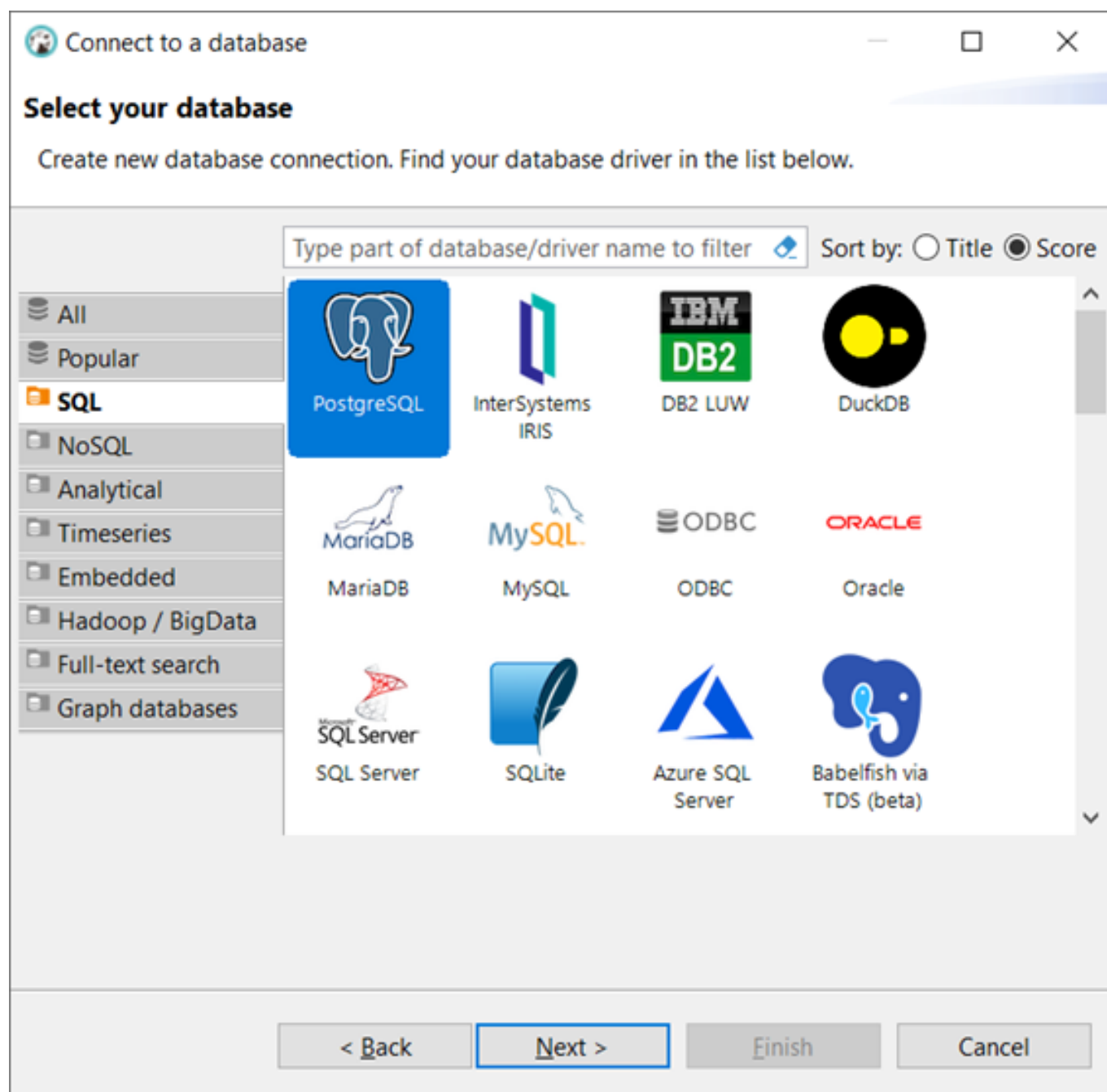
Now we will set the database connections to be migrated.

To set PostgreSQL connection to the DBeaver:

1. In the DBeaver Go to File > New.
2. Select Database Connection and click Next:

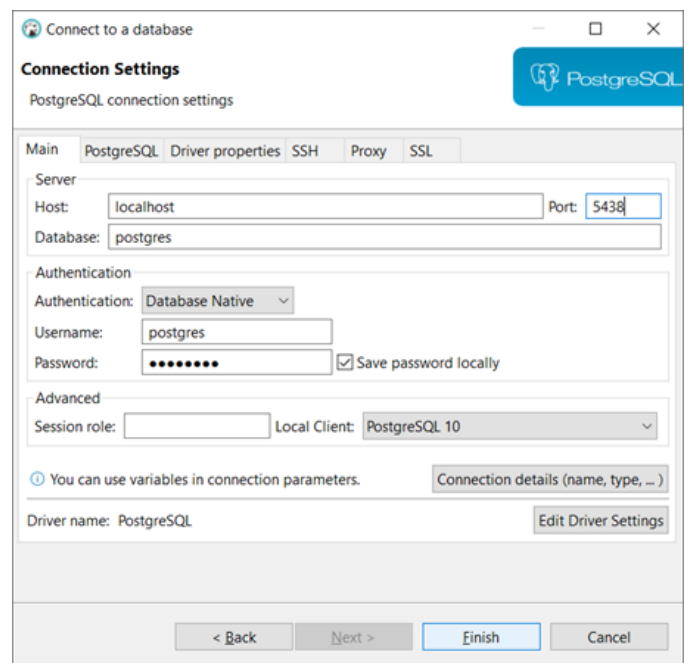


3. Choose SQL tab > PostgreSQL and click next:



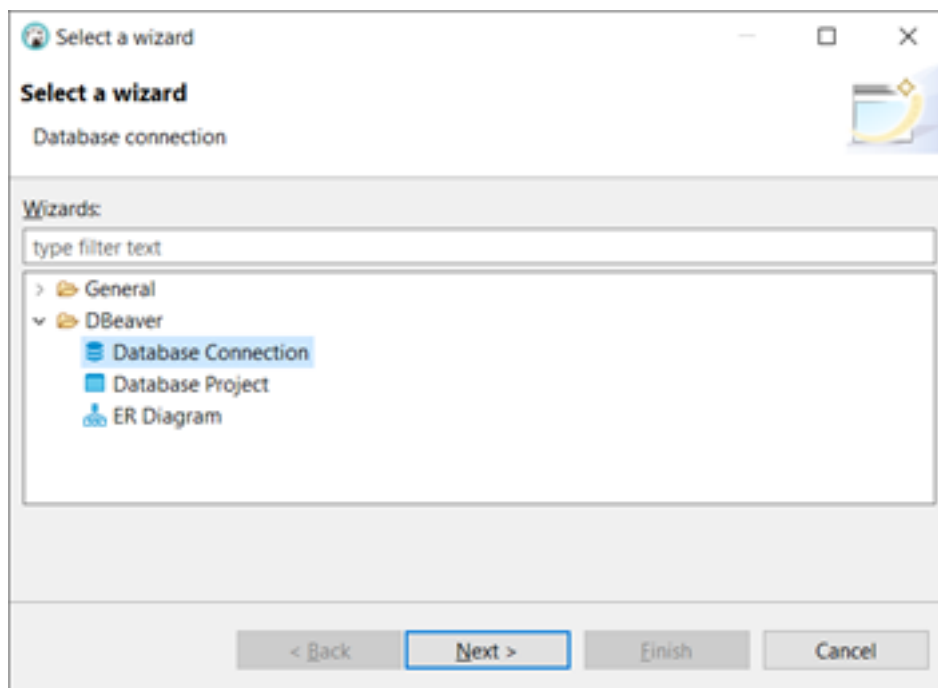
4. Fill the PostgreSQL connection fields like this picture:

- Host: localhost
- Port: 5438
- Database: postgres
- Username: postgres
- Password: postgres
- Click Finish.

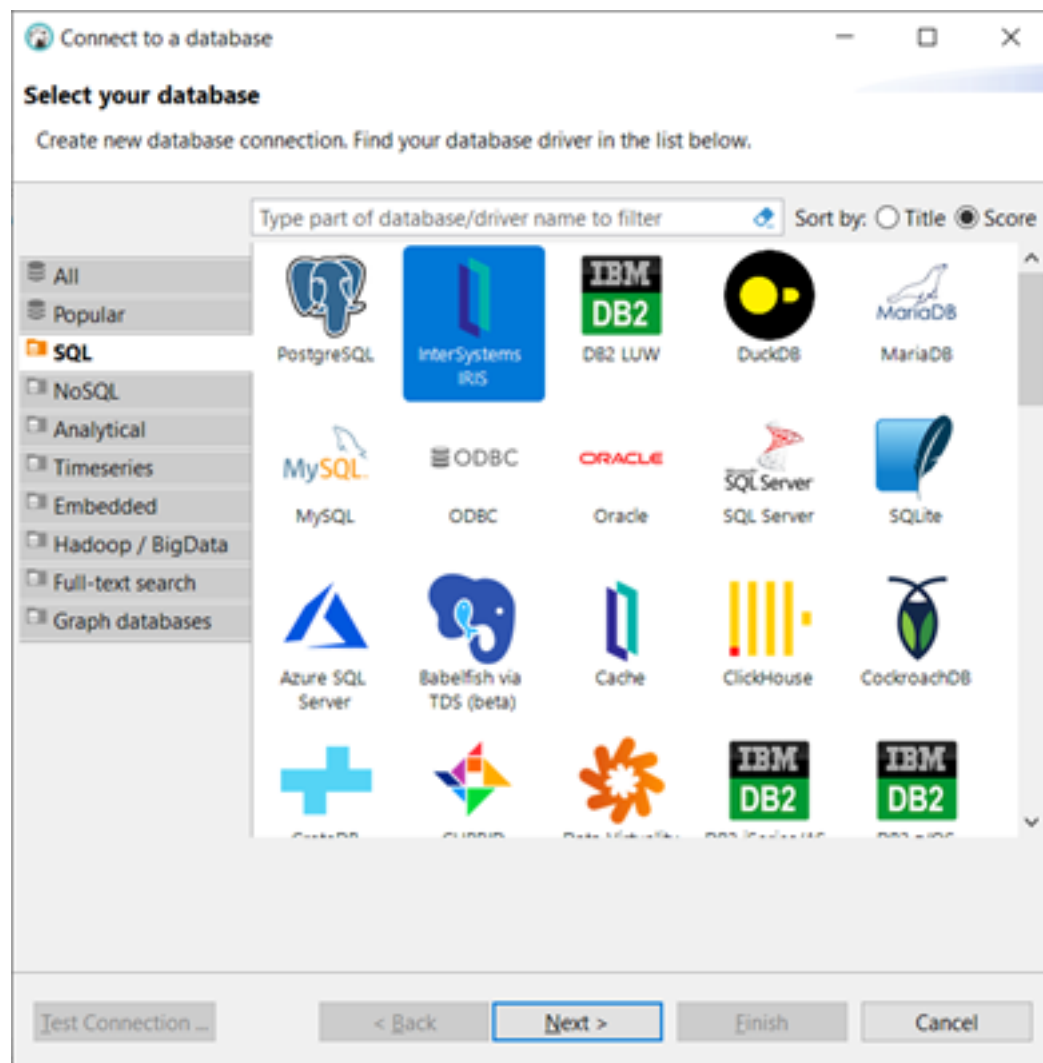


To set InterSystems IRIS connection to the DBeaver:

1. In the DBeaver Go to File > New.
2. Select Database Connection and click Next:



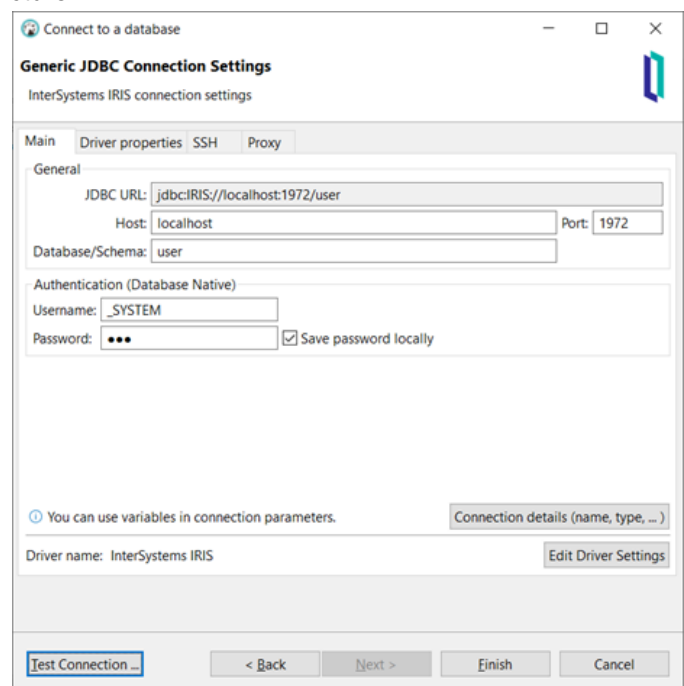
3. Choose SQL tab > InterSystems IRIS and click next:



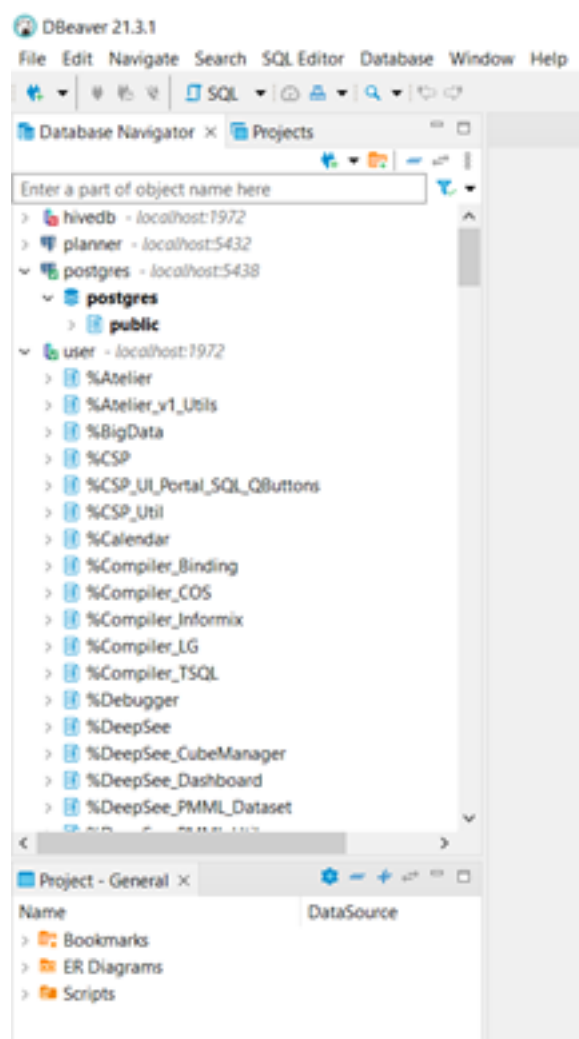
4. If DBeaver requests to download the InterSystems IRIS driver, press Yes or Ok.

5. Set the InterSystems IRIS connection fields like this picture:

- Host: localhost
- Database/Schema: user
- Username: SYSTEM
- Password: SYS
- Click Text Connection and Finish.



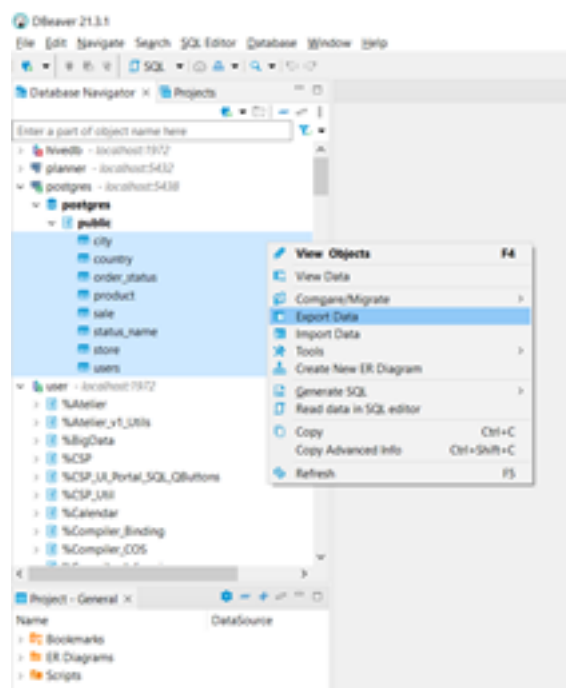
6. The connections (postgres and user) are available in the Database Navigator:



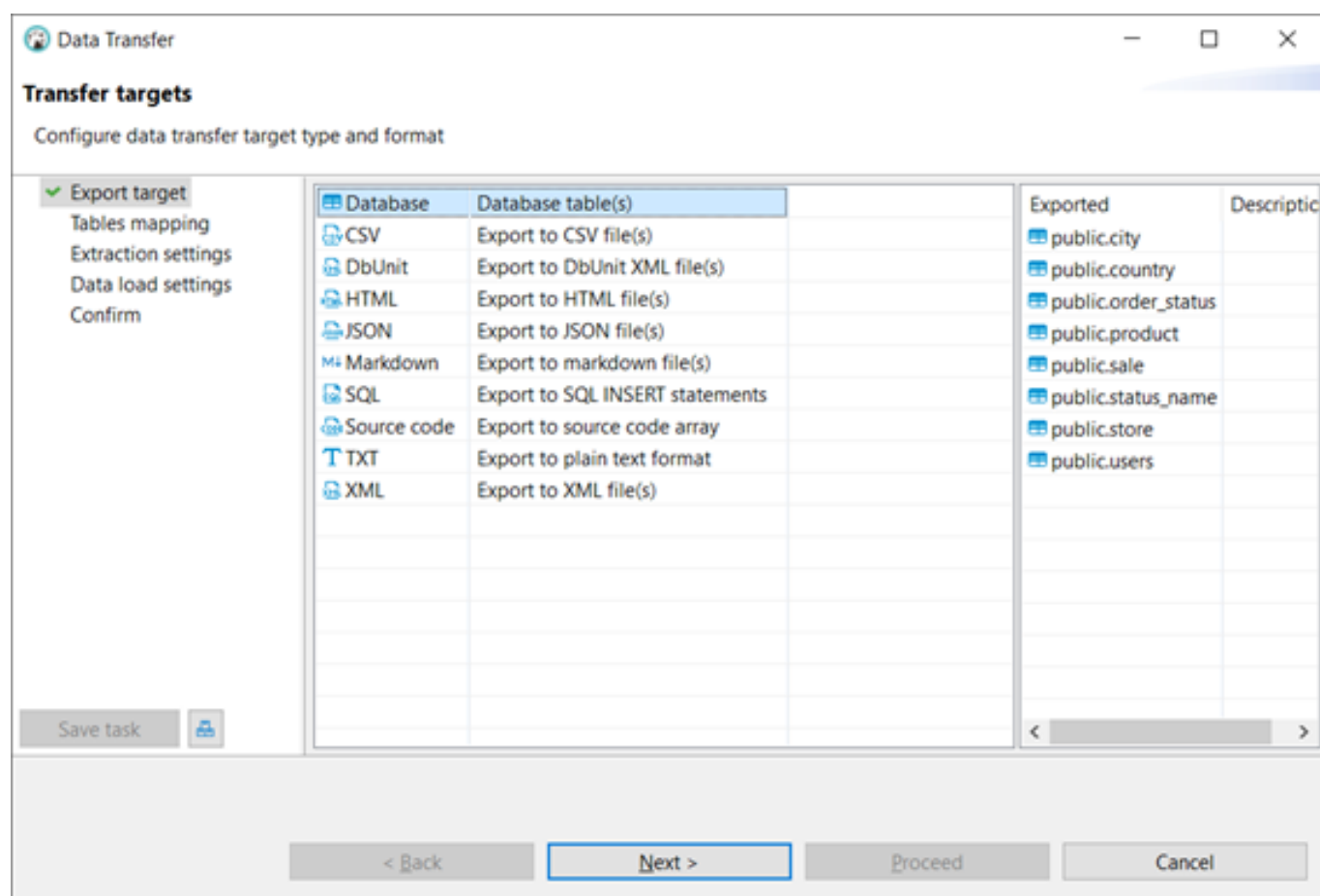
Do the migration

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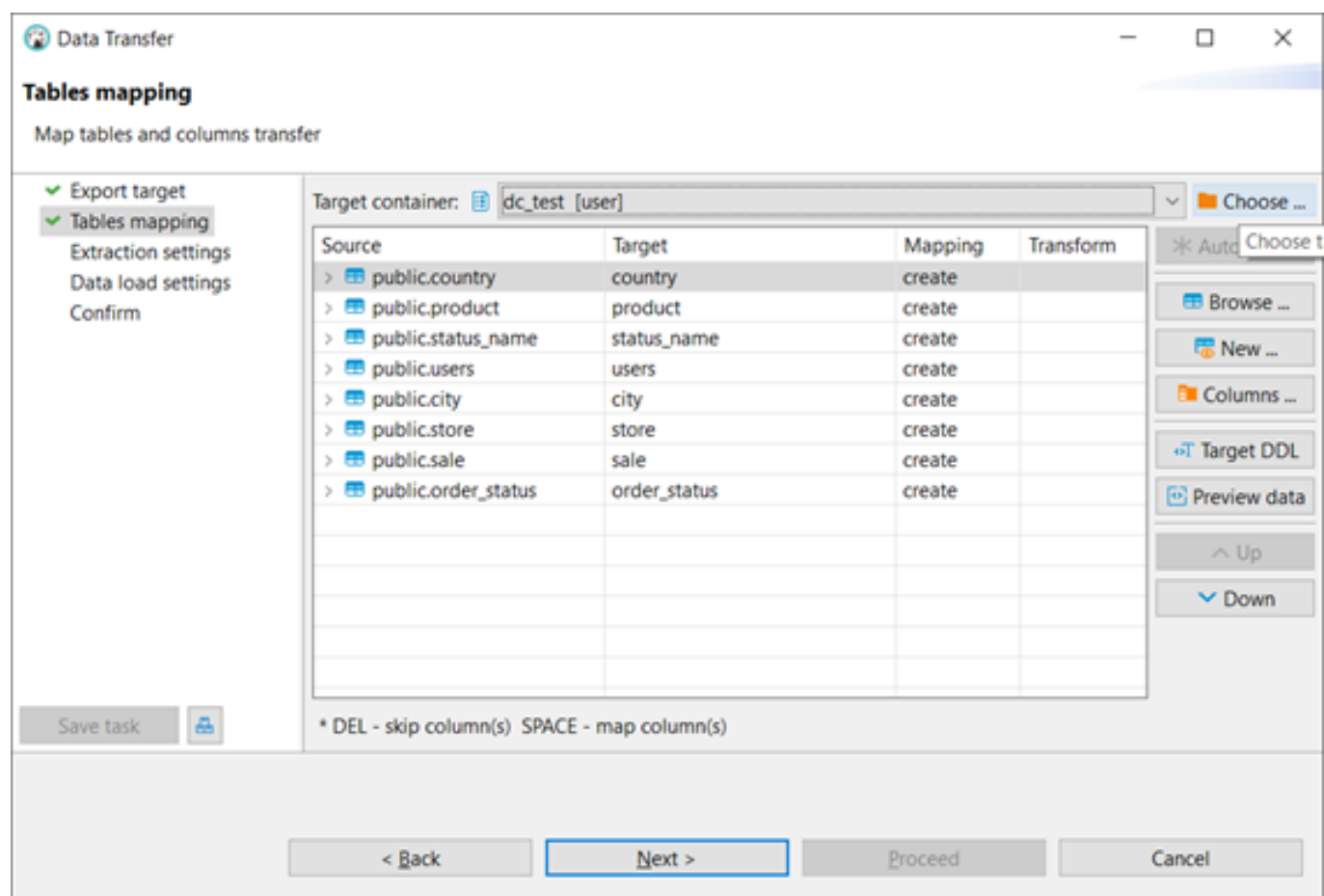
1. Expand the postgres connection > public and select all tables. Click with the mouse right button with the tables selected and choose Export Data, like this picture:



