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# **Description**

connect creates a connection to a database server .There are four ways to call this function:

• connect(dbms, user, password, server, port, schema, extraSettings, oracleDriver,

- connect(connectionDetails)
- connect(dbms, connectionString, pathToDriver))
- connect(dbms, connectionString, user, password, pathToDriver)

# **Arguments**

connectionDetails

An object of class connectionDetails as created by the createConnectionDetails function.

dbms

The type of DBMS running on the server. Valid values are

- · "oracle" for Oracle
- "postgresql" for PostgreSQL
- · "redshift" for Amazon Redshift
- "sql server" for Microsoft SQL Server
- "pdw" for Microsoft Parallel Data Warehouse (PDW)
- "netezza" for IBM Netezza
- "bigquery" for Google BigQuery
- "sqlite" for SQLite

The user name used to access the server. user

The password for that user. password The name of the server. server

port (optional) The port on the server to connect to. (optional) The name of the schema to connect to. schema

(optional) Additional configuration settings specific to the database provider to extraSettings configure things as security for SSL. These must follow the format for the JDBC

connection for the RDBMS specified in dbms.

oracleDriver Specify which Oracle drive you want to use. Choose between "thin" or "oci". connectionString

> The JDBC connection string. If specified, the server, port, extraSettings, and oracleDriver fields are ignored. If user and password are not specified, they are assumed to already be included in the connection string.

Path to the JDBC driver JAR files. Currently only needed for BigQuery, Impala pathToDriver

and Netezza. See jdbcDrivers for details on how to get the drivers.

# **Details**

This function creates a connection to a database.

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#### Value

An object that extends DBIConnection in a database-specific manner. This object is used to direct commands to the database engine.

# **DBMS** parameter details

Depending on the DBMS, the function arguments have slightly different interpretations:

#### Oracle:

- · user. The user name used to access the server
- password. The password for that user
- server. This field contains the SID, or host and servicename, SID, or TNSName: '<sid>', '<host>/<sid>', '<host>/<service name>', or '<tnsname>'
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 1521)
- schema. This field contains the schema (i.e. 'user' in Oracle terms) containing the tables
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "(PROTOCOL=tcps)")
- oracleDriver The driver to be used. Choose between "thin" or "oci".

#### Microsoft SQL Server:

- user. The user used to log in to the server. If the user is not specified, Windows Integrated Security will be used, which requires the SQL Server JDBC drivers to be installed (see details below).
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- server. This field contains the host name of the server
- port. Not used for SQL Server
- schema. The database containing the tables. If both database and schema are specified (e.g. 'my\_database.dbo', then only the database part is used, the schema is ignored.
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "encrypt=true; trustServerCertificate=false;")

### Microsoft PDW:

- user. The user used to log in to the server. If the user is not specified, Windows Integrated Security will be used, which requires the SQL Server JDBC drivers to be installed (see details below).
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- · server. This field contains the host name of the server
- port. Not used for SQL Server
- schema. The database containing the tables
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "encrypt=true; trustServerCertificate=false;")

# PostgreSQL:

- user. The user used to log in to the server
- password. The password used to log on to the server

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 server. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>

- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5432)
- schema. The schema containing the tables.
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true")

#### Redshift:

- user. The user used to log in to the server
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- server. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5439)
- schema. The schema containing the tables.
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true&sslfactory=com.amazon.redshift.ssl.NonValidatingFactory")

#### Netezza:

- user. The user used to log in to the server
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- server. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5480)
- schema. The schema containing the tables.
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true")
- pathToDriver The path to the folder containing the Netezza JDBC driver JAR file (nzjdbc.jar).

# Impala:

- user. The user name used to access the server
- password. The password for that user
- server. The host name of the server
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 21050)
- schema. The database containing the tables
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "SS-LKeyStorePwd=\*\*\*\*\*")
- pathToDriver The path to the folder containing the Impala JDBC driver JAR files.

