

# Package ‘rpostgis’

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`pgAddKey`*Add key*

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### Description

Add a primary or foreign key to a table column.

### Usage

```
pgAddKey(conn, name, colname, type = c("primary", "foreign"), reference,  
         colref, display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>conn</code>	A connection object.
<code>name</code>	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table name.
<code>colname</code>	A character string specifying the name of the column to which the key will be assign.
<code>type</code>	The type of the key, either primary or foreign
<code>reference</code>	A character string specifying a foreign table name to which the foreign key will be associated.
<code>colref</code>	A character string specifying the name of the primary key in the foreign table to which the foreign key will be associated.
<code>display</code>	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
<code>exec</code>	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

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### See Also

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-altertable.html>

### Examples

```
pgAddKey(name = c("fla", "bli"), colname = "id", type = "foreign",  
         reference = c("flu", "bla"), colref = "id", exec = FALSE)
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pgAsDate	<i>Converts to timestamp</i>
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**Description**

Convert a date field to a timestamp with or without time zone.

**Usage**

```
pgAsDate(conn, name, date = "date", tz = NULL, display = TRUE,  
         exec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object.
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table name.
date	A character string specifying the date field.
tz	A character string specifying the time zone, in "EST", "America/New_York", "EST5EDT", "-5".
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

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**See Also**

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/datatype-datetime.html>

**Examples**

```
pgAsDate(name = c("fla", "bli"), date = "date", tz = "GMT", exec = FALSE)
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pgColumn	<i>Add or remove a column</i>
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**Description**

Add or remove a column to/from a table.

**Usage**

```
pgColumn(conn, name, colname, action = c("add", "drop"),  
         coltype = "integer", cascade = FALSE, display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object.
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table name.
colname	A character string specifying the name of the column to which the key will be associated.
action	A character string specifying if the column is to be added ("add", default) or removed ("drop").
coltype	A character string indicating the type of the column, if action = "add".
cascade	Logical. Whether to drop foreign key constraints of other tables, if action = "drop".
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

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**See Also**

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-altertable.html>

**Examples**

```
## Add an integer column
pgColumn(name = c("fla", "bli"), colname = "field", exec = FALSE)
## Drop a column (with CASCADE)
pgColumn(name = c("fla", "bli"), colname = "field", action = "drop",
         cascade = TRUE, exec = FALSE)
```

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pgComment

*Comment table/view/schema*

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**Description**

Comment on a table, a view or a schema.

**Usage**

```
pgComment(conn, name, comment, type = c("table", "view", "schema"),
         display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object.
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table, view or schema name.
comment	A character string specifying the comment.
type	The type of the object to comment, either table or view
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

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**See Also**

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-comment.html>

**Examples**

```
pgComment(name = c("fla", "bli"), comment = "Comment on a view.",
           type = "view", exec = FALSE)
pgComment(name = "fla", comment = "Comment on a schema.", type = "schema",
           exec = FALSE)
```

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pgDrop	<i>Drop table/view/schema</i>
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**Description**

Drop a table, a view or a schema.

**Usage**

```
pgDrop(conn, name, type = c("table", "view", "schema"), ifexists = FALSE,
        cascade = FALSE, display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object.
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table, view or schema name.
type	The type of the object to comment, either table or view
ifexists	Do not throw an error if the table does not exist. A notice is issued in this case.
cascade	Automatically drop objects that depend on the table (such as views).
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

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**See Also**

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-droptable.html>, <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-dropview.html>, <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-dropschema.html>

**Examples**

```
pgDrop(name = c("fla", "bli"), type = "view", exec = FALSE)
pgDrop(name = "fla", type = "schema", cascade = "TRUE", exec = FALSE)
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pgGetBoundary	<i>Returns bounding envelope of all combined geometries or rasters stored in a table in a PostgreSQL database.</i>
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## Description

Retrieve bounding envelope (rectangle) of all geometries or rasters in a table in Postgresql.

## Usage

```
pgGetBoundary(conn, name, geom = "geom")
```

## Arguments

conn	A connection object to a PostgreSQL database
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema (if necessary), and table or view name for the table holding the geometries/raster(s) (e.g., name = c("schema","table"))
geom	character, Name of the column in 'name' holding the geometry or raster object (Default = 'geom')

## Value

SpatialPolygon

## Author(s)

David Bucklin <david.bucklin@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(RPostgreSQL)
drv<-dbDriver("PostgreSQL")
conn<-dbConnect(drv,dbname='dbname',host='host',port='5432',
                user='user',password='password')

pgGetBoundary(conn,c('schema','polys'),geom = 'polygon')
pgGetBoundary(conn,c('schema','rasters'),geom='rast')

## End(Not run)
```

pgGetLines

*Load a linestring geometry stored in a PostgreSQL database into R.***Description**

Retrieve line geometries from a PostGIS table, and convert it to a SpatialLines or a SpatialLines-DataFrame.

**Usage**