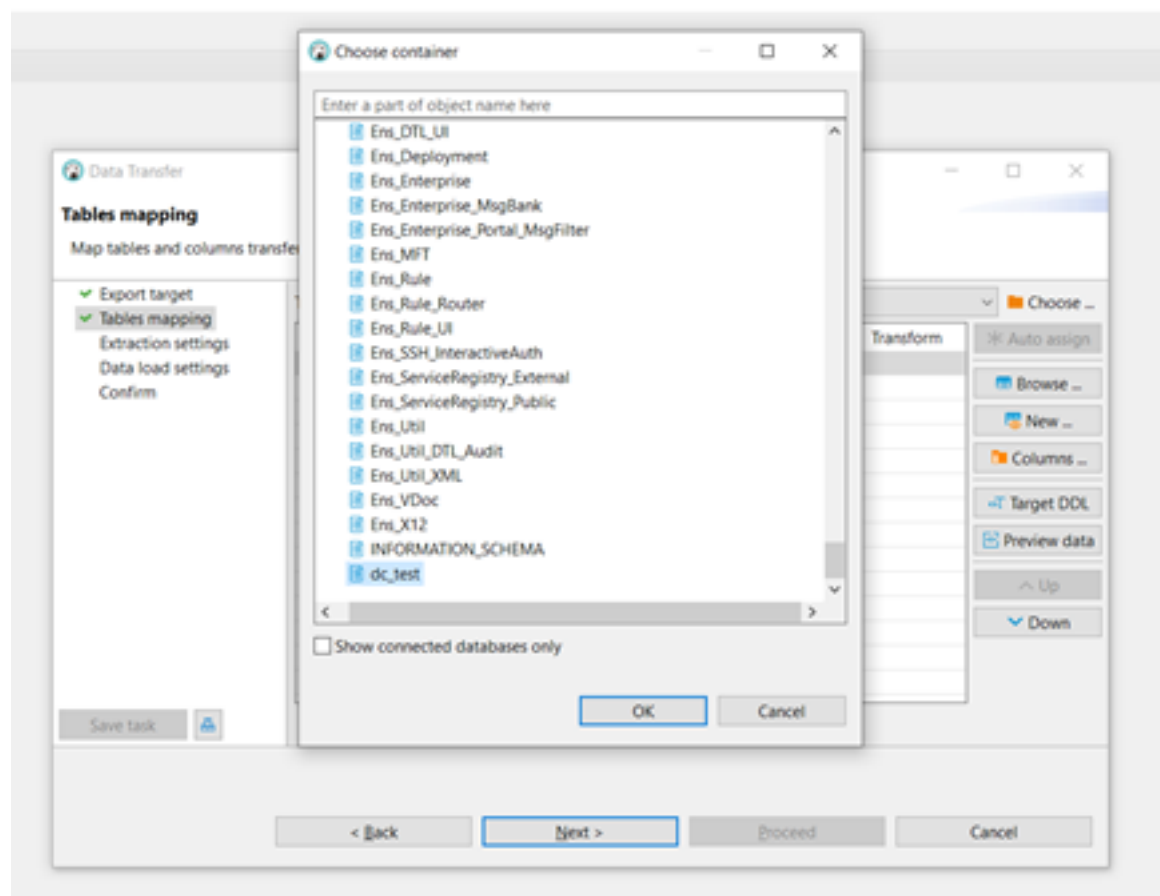
2. Select Database, like in this picture and click Next



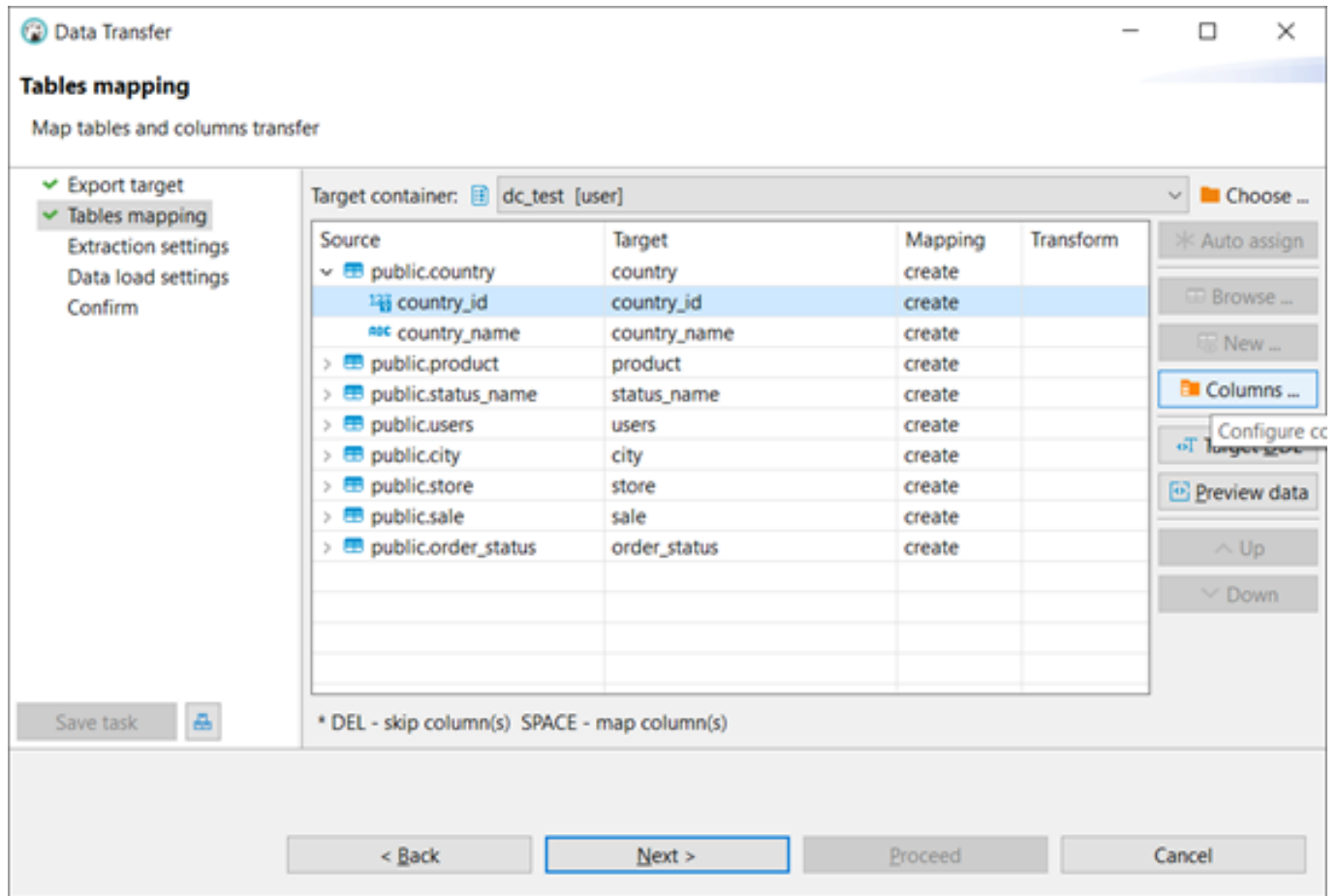
3. Click the Choose button:



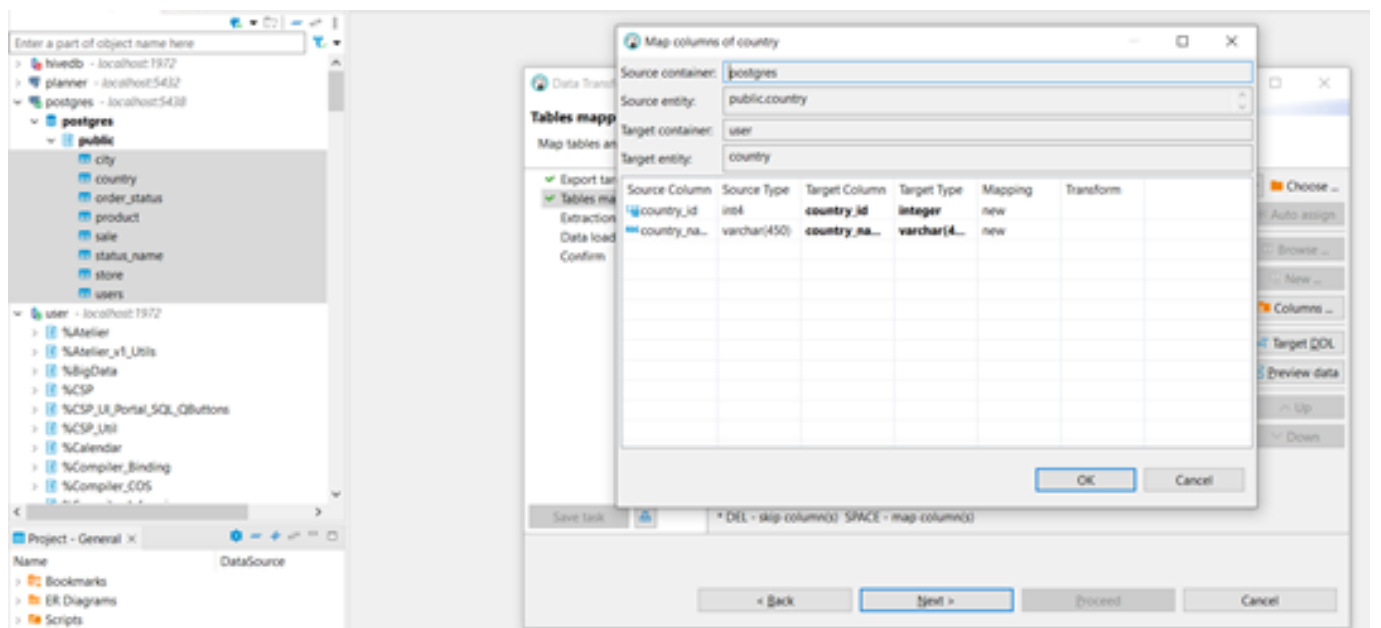
4. Select dctest and click Ok.



5. Now It is necessary change some data type configurations for the target database, because the IRIS and PostgreSQL use different data types for integer and decimal values.
6. Expand public.country table, select the first field (country_id) and click Columns...



7. Change the Target Type from int4 to integer and click Ok.



8. Repeat the process to the tables
 - a. public.product.

- b. public.statusname.
- c. public.users.
- d. public.city (change the type to integer for cityid and countryid).
- e. public.store (change the type to integer for storeid and cityid).
- f. public.sale (change the type to double for amount and integer for productid, userid and storeid)

Map columns of sale

Source container: postgres

Source entity: public.sale

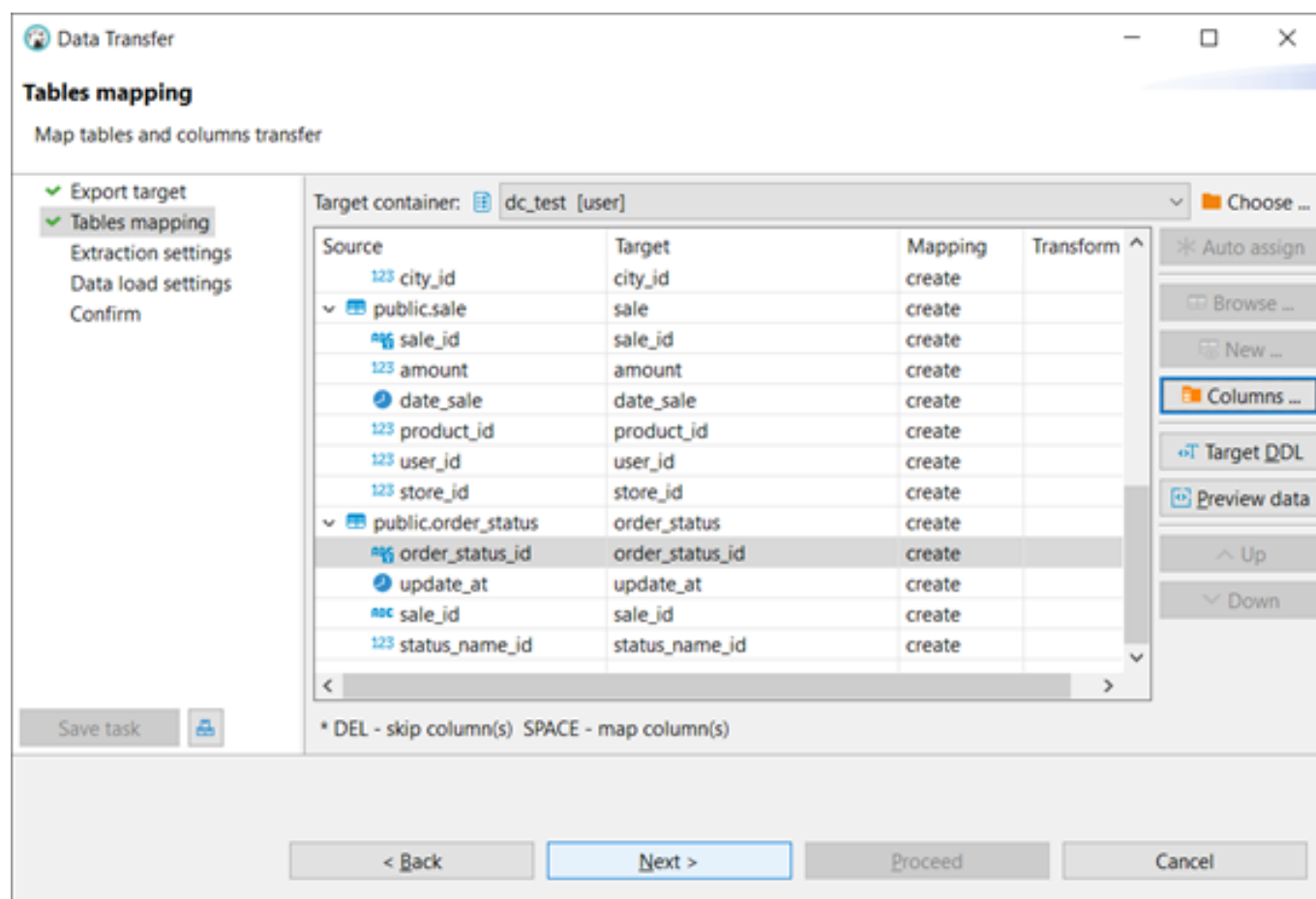
Target container: user

Target entity: sale

Source Column	Source Type	Target Column	Target Type	Mapping	Transform
sale_id	varchar(200)	sale_id	varchar(200)	new	
amount	numeric	amount	double	new	
date_sale	timestamp	date_sale	timestamp	new	
product_id	int4	product_id	integer	new	
user_id	int4	user_id	integer	new	
store_id	int4	store_id	integer	new	

OK Cancel

- g. public.orderstatus (change statusnameid to integer).
9. Now with the Target Data Types changed, click Next.