# SQLite:

• server. The path to the SQLIte file

To be able to use Windows authentication for SQL Server (and PDW), you have to install the JDBC driver. Download the .exe from Microsoft and run it, thereby extracting its contents to a folder. In the extracted folder you will find the file sqljdbc\_4.0/enu/auth/x64/sqljdbc\_auth.dll (64-bits) or sqljdbc\_4.0/enu/auth/x86/sqljdbc\_auth.dll (32-bits), which needs to be moved to location on the system path, for example to c:/windows/system32.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
conn <- connect(dbms = "postgresql",</pre>
                server = "localhost/postgres",
                user = "root",
                password = "xxx"
                schema = "cdm_v4")
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)
conn <- connect(dbms = "sql server", server = "RNDUSRDHIT06.jnj.com", schema = "Vocabulary")</pre>
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM concept")
disconnect(conn)
conn <- connect(dbms = "oracle",</pre>
                server = "127.0.0.1/xe",
                user = "system",
                password = "xxx",
                schema = "test",
                pathToDriver = "c:/temp")
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM test_table")
disconnect(conn)
conn <- connect(dbms = "postgresql",</pre>
                connectionString = "jdbc:postgresql://127.0.0.1:5432/cmd_database")
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)
## End(Not run)
```

 ${\tt createConnectionDetails}$ 

createConnectionDetails

# **Description**

createConnectionDetails creates a list containing all details needed to connect to a database. There are three ways to call this function:

createConnectionDetails(dbms, user, password, server, port, schema, extraSettings,

• createConnectionDetails(dbms, connectionString, pathToDriver)

• createConnectionDetails(dbms, connectionString, user, password, pathToDriver)

# **Arguments**

dbms

The type of DBMS running on the server. Valid values are

- "oracle" for Oracle
- "postgresql" for PostgreSQL
- "redshift" for Amazon Redshift
- "sql server" for Microsoft SQL Server
- "pdw" for Microsoft Parallel Data Warehouse (PDW)

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• "netezza" for IBM Netezza

• "bigquery" for Google BigQuery

• "sqlite" for SQLite

user The user name used to access the server.

password The password for that user. server The name of the server.

port (optional) The port on the server to connect to. schema (optional) The name of the schema to connect to.

extraSettings (optional) Additional configuration settings specific to the database provider to

configure things as security for SSL. These must follow the format for the JDBC

connection for the RDBMS specified in dbms.

oracleDriver Specify which Oracle drive you want to use. Choose between "thin" or "oci". connectionString

The JDBC connection string. If specified, the server, port, extraSettings, and oracleDriver fields are ignored. If user and password are not specified, they are assumed to already be included in the connection string.

pathToDriver Path to the JDBC driver JAR files. Currently only needed for BigQuery, Impala

and Netezza. See jdbcDrivers for details on how to get the drivers.

# **Details**

This function creates a list containing all details needed to connect to a database. The list can then be used in the connect function.

# Value

A list with all the details needed to connect to a database.

# **DBMS** parameter details

Depending on the DBMS, the function arguments have slightly different interpretations:

# Oracle:

- user. The user name used to access the server
- password. The password for that user
- server. This field contains the SID, or host and servicename, SID, or TNSName: '<sid>', '<host>/<sid>', '<host>/<service name>', or '<tnsname>'
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 1521)
- schema. This field contains the schema (i.e. 'user' in Oracle terms) containing the tables
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "(PROTOCOL=tcps)")
- oracleDriver The driver to be used. Choose between "thin" or "oci".

# Microsoft SQL Server:

- user. The user used to log in to the server. If the user is not specified, Windows Integrated Security will be used, which requires the SQL Server JDBC drivers to be installed (see details below).
- password. The password used to log on to the server

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- server. This field contains the host name of the server
- port. Not used for SQL Server
- schema. The database containing the tables. If both database and schema are specified (e.g. 'my\_database.dbo', then only the database part is used, the schema is ignored.
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "encrypt=true; trustServerCertificate=false;")

#### Microsoft PDW:

- user. The user used to log in to the server. If the user is not specified, Windows Integrated Security will be used, which requires the SQL Server JDBC drivers to be installed (see details below).
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- server. This field contains the host name of the server
- port. Not used for SQL Server
- schema. The database containing the tables
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "encrypt=true; trustServerCertificate=false;")

# PostgreSQL:

- user. The user used to log in to the server
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- server. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas; <host>/<database>
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5432)
- schema. The schema containing the tables.
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true")

#### Redshift:

- user. The user used to log in to the server
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- server. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5439)
- schema. The schema containing the tables.
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true&sslfactory=com.amazon.redshift.ssl.NonValidatingFactory")

#### Netezza:

- user. The user used to log in to the server
- password. The password used to log on to the server
- server. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5480)
- schema. The schema containing the tables.

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 extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true")

• pathToDriver The path to the folder containing the Netezza JDBC driver JAR file (nzjdbc.jar).

### Impala:

- · user. The user name used to access the server
- password. The password for that user
- server. The host name of the server
- port. Specifies the port on the server (default = 21050)
- schema. The database containing the tables
- extraSettings The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "SS-LKeyStorePwd=\*\*\*\*\*")
- pathToDriver The path to the folder containing the Impala JDBC driver JAR files.

#### SQLite:

• server. The path to the SQLIte file

To be able to use Windows authentication for SQL Server (and PDW), you have to install the JDBC driver. Download the .exe from Microsoft and run it, thereby extracting its contents to a folder. In the extracted folder you will find the file sqljdbc\_4.0/enu/auth/x64/sqljdbc\_auth.dll (64-bits) or sqljdbc\_4.0/enu/auth/x86/sqljdbc\_auth.dll (32-bits), which needs to be moved to location on the system path, for example to c:/windows/system32.

# **Examples**

createZipFile

Compress files and/or foldes into a single zip file

#### **Description**

Compress files and/or foldes into a single zip file

# Usage

```
createZipFile(zipFile, files, rootFolder = getwd(),
  compressionLevel = 9)
```

# **Arguments**

zipFile The path to the zip file to be created.

files The files and/or folders to be included in the zip file. Folders will be included

recursively.

rootFolder The root folder. All files will be stored with relative paths relative to this folder.

compressionLevel

A number between 1 and 9. 9 compresses best, but it also takes the longest.

# **Details**

Uses Java's compression library to create a zip file. It is similar to utils::zip, except that it does not require an external zip tool to be available on the system path.

DatabaseConnector

**DatabaseConnector** 

# **Description**

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DatabaseConnectorDriver

Create a DatabaseConnectorDriver object

# **Description**

Create a DatabaseConnectorDriver object

# Usage

DatabaseConnectorDriver()

 $\label{local-pend} {\it Lnsert\ rows\ into\ a\ table} \\ {\it Lnsert\ rows\ into\ a\ table}$ 

# **Description**

The dbAppendTable() method assumes that the table has been created beforehand, e.g. with dbCreateTable(). The default implementation calls sqlAppendTableTemplate() and then dbExecute() with the param argument. Backends compliant to ANSI SQL 99 which use? as a placeholder for prepard queries don't need to override it. Backends with a different SQL syntax which use? as a placeholder for prepared queries can override sqlAppendTable(). Other backends (with different placeholders or with entirely different ways to create tables) need to override the dbAppendTable() method.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection,character,data.frame'
dbAppendTable(conn,
  name, value, temporary = FALSE, oracleTempSchema = NULL, ...,
  row.names = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name Name of the table, escaped with dbQuoteIdentifier().

value A data frame of values. The column names must be consistent with those in the

target table in the database.

temporary Should the table created as a temp table?

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write priviliges where temp tables can be

created.

Other arguments used by individual methods.

row.names Must be NULL.

#### Details

The row.names argument is not supported by this method. Process the values with sqlRownamesToColumn() before calling this method.

# See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

```
dbClearResult,DatabaseConnectorResult-method

Clear a result set
```

# Description

Frees all resources (local and remote) associated with a result set. In some cases (e.g., very large result sets) this can be a critical step to avoid exhausting resources (memory, file descriptors, etc.)

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbClearResult(res, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbClearResult() returns TRUE, invisibly, for result sets obtained from both dbSendQuery() and dbSendStatement(). An attempt to close an already closed result set issues a warning in both cases.

# See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

# Description

Produces a data frame that describes the output of a query. The data frame should have as many rows as there are output fields in the result set, and each column in the data frame describes an aspect of the result set field (field name, type, etc.)

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbColumnInfo(res, ...)
```

# Arguments

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

### Value

dbColumnInfo() returns a data frame with at least two columns "name" and "type" (in that order) (and optional columns that start with a dot). The "name" and "type" columns contain the names and types of the R columns of the data frame that is returned from dbFetch(). The "type" column is of type character and only for information. Do not compute on the "type" column, instead use dbFetch(res, n = 0) to create a zero-row data frame initialized with the correct data types.