```
pgGetLines(conn, name, geom = "geom", gid = NULL, other.cols = "*",
  query = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object to a PostgreSQL database
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema (if necessary), and table or view name for the table holding the lines geometry (e.g., name = c("schema","table"))
geom	character, Name of the column in 'name' holding the geometry object (Default = 'geom')
gid	character, Name of the column in 'name' holding the ID for each line. Should be unique if additional columns of unique data are being appended. gid=NULL (default) automatically creates a new unique ID for each row in the table.
other.cols	character, names of additional columns from table (comma-seperated) to append to dataset (Default is all columns, NULL returns a SpatialLines object)
query	character, additional SQL to append to modify select query from table

**Value**

SpatialLinesDataFrame or SpatialLines

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(RPostgreSQL)
drv<-dbDriver("PostgreSQL")
conn<-dbConnect(drv,dbname='dbname',host='host',port='5432',
  user='user',password='password')

pgGetLines(conn,c('schema','tablename'))
pgGetLines(conn,c('schema','roads'),geom='roadgeom',gid='road_ID',
  other.cols=NULL, query = "AND field = \'highway\'")

## End(Not run)
```

pgGetPolys

*Load a polygon geometry stored in a PostgreSQL database into R.***Description**

Retrieve polygon geometries from a PostGIS table, and convert it to a SpatialPolygons or a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame.

**Usage**

```
pgGetPolys(conn, name, geom = "geom", gid = NULL, other.cols = "*",
  query = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object to a PostgreSQL database
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema (if necessary), and table or view name for the table holding the polygon geometry (e.g., name = c("schema", "table"))
geom	character, Name of the column in 'name' holding the geometry object (Default = 'geom')
gid	character, Name of the column in 'name' holding the ID for each polygon geometry. Should be unique if additional columns of unique data are being appended. gid=NULL (default) automatically creates a new unique ID for each row in the table.
other.cols	character, names of additional columns from table (comma-separated) to append to dataset (Default is all columns, other.cols=NULL returns a SpatialPolygons object)
query	character, additional SQL to append to modify select query from table

**Value**

SpatialPolygonsDataFrame or SpatialPolygons

**Author(s)**

David Bucklin <david.bucklin@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(RPostgreSQL)
drv<-dbDriver("PostgreSQL")
conn<-dbConnect(drv, dbname='dbname', host='host', port='5432',
  user='user', password='password')

pgGetPolys(conn, c('schema', 'tablename'))
pgGetPolys(conn, c('schema', 'states'), geom='statesgeom', gid='state_ID',
  other.cols='area, population',
  query = "AND area > 1000000 ORDER BY population LIMIT 10")

## End(Not run)
```



pgGetPts

*Retrieve point geometries***Description**

Retrieve point geometries from a PostGIS table, and convert it to a SpatialPoints or a SpatialPointsDataFrame.

**Usage**

```
pgGetPts(conn, name, geom = "geom", gid = NULL, other.cols = "*",
         query = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object to a PostgreSQL database
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema (if necessary), and table or view name for the table holding the points geometry (e.g., name = c("schema","table"))
geom	The name of the point geometry column. (Default = 'geom')
gid	Name of the column in 'name' holding the ID. Should be unique if additional columns of unique data are being appended. gid=NULL (default) automatically creates a new unique ID for each row in the table.
other.cols	Names of specific columns in the table to retrieve, comma seperated in one character element (e.g. other.cols='col1,col2'. The default is to attach all columns in a SpatialPointsDataFrame. Setting other.cols=NULL will return a SpatialPoints.
query	character, additional SQL to append to modify select query from table

**Value**

A Spatial(Multi)Points or a Spatial(Multi)PointsDataFrame

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Retrieve a SpatialPointsDataFrame with all data from table 'schema.tablename',
## with geometry in the column 'geom'
pgGetPts(conn, c('schema','tablename'))
## Return a SpatialPointsDataFrame with columns c1 & c2 as data
pgGetPts(conn, c('schema','tablename'), other.cols = 'c1,c2')
## Return a SpatialPoints, retaining id from table as rownames
pgGetPts(conn, c('schema','tablename'), gid = 'table_id', other.cols = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

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pgGetRast

*Load a raster stored in a PostgreSQL database into R.*


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## Description

Retrieve rasters from a PostGIS table

## Usage

```
pgGetRast(conn, name, rast = "rast", digits = 9, boundary = NULL)
```

## Arguments

conn	A connection object to a PostgreSQL database
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema (if necessary), and table or view name for the table holding the raster (e.g., name = c("schema","table"))
rast	Name of the column in 'name' holding the raster object
digits	numeric, precision for detecting whether points are on a regular grid (a low number of digits is a low precision) - From rasterFromXYZ function (raster package)
boundary	sp object or numeric. A Spatial* object, whose bounding box will be used to select the part of the raster to import. Alternatively, four numbers (e.g. c(north, south, east, west)) indicating the projection-specific limits with which to clip the raster. NULL (default) will return the full raster.