Data Transfer

Tables mapping


Map tables and columns transfer

✓ Export target
✓ **Tables mapping**
Extraction settings
Data load settings
Confirm

Target container: **dc_test [user]** Choose ...

Source	Target	Mapping	Transform
123 city_id	city_id	create	
public.sale	sale	create	
123 sale_id	sale_id	create	
123 amount	amount	create	
123 date_sale	date_sale	create	
123 product_id	product_id	create	
123 user_id	user_id	create	
123 store_id	store_id	create	
public.order_status	order_status	create	
123 order_status_id	order_status_id	create	
123 update_at	update_at	create	
123 sale_id	sale_id	create	
123 status_name_id	status_name_id	create	

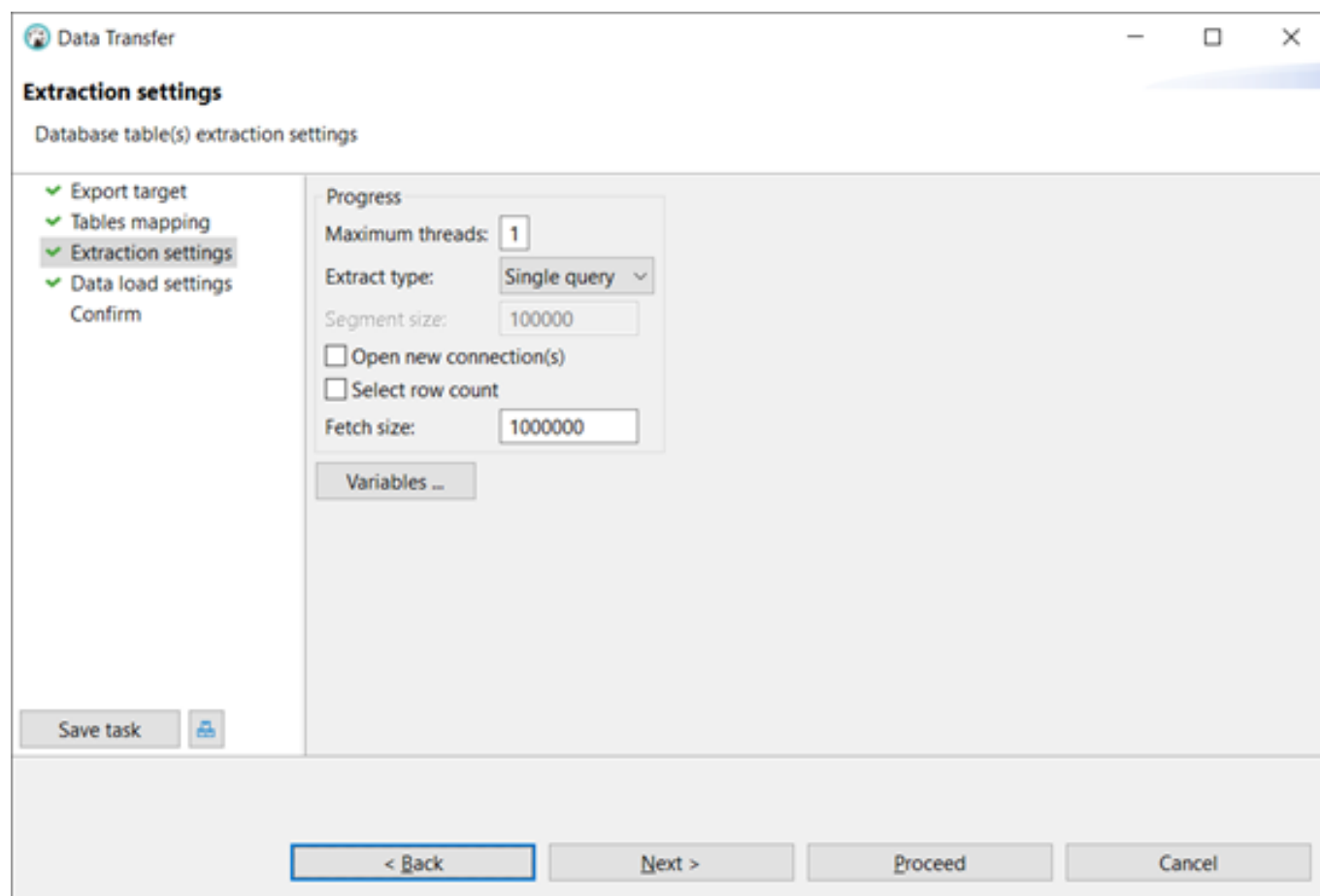
* DEL - skip column(s) SPACE - map column(s)

Save task 

< Back Next > Proceed Cancel

Auto assign
Browse ...
New ...
Columns ...
Target DDL
Preview data
Up
Down

10. Set Fetch size to 1000000 and click Next.



Data Transfer

Extraction settings

Database table(s) extraction settings

✓ Export target
✓ Tables mapping
✓ **Extraction settings**
✓ Data load settings
Confirm

Progress

Maximum threads:

Extract type: **Single query**


Segment size:

☐ Open new connection(s)

☐ Select row count

Fetch size:

Variables ...

Save task 

< Back Next > Proceed Cancel

11. Accept the default values to the Data load settings and click Next.

The screenshot shows the 'Data Transfer' application window with the 'Data load settings' tab selected. The window title is 'Data Transfer'. The main heading is 'Data load settings' with the subtitle 'Configuration of table data load'. On the left, a sidebar lists steps: 'Export target', 'Tables mapping', 'Extraction settings', 'Data load settings' (highlighted), and 'Confirm'. The main area is divided into three sections: 'Data load', 'Performance', and 'General'. The 'Data load' section has checkboxes for 'Transfer auto-generated columns' (checked), 'Truncate target table(s) before load' (unchecked), and 'Disable referential integrity checks during the transfer' (unchecked). It also has a 'Replace method' dropdown set to '<None>' and a link for 'Replace/ignore method documentation'. The 'Performance' section has checkboxes for 'Open new connection(s)' (checked), 'Use transactions' (checked), 'Use multi-row value insert' (unchecked), 'Skip bind values during insert' (unchecked), 'Disable batches' (unchecked), and 'Use bulk load' (unchecked). It also has a 'Do Commit after row insert' field set to '1000000' and a '500' field next to the 'Use multi-row value insert' checkbox. The 'General' section has checkboxes for 'Open table editor on finish' (checked) and 'Show finish message' (checked). At the bottom left is a 'Save task' button. At the bottom right are four buttons: '< Back', 'Next >' (highlighted with a blue border), 'Proceed', and 'Cancel'.