An attempt to query columns for a closed result set raises an error.

# See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

```
dbConnect,DatabaseConnectorDriver-method

Create a connection to a DBMS
```

# **Description**

Connect to a database. This function is synonymous with the connect function. except a dummy driver needs to be specified

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorDriver'
dbConnect(drv, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

drv The result of the link{DatabaseConnectorDriver} function
... Other parameters. These are the same as expected by the connect function.

#### Value

Returns a DatabaseConnectorConnection object that can be used with most of the other functions in this package.

# **Examples**

 ${\tt dbCreateTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character,data.frame-method} \\ {\it Create~a~table~in~the~database}$ 

# **Description**

The default dbCreateTable() method calls sqlCreateTable() and dbExecute(). Backends compliant to ANSI SQL 99 don't need to override it. Backends with a different SQL syntax can override sqlCreateTable(), backends with entirely different ways to create tables need to override this method.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character, data.frame'
dbCreateTable(conn,
  name, fields, oracleTempSchema = NULL, ..., row.names = NULL,
  temporary = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name Name of the table, escaped with dbQuoteIdentifier().

fields Either a character vector or a data frame.

A named character vector: Names are column names, values are types. Names

are escaped with dbQuoteIdentifier(). Field types are unescaped.

A data frame: field types are generated using dbDataType().

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write priviliges where temp tables can be

created.

... Other arguments used by individual methods.

row.names Must be NULL.

temporary Should the table created as a temp table?

#### **Details**

The row.names argument is not supported by this method. Process the values with sqlRownamesToColumn() before calling this method.

The argument order is different from the sqlCreateTable() method, the latter will be adapted in a later release of DBI.

### See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

 $\label{local_problem} \mbox{dbDisconnect, DatabaseConnectorConnection-method} \\ \mbox{\it Disconnect (close) a connection}$ 

# Description

This closes the connection, discards all pending work, and frees resources (e.g., memory, sockets).

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection'
dbDisconnect(conn)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

#### Value

```
dbDisconnect() returns TRUE, invisibly.
```

# See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

dbExecute, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method

Execute an update statement, query number of rows affected, and then close result set

# **Description**

Executes a statement and returns the number of rows affected. dbExecute() comes with a default implementation (which should work with most backends) that calls dbSendStatement(), then dbGetRowsAffected(), ensuring that the result is always free-d by dbClearResult().

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbExecute(conn,
    statement, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

statement a character string containing SQL.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

# **Details**

You can also use dbExecute() to call a stored procedure that performs data manipulation or other actions that do not return a result set. To execute a stored procedure that returns a result set use dbGetQuery() instead.

# Value

dbExecute() always returns a scalar numeric that specifies the number of rows affected by the statement. An error is raised when issuing a statement over a closed or invalid connection, if the syntax of the statement is invalid, or if the statement is not a non-NA string.

#### See Also

For queries: dbSendQuery() and dbGetQuery().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

dbExistsTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character-method Does a table exist?

# **Description**

Returns if a table given by name exists in the database.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbExistsTable(conn, name,
   database = NULL, schema = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying a DBMS table name.

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbExistsTable() returns a logical scalar, TRUE if the table or view specified by the name argument exists, FALSE otherwise. This includes temporary tables if supported by the database.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is also raised if name cannot be processed with dbQuoteIdentifier() or if this results in a non-scalar.

#### See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

```
dbFetch, DatabaseConnectorResult-method

Fetch records from a previously executed query
```

# **Description**

Fetch the next n elements (rows) from the result set and return them as a data.frame.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbFetch(res, datesAsString = FALSE,
    ...)
```

# **Arguments**

```
An object inheriting from DBIResult, created by dbSendQuery().

datesAsString Should dates be represented as strings? (instead of Date objects)

Other arguments passed on to methods.
```

# **Details**

fetch() is provided for compatibility with older DBI clients - for all new code you are strongly encouraged to use dbFetch(). The default implementation for dbFetch() calls fetch() so that it is compatible with existing code. Modern backends should implement for dbFetch() only.

#### Value

dbFetch() always returns a data.frame with as many rows as records were fetched and as many columns as fields in the result set, even if the result is a single value or has one or zero rows. An attempt to fetch from a closed result set raises an error. If the n argument is not an atomic whole number greater or equal to -1 or Inf, an error is raised, but a subsequent call to dbFetch() with proper n argument succeeds. Calling dbFetch() on a result set from a data manipulation query created by dbSendStatement() can be fetched and return an empty data frame, with a warning.

# See Also

Close the result set with dbClearResult() as soon as you finish retrieving the records you want.

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

dbGetQuery, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method

Send query, retrieve results and then clear result set

# **Description**

Returns the result of a query as a data frame. dbGetQuery() comes with a default implementation (which should work with most backends) that calls dbSendQuery(), then dbFetch(), ensuring that the result is always free-d by dbClearResult().

#### Usage

```
## $4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbGetQuery(conn,
    statement, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

statement a character string containing SQL.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

# **Details**

This method is for SELECT queries only (incl. other SQL statements that return a SELECT-alike result, e. g. execution of a stored procedure).

To execute a stored procedure that does not return a result set, use dbExecute().

Some backends may support data manipulation statements through this method for compatibility reasons. However, callers are strongly advised to use dbExecute() for data manipulation statements.

# Value

dbGetQuery() always returns a data.frame with as many rows as records were fetched and as many columns as fields in the result set, even if the result is a single value or has one or zero rows. An error is raised when issuing a query over a closed or invalid connection, if the syntax of the query is invalid, or if the query is not a non-NA string. If the n argument is not an atomic whole number greater or equal to -1 or Inf, an error is raised, but a subsequent call to dbGetQuery() with proper n argument succeeds.