## Value

RasterLayer

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(RPostgreSQL)
drv<-dbDriver("PostgreSQL")
conn<-dbConnect(drv,dbname='dbname',host='host',port='5432',
                user='user',password='password')

pgGetRast(conn,c('schema','tablename'))
pgGetRast(conn,c('schema','DEM'),digits=9,
          boundary=c(55,50,17,12))

## End(Not run)
```

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pgIndex

*CREATE INDEX*

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### Description

Defines a new index.

### Usage

```
pgIndex(conn, name, colname, idxname, unique = FALSE, method = c("btree",  
    "hash", "rtree", "gist"), display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

conn	A connection object.
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table name.
colname	A character string specifying the name of the column to which the key will be associated.
idxname	A character string specifying the name of the index to be created. By default, this is the name of the table (without the schema) suffixed by <code>_idx</code> .
unique	Logical. Causes the system to check for duplicate values in the table when the index is created (if data already exist) and each time data is added. Attempts to insert or update data which would result in duplicate entries will generate an error.
method	The name of the method to be used for the index. Choices are "btree", "hash", "rtree", and "gist". The default method is btree.
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

### Author(s)

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### See Also

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-createindex.html>; the PostGIS documentation for GiST indexes: [http://postgis.net/docs/using\\_postgis\\_dbmanagement.html#id541286](http://postgis.net/docs/using_postgis_dbmanagement.html#id541286)

### Examples

```
pgIndex(name = c("fla", "bli"), colname = "wkb_geometry", method = "gist",  
    exec = FALSE)
```

pgMakePts

*Add a POINT or LINESTRING geometry field.***Description**

Add a new POINT or LINESTRING geometry field.

**Usage**

```
pgMakePts(conn, name, colname = "pts_geom", x = "x", y = "y", srid,
          index = TRUE, display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

```
pgMakeStp(conn, name, colname = "stp_geom", x = "x", y = "y", dx = "dx",
          dy = "dy", srid, index = TRUE, display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object.
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table name.
colname	A character string specifying the name of the new geometry column.
x	The name of the x/longitude field.
y	The name of the y/latitude field.
srid	A valid SRID for the new geometry.
index	Logical. Whether to create an index on the new geometry.
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).
dx	The name of the dx field (i.e. increment in x direction).
dy	The name of the dy field (i.e. increment in y direction).

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**See Also**

The PostGIS documentation for ST\_MakePoint: [http://postgis.net/docs/ST\\_MakePoint.html](http://postgis.net/docs/ST_MakePoint.html), and for ST\_MakeLine: [http://postgis.net/docs/ST\\_MakeLine.html](http://postgis.net/docs/ST_MakeLine.html), which are the main functions of the call.

**Examples**

```
## Create a new POINT field called "pts_geom"
pgMakePts(name = c("fla", "bli"), x = "longitude", y = "latitude",
          srid = 4326, exec = FALSE)

## Create a new LINESTRING field called "stp_geom"
pgMakeStp(name = c("fla", "bli"), x = "longitude", y = "latitude",
          dx = "xdiff", dy = "ydiff", srid = 4326, exec = FALSE)
```

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pgPostGIS

*Check and create PostGIS extension.*

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## Description

The function checks for the availability of the PostGIS extension, and if it is available, but not installed, install it. Additionnaly, can also install Topology, Tiger Geocoder and SFCGAL extensions.

## Usage

```
pgPostGIS(conn, topology = FALSE, tiger = FALSE, sfcgal = FALSE,  
          display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

conn	A connection object (required, even if exec = FALSE).
topology	Logical. Whether to check/install the Topology extension.
tiger	Logical. Whether to check/install the Tiger Geocoder extension.
sfcgal	Logical. Whether to check/install the SFCGAL extension.
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

## Value

TRUE if PostGIS is installed.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## 'exec = FALSE' does not install any extension, but nevertheless  
## check for available and installed extensions:  
## Not run:  
  pgPostGIS(con, topology = TRUE, tiger = TRUE, sfcgal = TRUE,  
            exec = FALSE)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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pgSchema	<i>Check and create schema.</i>
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**Description**

Checks the existence, and if necessary, creates a schema.

**Usage**

```
pgSchema(conn, name, display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object (required, even if exec = FALSE).
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema name.
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

**Value**

TRUE if the schema exists (whether it was already available or was just created).

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-createschema.html>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
  pgSchema(name = "schema", exec = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

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pgVacuum	<i>VACUUM</i>
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**Description**

Performs a VACUUM (garbage-collect and optionally analyze) on a table.

**Usage**

```
pgVacuum(conn, name, full = FALSE, verbose = FALSE, analyze = TRUE,
  display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

conn	A connection object.
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL table name.
full	Logical. Whether to perform a "full" vacuum, which can reclaim more space, but takes much longer and exclusively locks the table.
verbose	Logical. Whether to print a detailed vacuum activity report for each table.
analyze	Logical. Whether to update statistics used by the planner to determine the most efficient way to execute a query (default to TRUE).
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

The PostgreSQL documentation: <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-vacuum.html>

**Examples**

```
pgVacuum(name = c("fla", "bli"), full = TRUE, exec = FALSE)
```

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rpostgis

*PostGIS and PostgreSQL functions*

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**Description**

rpostgis

**Details**

This package provides additional functions to the RPostgreSQL package, mostly convenient wrappers to PostgreSQL queries, with some PostGIS oriented functions. For a list of documented functions, use `library(help = "rpostgis")`

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