Data Transfer

Data load settings
Configuration of table data load

✓ Export target
✓ Tables mapping
✓ Extraction settings
✓ **Data load settings**
Confirm

Data load

- ☒ Transfer auto-generated columns
- ☐ Truncate target table(s) before load
- ☐ Disable referential integrity checks during the transfer

Replace method: <None>

[Replace/ignore method documentation](#)

Performance

- ☒ Open new connection(s)
- ☒ Use transactions
- Do Commit after row insert: 1000000
- ☐ Use multi-row value insert 500
- ☐ Skip bind values during insert
- ☐ Disable batches
- ☐ Use bulk load

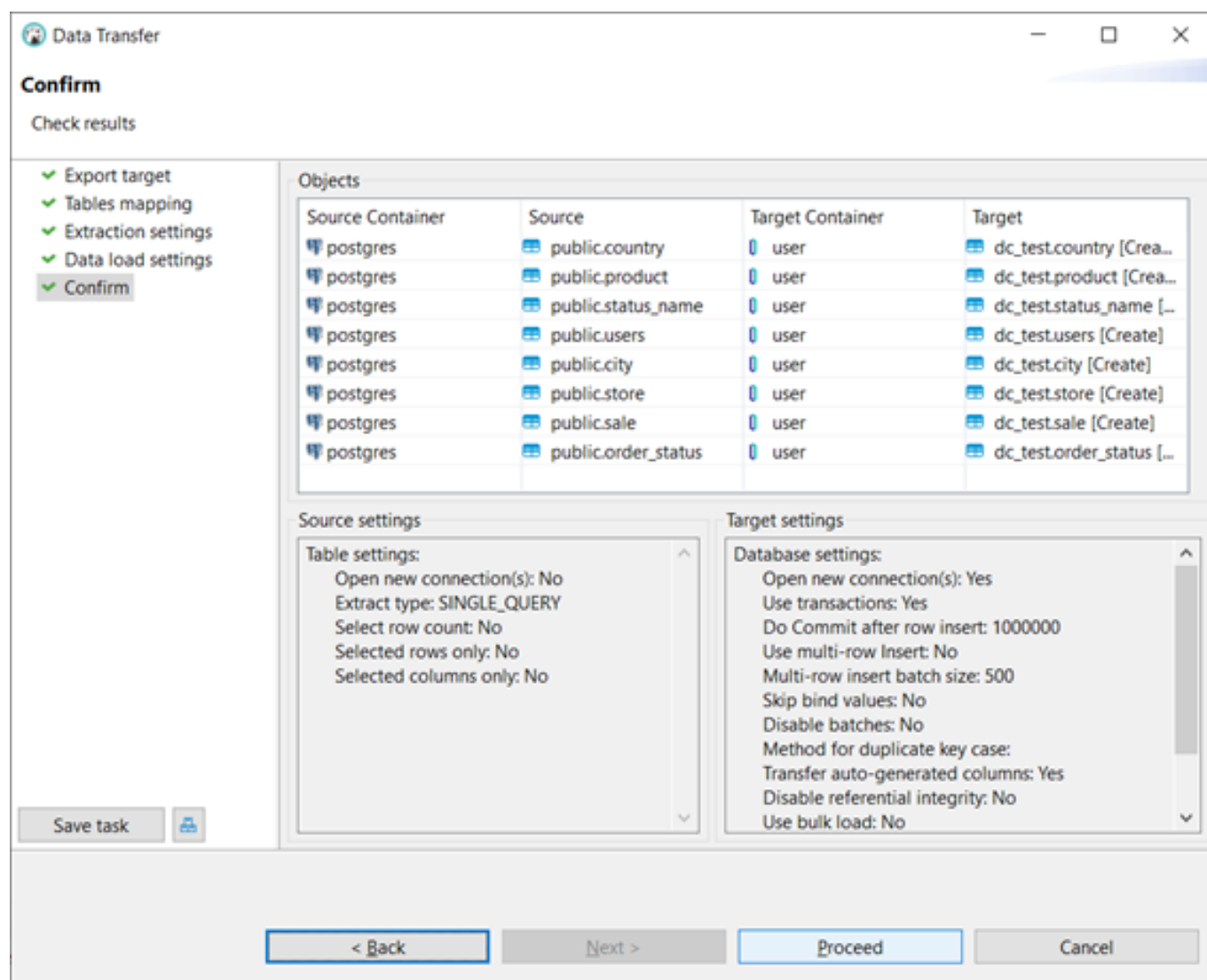
General

- ☒ Open table editor on finish
- ☒ Show finish message

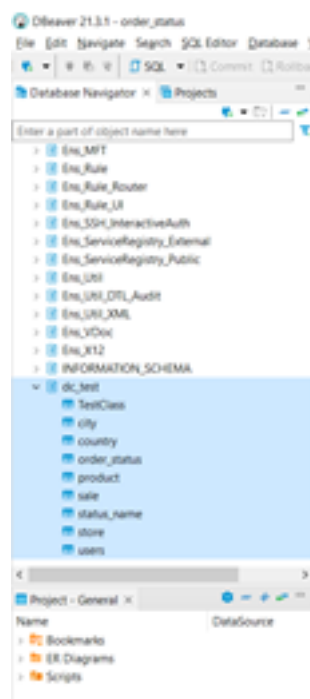
Save task

< Back **Next >** Proceed Cancel

12. In the Confirm click Proceed.



13. Now see in the Database Navigator all PostgreSQL Tables inside InterSystems IRIS dctest schema.



The migration process was very simple for tables, but for views, functions, triggers and stored procedures, you need to rewrite the SQL source code using ObjectScript or SQL.

What do you get by migrating to IRIS?

This list summarizes what you get in IRIS:

- API Management.
- Visual Reports (IRIS Reports).
- AutoML (IntegratedML).
- Multilanguage application/data development (Python, Java, .NET, JavaScript).
- ESB.
- BI/Analytics.
- NLP.
- Microservices development.
- Multimodel database (SQL, JSON, Analytical Cubes, Object Oriented).
- Sharding.

In summary, when migrating to IRIS you get a data platform, when before you only had a database.

[#Data Import and Export](#) [#InterSystems IRIS](#)

Source URL: <https://community.intersystems.com/post/data-migration-tool-part-i-postgres-iris>