# See Also

For updates: dbSendStatement() and dbExecute().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

 $\label{lem:dbGetRowCount} \mbox{\tt DatabaseConnectorResult-method} \\ \mbox{\tt The number of rows fetched so far}$ 

# **Description**

Returns the total number of rows actually fetched with calls to dbFetch() for this result set.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbGetRowCount(res, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

# Value

dbGetRowCount() returns a scalar number (integer or numeric), the number of rows fetched so far. After calling dbSendQuery(), the row count is initially zero. After a call to dbFetch() without limit, the row count matches the total number of rows returned. Fetching a limited number of rows increases the number of rows by the number of rows returned, even if fetching past the end of the result set. For queries with an empty result set, zero is returned even after fetching. For data manipulation statements issued with dbSendStatement(), zero is returned before and after calling dbFetch(). Attempting to get the row count for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

# See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

 $\label{lem:dbGetRowsAffected} {\it DatabaseConnectorResult-method} \\ {\it The number of rows affected}$ 

# Description

This method returns the number of rows that were added, deleted, or updated by a data manipulation statement.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbGetRowsAffected(res, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbGetRowsAffected() returns a scalar number (integer or numeric), the number of rows affected by a data manipulation statement issued with dbSendStatement(). The value is available directly after the call and does not change after calling dbFetch(). For queries issued with dbSendQuery(), zero is returned before and after the call to dbFetch(). Attempting to get the rows affected for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

# See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

dbGetStatement,DatabaseConnectorResult-method

Get the statement associated with a result set

# **Description**

Returns the statement that was passed to dbSendQuery() or dbSendStatement().

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult' dbGetStatement(res, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbGetStatement() returns a string, the query used in either dbSendQuery() or dbSendStatement(). Attempting to query the statement for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

# See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

dbHasCompleted, DatabaseConnectorResult-method Completion status

# **Description**

This method returns if the operation has completed. A SELECT query is completed if all rows have been fetched. A data manipulation statement is always completed.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbHasCompleted(res, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbHasCompleted() returns a logical scalar. For a query initiated by dbSendQuery() with non-empty result set, dbHasCompleted() returns FALSE initially and TRUE after calling dbFetch() without limit. For a query initiated by dbSendStatement(), dbHasCompleted() always returns TRUE. Attempting to query completion status for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

### See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

```
dbIsValid,DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection-method

Is this DBMS object still valid?
```

#### **Description**

This generic tests whether a database object is still valid (i.e. it hasn't been disconnected or cleared).

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection'
dbIsValid(dbObj, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

db0bj An object inheriting from DBIObject, i.e. DBIDriver, DBIConnection, or a DBIResult
... Other arguments to methods.

#### Value

dbIsValid() returns a logical scalar, TRUE if the object specified by dbObj is valid, FALSE otherwise. A DBIConnection object is initially valid, and becomes invalid after disconnecting with dbDisconnect(). For an invalid connection object (e.g., for some drivers if the object is saved to a file and then restored), the method also returns FALSE. A DBIResult object is valid after a call to dbSendQuery(), and stays valid even after all rows have been fetched; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. A DBIResult object is also valid after a call to dbSendStatement(), and stays valid after querying the number of rows affected; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. If the connection to the database system is dropped (e.g., due to connectivity problems, server failure, etc.), dbIsValid() should return FALSE. This is not tested automatically.

# See Also

Other DBIDriver generics: DBIDriver-class, dbCanConnect, dbConnect, dbDataType, dbDriver, dbGetInfo, dbIsReadOnly, dbListConnections

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

dbIsValid, DatabaseConnectorJdbcConnection-method Is this DBMS object still valid?

# Description

This generic tests whether a database object is still valid (i.e. it hasn't been disconnected or cleared).

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorJdbcConnection'
dbIsValid(dbObj, ...)
```

# Arguments

db0bj An object inheriting from DBIObject, i.e. DBIDriver, DBIConnection, or a DBIResult
... Other arguments to methods.

# Value

dbIsValid() returns a logical scalar, TRUE if the object specified by dbObj is valid, FALSE otherwise. A DBIConnection object is initially valid, and becomes invalid after disconnecting with dbDisconnect(). For an invalid connection object (e.g., for some drivers if the object is saved to a file and then restored), the method also returns FALSE. A DBIResult object is valid after a call to dbSendQuery(), and stays valid even after all rows have been fetched; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. A DBIResult object is also valid after a call to dbSendStatement(),

and stays valid after querying the number of rows affected; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. If the connection to the database system is dropped (e.g., due to connectivity problems, server failure, etc.), dbIsValid() should return FALSE. This is not tested automatically.

#### See Also

Other DBIDriver generics: DBIDriver-class, dbCanConnect, dbConnect, dbDataType, dbDriver, dbGetInfo, dbIsReadOnly, dbListConnections

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

dbListFields, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method *List field names of a remote table* 

# **Description**

List field names of a remote table

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbListFields(conn, name,
   database = NULL, schema = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name a character string with the name of the remote table.

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

# Value

dbListFields() returns a character vector that enumerates all fields in the table in the correct order. This also works for temporary tables if supported by the database. The returned names are suitable for quoting with dbQuoteIdentifier(). If the table does not exist, an error is raised. Invalid types for the name argument (e.g., character of length not equal to one, or numeric) lead to an error. An error is also raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection.

#### See Also

dbColumnInfo() to get the type of the fields.

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

 ${\tt dbListTables, DatabaseConnectorConnection-method} \\ {\it List\ remote\ tables}$ 

# **Description**

Returns the unquoted names of remote tables accessible through this connection. This should include views and temporary objects, but not all database backends (in particular **RMariaDB** and **RMySQL**) support this.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection'
dbListTables(conn,
   database = NULL, schema = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

# Value

dbListTables() returns a character vector that enumerates all tables and views in the database. Tables added with dbWriteTable() are part of the list, including temporary tables if supported by the database. As soon a table is removed from the database, it is also removed from the list of database tables.

The returned names are suitable for quoting with dbQuoteIdentifier(). An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection.

#### See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

 $\label{lem:decomposition} {\it Quote identifiers} \\ Quote identifiers$ 

# **Description**

Call this method to generate a string that is suitable for use in a query as a column or table name, to make sure that you generate valid SQL and protect against SQL injection attacks. The inverse operation is dbUnquoteIdentifier().

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbQuoteIdentifier(conn,
    x, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A subclass of DBIConnection, representing an active connection to an DBMS.

x A character vector, SQL or Id object to quote as identifier.

. . . Other arguments passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbQuoteIdentifier() returns an object that can be coerced to character, of the same length as the input. For an empty character vector this function returns a length-0 object. The names of the input argument are preserved in the output. When passing the returned object again to dbQuoteIdentifier() as x argument, it is returned unchanged. Passing objects of class SQL should also return them unchanged. (For backends it may be most convenient to return SQL objects to achieve this behavior, but this is not required.)

An error is raised if the input contains NA, but not for an empty string.

# See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteLiteral, dbQuoteString, dbUnquoteIdentifier

 ${\it dbQuoteString, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method} \\ {\it Quote literal strings}$ 

# **Description**

Call this method to generate a string that is suitable for use in a query as a string literal, to make sure that you generate valid SQL and protect against SQL injection attacks.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection,character' dbQuoteString(conn, x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

conn A subclass of DBIConnection, representing an active connection to an DBMS.

x A character vector to quote as string.... Other arguments passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbQuoteString() returns an object that can be coerced to character, of the same length as the input. For an empty character vector this function returns a length-0 object.

When passing the returned object again to dbQuoteString() as x argument, it is returned unchanged. Passing objects of class SQL should also return them unchanged. (For backends it may be most convenient to return SQL objects to achieve this behavior, but this is not required.)

# See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind, dbClearResult, dbColumnInfo, dbFetch, dbGetInfo, dbGetRowCount, dbGetRowsAffected, dbGetStatement, dbHasCompleted, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbQuoteIdentifier, dbQuoteLiteral, dbUnquoteIdentifier

dbReadTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character-method

Copy data frames from database tables

# **Description**

Reads a database table to a data frame, optionally converting a column to row names and converting the column names to valid R identifiers.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbReadTable(conn, name,
   database = NULL, schema = NULL, oracleTempSchema = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying the unquoted DBMS table name, or the result of a

call to dbQuoteIdentifier().

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write priviliges where temp tables can be

created.

#### Value

dbReadTable() returns a data frame that contains the complete data from the remote table, effectively the result of calling dbGetQuery() with SELECT \* FROM <name>. An error is raised if the table does not exist. An empty table is returned as a data frame with zero rows.

The presence of rownames depends on the row.names argument, see sqlColumnToRownames() for details:

- If FALSE or NULL, the returned data frame doesn't have row names.
- If TRUE, a column named "row\_names" is converted to row names, an error is raised if no such column exists.
- If NA, a column named "row\_names" is converted to row names if it exists, otherwise no translation occurs.
- If a string, this specifies the name of the column in the remote table that contains the row names, an error is raised if no such column exists.

The default is row.names = FALSE.

If the database supports identifiers with special characters, the columns in the returned data frame are converted to valid R identifiers if the check names argument is TRUE, otherwise non-syntactic column names can be returned unquoted.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is raised if name cannot be processed with dbQuoteIdentifier() or if this results in a non-scalar. Unsupported values for row.names and check.names (non-scalars, unsupported data types, NA for check.names) also raise an error.

#### See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

 ${\tt dbRemoveTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character-method} \\ {\it Remove~a~table~from~the~database}$ 

# **Description**

Remove a remote table (e.g., created by  ${\tt dbWriteTable}()$ ) from the database.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbRemoveTable(conn, name,
  database = NULL, schema = NULL, oracleTempSchema = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying a DBMS table name.

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write priviliges where temp tables can be

created.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

#### Value

dbRemoveTable() returns TRUE, invisibly. If the table does not exist, an error is raised. An attempt to remove a view with this function may result in an error.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is also raised if name cannot be processed with dbQuoteIdentifier() or if this results in a non-scalar.

#### See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

dbSendQuery,DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection,character-method *Execute a query on a given database connection* 

# **Description**

The dbSendQuery() method only submits and synchronously executes the SQL query to the database engine. It does *not* extract any records — for that you need to use the dbFetch() method, and then you must call dbClearResult() when you finish fetching the records you need. For interactive use, you should almost always prefer dbGetQuery().

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection, character'
dbSendQuery(conn,
    statement, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

 $statement \qquad \quad a \ character \ string \ containing \ SQL.$ 

This method is for SELECT queries only. Some backends may support data manipulation queries through this method for compatibility reasons. However, callers are strongly encouraged to use dbSendStatement() for data manipulation statements.

The query is submitted to the database server and the DBMS executes it, possibly generating vast amounts of data. Where these data live is driver-specific: some drivers may choose to leave the output on the server and transfer them piecemeal to R, others may transfer all the data to the client – but not necessarily to the memory that R manages. See individual drivers' dbSendQuery() documentation for details.

#### Value

dbSendQuery() returns an S4 object that inherits from DBIResult. The result set can be used with dbFetch() to extract records. Once you have finished using a result, make sure to clear it with dbClearResult(). An error is raised when issuing a query over a closed or invalid connection, if the syntax of the query is invalid, or if the query is not a non-NA string.

#### See Also

For updates: dbSendStatement() and dbExecute().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

 $\label{lem:connection} {\it db} Send Query\,, {\it Database} Connector {\it J} dbc Connection\,, character-method\\ {\it Execute\ a\ query\ on\ a\ given\ database\ connection}$ 

# Description

The dbSendQuery() method only submits and synchronously executes the SQL query to the database engine. It does *not* extract any records — for that you need to use the dbFetch() method, and then you must call dbClearResult() when you finish fetching the records you need. For interactive use, you should almost always prefer dbGetQuery().

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorJdbcConnection, character'
dbSendQuery(conn,
    statement, ...)
```

# Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect(). statement a character string containing SQL.

This method is for SELECT queries only. Some backends may support data manipulation queries through this method for compatibility reasons. However, callers are strongly encouraged to use dbSendStatement() for data manipulation statements.

The query is submitted to the database server and the DBMS executes it, possibly generating vast amounts of data. Where these data live is driver-specific: some drivers may choose to leave the output on the server and transfer them piecemeal to R, others may transfer all the data to the client – but not necessarily to the memory that R manages. See individual drivers' dbSendQuery() documentation for details.

#### Value

dbSendQuery() returns an S4 object that inherits from DBIResult. The result set can be used with dbFetch() to extract records. Once you have finished using a result, make sure to clear it with dbClearResult(). An error is raised when issuing a query over a closed or invalid connection, if the syntax of the query is invalid, or if the query is not a non-NA string.

# See Also

For updates: dbSendStatement() and dbExecute().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendStatement, dbWriteTable

 ${\tt dbSendStatement, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method}$ 

Execute a data manipulation statement on a given database connection

# **Description**

The dbSendStatement() method only submits and synchronously executes the SQL data manipulation statement (e.g., UPDATE, DELETE, INSERT INTO, DROP TABLE, ...) to the database engine. To query the number of affected rows, call dbGetRowsAffected() on the returned result object. You must also call dbClearResult() after that. For interactive use, you should almost always prefer dbExecute().

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbSendStatement(conn,
    statement, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

statement a character string containing SQL.

dbSendStatement() comes with a default implementation that simply forwards to dbSendQuery(), to support backends that only implement the latter.

#### Value

dbSendStatement() returns an S4 object that inherits from DBIResult. The result set can be used with dbGetRowsAffected() to determine the number of rows affected by the query. Once you have finished using a result, make sure to clear it with dbClearResult(). An error is raised when issuing a statement over a closed or invalid connection, if the syntax of the statement is invalid, or if the statement is not a non-NA string.

# See Also

For queries: dbSendQuery() and dbGetQuery().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbWriteTable

dbUnloadDriver, DatabaseConnectorDriver-method

Load and unload database drivers

# **Description**

These methods are deprecated, please consult the documentation of the individual backends for the construction of driver instances.

dbDriver() is a helper method used to create an new driver object given the name of a database or the corresponding R package. It works through convention: all DBI-extending packages should provide an exported object with the same name as the package. dbDriver() just looks for this object in the right places: if you know what database you are connecting to, you should call the function directly.

dbUnloadDriver() is not implemented for modern backends.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorDriver'
dbUnloadDriver(drv, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

drv an object that inherits from DBIDriver as created by dbDriver.
... any other arguments are passed to the driver drvName.

# **Details**

The client part of the database communication is initialized (typically dynamically loading C code, etc.) but note that connecting to the database engine itself needs to be done through calls to dbConnect.

#### Value

In the case of dbDriver, an driver object whose class extends DBIDriver. This object may be used to create connections to the actual DBMS engine.

In the case of dbUnloadDriver, a logical indicating whether the operation succeeded or not.

#### See Also

Other DBIDriver generics: DBIDriver-class, dbCanConnect, dbConnect, dbDataType, dbGetInfo, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListConnections

 $Other\ DBIDriver\ generics:\ DBIDriver-class,\ dbCanConnect,\ dbConnect,\ dbDataType,\ dbGetInfo,\ dbIsReadOnly,\ dbIsValid,\ dbListConnections$ 

dbWriteTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character,data.frame-method

Copy data frames to database tables

# **Description**

Writes, overwrites or appends a data frame to a database table, optionally converting row names to a column and specifying SQL data types for fields.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection,character,data.frame'
dbWriteTable(conn,
  name, value, overwrite = FALSE, append = FALSE, temporary = FALSE,
  oracleTempSchema = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying the unquoted DBMS table name, or the result of a

call to dbQuoteIdentifier().

value a data.frame (or coercible to data.frame).

overwrite Overwrite an existing table (if exists)?

append Append to existing table?

temporary Should the table created as a temp table?

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write priviliges where temp tables can be

created.

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#### Value

dbWriteTable() returns TRUE, invisibly. If the table exists, and both append and overwrite arguments are unset, or append = TRUE and the data frame with the new data has different column names, an error is raised; the remote table remains unchanged.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is also raised if name cannot be processed with dbQuoteIdentifier() or if this results in a non-scalar. Invalid values for the additional arguments row.names, overwrite, append, field.types, and temporary (non-scalars, unsupported data types, NA, incompatible values, duplicate or missing names, incompatible columns) also raise an error.

# See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable, dbCreateTable, dbDataType, dbDisconnect, dbExecute, dbExistsTable, dbGetException, dbGetInfo, dbGetQuery, dbIsReadOnly, dbIsValid, dbListFields, dbListObjects, dbListResults, dbListTables, dbReadTable, dbRemoveTable, dbSendQuery, dbSendStatement

disconnect

Disconnect from the server

# **Description**

This function sends SQL to the server, and returns the results in an ffdf object.

# Usage

```
disconnect(connection)
```

#### **Arguments**

connection

The connection to the database server.

# **Examples**

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executeSql

Execute SQL code

### **Description**

This function executes SQL consisting of one or more statements.

# Usage

```
executeSql(connection, sql, profile = FALSE, progressBar = TRUE,
  reportOverallTime = TRUE, errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(),
  "errorReport.txt"), runAsBatch = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be executed

profile When true, each separate statement is written to file prior to sending to the

server, and the time taken to execute a statement is displayed.

progressBar When true, a progress bar is shown based on the statements in the SQL code.

reportOverallTime

When true, the function will display the overall time taken to execute all state-

ments.

errorReportFile

The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to

'errorReport.txt' in the current working directory.

runAsBatch When true the SQL statements are sent to the server as a single batch, and exe-

cuted there. This will be faster if you have many small SQL statements, but there will be no progress bar, and no per-statement error messages. If the database platform does not support batched updates the query is executed as ordinally.

# Details

This function splits the SQL in separate statements and sends it to the server for execution. If an error occurs during SQL execution, this error is written to a file to facilitate debugging. Optionally, a progress bar is shown and the total time taken to execute the SQL is displayed. Optionally, each separate SQL statement is written to file, and the execution time per statement is shown to aid in detecting performance issues.

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# **Description**

This function returns a list of all tables in a database schema.

# Usage

```
getTableNames(connection, databaseSchema)
```

# **Arguments**

```
connection The connection to the database server.

databaseSchema The name of the database schema. See details for platform-specific details.
```

#### **Details**

The databaseSchema argument is interpreted differently according to the different platforms: SQL Server and PDW: The databaseSchema schema should specify both the database and the schema, e.g. 'my\_database.dbo'. PostgreSQL and Redshift: The databaseSchema should specify the schema. Oracle: The databaseSchema should specify the Oracle 'user'. MySql and Impala: The databaseSchema should specify the database.

# Value

A character vector of table names. To ensure consistency across platforms, these table names are in upper case.

insertTable Insert a table on the server
--

# **Description**

This function sends the data in a data frame or ffdf to a table on the server. Either a new table is created, or the data is appended to an existing table.

# Usage

```
insertTable(connection, tableName, data, dropTableIfExists = TRUE,
    createTable = TRUE, tempTable = FALSE, oracleTempSchema = NULL,
    useMppBulkLoad = FALSE, progressBar = FALSE,
    camelCaseToSnakeCase = FALSE)
```

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# **Arguments**

connection The connection to the database server.

tableName The name of the table where the data should be inserted.

data The data frame or ffdf containing the data to be inserted.

dropTableIfExists

Drop the table if the table already exists before writing?

createTable Create a new table? If false, will append to existing table.

tempTable Should the table created as a temp table?

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write priviliges where temp tables can be

created.

useMppBulkLoad If using Redshift or PDW, use more performant bulk loading techniques. Set-

ting the system environment variable "USE\_MPP\_BULK\_LOAD" to TRUE is another way to enable this mode. Please note, Redshift requires valid S3 credentials; PDW requires valid DWLoader installation. This can only be used for

permanent tables, and cannot be used to append to an existing table.

progressBar Show a progress bar when uploading?

camelCaseToSnakeCase

If TRUE, the data frame column names are assumed to use camelCase and are converted to snake\_case before uploading.

#### **Details**

This function sends the data in a data frame to a table on the server. Either a new table is created, or the data is appended to an existing table. NA values are inserted as null values in the database. If using Redshift or PDW, bulk uploading techniques may be more performant than relying upon a batch of insert statements, depending upon data size and network throughput. Redshift: The MPP bulk loading relies upon the CloudyR S3 library to test a connection to an S3 bucket using AWS S3 credentials. Credentials are configured either directly into the System Environment using the following keys: Sys.setenv("AWS\_ACCESS\_KEY\_ID" = "some\_access\_key\_id", "AWS\_SECRET\_ACCESS\_KEY" = "some\_secret\_access\_key", "AWS\_DEFAULT\_REGION" = "some\_aws\_region", "AWS\_BUCKET\_NAME" = "some\_bucket\_name", "AWS\_OBJECT\_KEY" = "some\_object\_key", "AWS\_SSE\_TYPE" = "server\_side\_encryption\_type") PDW: The MPP bulk loading relies upon the client having a Windows OS and the DWLoader exe installed, and the following permissions granted: -Grant BULK Load permissions - needed at a server level USE master; GRANT ADMINISTER BULK OPERATIONS TO user; -Grant Staging database permissions - we will use the user db. USE scratch; EXEC sp\_addrolemember 'db\_ddladmin', user; Set the R environment variable DWLOADER\_PATH to the location of the binary.

# **Examples**

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```
## bulk data insert with Redshift or PDW
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(dbms = "redshift",</pre>
                                              server = "localhost",
                                              user = "root",
                                              password = "blah"
                                              schema = "cdm_v5")
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)</pre>
data <- data.frame(x = c(1, 2, 3), y = c("a", "b", "c"))
insertTable(connection = connection,
            tableName = "scratch.somedata",
            data = data,
            dropTableIfExists = TRUE,
            createTable = TRUE,
            tempTable = FALSE,
            useMppBulkLoad = TRUE) # or, Sys.setenv('USE_MPP_BULK_LOAD' = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

jdbcDrivers

How to download and use JDBC drivers for the various data platforms.

# **Description**

Below are instructions for downloading JDBC drivers for the various data platforms. Once downloaded use the pathToDriver argument in the connect or createConnectionDetails functions to point to the driver.

# **PostgresSql**

Go to the PostgresQL JDBC site and download the current version. The file is called something like 'postgresql-42.2.2.jar'.

# Oracle

Go to the Oracle JDBC site. Select 'Accept License Agreement' and download the jar file. The file is called something like 'ojdbc7.jar'.

# **SQL Server and PDW**

Go to the Microsoft SQL Server JDBC site, click 'Download' and select the tar.gz file. Click 'Next' to start the download. Decompress the file and find a file called seomthing like 'sqljdbc41.jar' in the a folder named something like 'sqljdbc\_6.0/enu/jre7'.

# RedShift

Go to the Amazon RedShfit JDBC driver page and download the latest JDBC driver. The file is called something like 'RedshiftJDBC42-1.2.12.1017.jar'.

# Netezza

Read the instructions here on how to obtain the Netezza JDBC driver.

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# **BigQuery**

Go to Google's site and download the latest JDBC driver. Unzip the file, and locate the appropriate jar files.

# **Impala**

Go to Cloudera's site, pick your OS version, and click "GET IT NOW!'. Register, and you should be able to download the driver.

lowLevelExecuteSql Execute SQL code

# **Description**

This function executes a single SQL statement.

# Usage

lowLevelExecuteSql(connection, sql)

# **Arguments**

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be executed

lowLevelQuerySql Low level function for retrieving data to a data frame

# Description

This is the equivalent of the querySql function, except no error report is written when an error occurs.

# Usage

lowLevelQuerySql(connection, query = "", datesAsString = FALSE)

# Arguments

connection The connection to the database server.

query The SQL statement to retrieve the data

datesAsString Should dates be imported as character vectors, our should they be converted to

R's date format?

# **Details**

Retrieves data from the database server and stores it in a data frame. Null values in the database are converted to NA values in R.

# Value

A data frame containing the data retrieved from the server

lowLevelQuerySql.ffdf Low level function for retrieving data to an ffdf object

# **Description**

This is the equivalent of the querySql.ffdf function, except no error report is written when an error occurs.

# Usage

```
lowLevelQuerySql.ffdf(connection, query = "", datesAsString = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

connection The connection to the database server.

query The SQL statement to retrieve the data

datesAsString Should dates be imported as character vectors, our should they be converted to

R's date format?

# **Details**

Retrieves data from the database server and stores it in an ffdf object. This allows very large data sets to be retrieved without running out of memory. Null values in the database are converted to NA values in R.

#### Value

A ffdf object containing the data. If there are 0 rows, a regular data frame is returned instead (ffdf cannot have 0 rows)

querySql

Retrieve data to a data.frame

# Description

This function sends SQL to the server, and returns the results.

# Usage

```
querySql(connection, sql, errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(),
   "errorReport.txt"), snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be send.

errorReportFile

The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReport.txt' in the current working directory.

snakeCaseToCamelCase

If true, field names are assumed to use snake\_case, and are converted to camel-Case.

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#### **Details**

This function sends the SQL to the server and retrieves the results. If an error occurs during SQL execution, this error is written to a file to facilitate debugging. Null values in the database are converted to NA values in R.

#### Value

A data frame.

# **Examples**

querySql.ffdf

Retrieves data to an ffdf object

# Description

This function sends SQL to the server, and returns the results in an ffdf object.

# Usage

```
querySql.ffdf(connection, sql, errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(),
   "errorReport.txt"), snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be send.

errorReportFile

The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReport.txt' in the current working directory.

snakeCaseToCamelCase

If true, field names are assumed to use snake\_case, and are converted to camel-Case.

# **Details**

Retrieves data from the database server and stores it in an ffdf object. This allows very large data sets to be retrieved without running out of memory. If an error occurs during SQL execution, this error is written to a file to facilitate debugging. Null values in the database are converted to NA values in R.

#### Value

A ffdf object containing the data. If there are 0 rows, a regular data frame is returned instead (ffdf cannot have 0 rows).

# **Examples**

renderTranslateExecuteSql

Render, translate, execute SQL code

# **Description**

This function renders, translates, and executes SQL consisting of one or more statements.

# Usage

```
renderTranslateExecuteSql(connection, sql, profile = FALSE,
  progressBar = TRUE, reportOverallTime = TRUE,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReport.txt"),
  runAsBatch = FALSE, oracleTempSchema = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be executed

profile When true, each separate statement is written to file prior to sending to the

server, and the time taken to execute a statement is displayed.

progressBar When true, a progress bar is shown based on the statements in the SQL code.

reportOverallTime

When true, the function will display the overall time taken to execute all state-

ments.

errorReportFile

The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to

'errorReport.txt' in the current working directory.

runAsBatch When true the SQL statements are sent to the server as a single batch, and exe-

cuted there. This will be faster if you have many small SQL statements, but there will be no progress bar, and no per-statement error messages. If the database platform does not support batched updates the query is executed as ordinally.

oracleTempSchema

A schema that can be used to create temp tables in when using Oracle or Impala.

. . . Parameters that will be used to render the SQL.

### **Details**

This function calls the render and translate functions in the SqlRender package before calling executeSql.

# **Examples**

render Translate Query Sql

Render, translate, and query to data.frame

# **Description**

This function renders, and translates SQL, sends it to the server, and returns the results as a data.frame.

#### Usage

```
renderTranslateQuerySql(connection, sql,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReport.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE, oracleTempSchema = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be send.

errorReportFile

The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReport.txt' in the current working directory.

snakeCaseToCamelCase

If true, field names are assumed to use snake\_case, and are converted to camel-Case.

oracleTempSchema

A schema that can be used to create temp tables in when using Oracle or Impala.

... Parameters that will be used to render the SQL.

This function calls the render and translate functions in the SqlRender package before calling querySql.

#### Value

A data frame.

# **Examples**

renderTranslateQuerySql.ffdf

Render, translate, and query to ffdf

# **Description**

This function renders, and translates SQL, sends it to the server, and returns the results as an ffdf object

# Usage

```
renderTranslateQuerySql.ffdf(connection, sql,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReport.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE, oracleTempSchema = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be send.

errorReportFile

The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReport.txt' in the current working directory.

snakeCaseToCamelCase

If true, field names are assumed to use snake\_case, and are converted to camel-Case.

oracleTempSchema

A schema that can be used to create temp tables in when using Oracle or Impala.

... Parameters that will be used to render the SQL.

This function calls the render and translate functions in the SqlRender package before calling querySql.ffdf.

#### Value

An ffdf object

# **Examples**

```
show, {\tt DatabaseConnectorConnection-method} \\ Show\ an\ Object
```

# Description

Display the object, by printing, plotting or whatever suits its class. This function exists to be specialized by methods. The default method calls showDefault.

Formal methods for show will usually be invoked for automatic printing (see the details).

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection'
show(object)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object Any R object
```

# **Details**

Objects from an S4 class (a class defined by a call to setClass) will be displayed automatically is if by a call to show. S4 objects that occur as attributes of S3 objects will also be displayed in this form; conversely, S3 objects encountered as slots in S4 objects will be printed using the S3 convention, as if by a call to print.

Methods defined for show will only be inherited by simple inheritance, since otherwise the method would not receive the complete, original object, with misleading results. See the simpleInheritanceOnly argument to setGeneric and the discussion in setIs for the general concept.

#### Value

show returns an invisible NULL.

#### See Also

showMethods prints all the methods for one or more functions.

```
show, DatabaseConnectorDriver-method

Show an Object
```

# **Description**

Display the object, by printing, plotting or whatever suits its class. This function exists to be specialized by methods. The default method calls showDefault.

Formal methods for show will usually be invoked for automatic printing (see the details).

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorDriver'
show(object)
```

# **Arguments**

object

Any R object

# Details

Objects from an S4 class (a class defined by a call to setClass) will be displayed automatically is if by a call to show. S4 objects that occur as attributes of S3 objects will also be displayed in this form; conversely, S3 objects encountered as slots in S4 objects will be printed using the S3 convention, as if by a call to print.

Methods defined for show will only be inherited by simple inheritance, since otherwise the method would not receive the complete, original object, with misleading results. See the simpleInheritanceOnly argument to setGeneric and the discussion in setIs for the general concept.

# Value

show returns an invisible NULL.

#### See Also

showMethods prints all the methods for one or more functions.

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