# Package 'rpostgis'

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### **Description**

Add a primary or foreign key to a table column.

### Usage

```
dbAddKey(conn, name, colname, type = c("primary", "foreign"), reference,
  colref, 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 assign.
type	The type of the key, either primary or foreign
reference	A character string specifying a foreign table name to which the foreign key will be associated.
colref	A character string specifying the name of the primary key in the foreign table to which the foreign key will be associated.
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

### Value

TRUE if the key was successfully added.

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <br/>
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### See Also

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

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### **Examples**

```
## examples use a dummy connection from DBI package
conn<-DBI::ANSI()
dbAddKey(conn, name = c("fla", "bli"), colname = "id", type = "foreign",
    reference = c("flu", "bla"), colref = "id", exec = FALSE)</pre>
```

dbAsDate

Converts to timestamp.

### Description

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

### Usage

```
dbAsDate(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).

### Value

If exec = TRUE, returns TRUE if the conversion was successful.

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ufl.edu>

### See Also

 $The \ Postgre SQL\ documentation: \ http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/datatype-datetime. \ html$ 

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### **Description**

Add or remove a column to/from a table.

### Usage

```
dbColumn(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
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).

### Value

TRUE if the column was successfully added or removed.

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ufl.edu>

#### See Also

 $The\ Postgre SQL\ documentation: \ http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-altertable.$  html

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dbComment	Comment table/view/schema.	

### Description

Comment on a table, a view or a schema.

### Usage

```
dbComment(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, view, or schema
display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).
exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

### Value

TRUE if the comment was successfully applied.

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <br/>
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du>

### See Also

 $The \ Postgre SQL\ documentation: \ http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-comment.$  html

```
## examples use a dummy connection from DBI package
conn<-DBI::ANSI()
dbComment(conn, name = c("fla", "bli"), comment = "Comment on a view.",
    type = "view", exec = FALSE)
dbComment(conn, name = "fla", comment = "Comment on a schema.", type = "schema",
    exec = FALSE)</pre>
```

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dbDrop	Drop table/view/schema.	

### Description

Drop a table, a view or a schema.

### Usage

```
dbDrop(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 drop, either table, view, or schema.
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).

### Value

TRUE if the table/view/schema was successfully dropped.

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <br/> du>

### See Also

```
## examples use a dummy connection from DBI package
conn<-DBI::ANSI()
dbDrop(conn, name = c("fla", "bli"), type = "view", exec = FALSE)
dbDrop(conn, name = "fla", type = "schema", cascade = "TRUE", exec = FALSE)</pre>
```

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### **Description**

Defines a new index on a PostgreSQL table.

### Usage

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

### **Arguments**

rę	rguments		
	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 _idx.	
	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", although "gist" should be the index of choice for Post GIS spatial types (geometry, geography, raster).	
	display	Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE).	
	exec	Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).	

### Value

TRUE if the index was successfully created.

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ufl.edu>

### 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
```

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dbSchema	Check and create schema.	

### Description

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

#### Usage

```
dbSchema(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). Note: if exec = FALSE, the function still checks the existence of the schema, but does not create it if it

ne function still checks the existence of the schema, but doe

does not exists.

### Value

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

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ufl.edu>

### See Also

 $The \ Postgre SQL\ documentation: \ http://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-createschema.html$ 

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

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Get information about table columns.

### Description

Get information about columns in a PostgreSQL table.

### Usage

```
dbTableInfo(conn, name, allinfo = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

conn A connection object to a PostgreSQL database.

name A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema (if necessary), and table or

view name geometry (e.g., name = c("schema", "table")).

allinfo Logical, Get all information on table? Default is column names, types, nullable,

and maximum length of character columns.

### Value

data frame

### Author(s)

David Bucklin <dbucklin@ufl.edu>

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
dbTableInfo(conn, c("schema", "table"))
## End(Not run)
```

dbVacuum

Vacuum.

### Description

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

### Usage

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

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### **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).

### Value

TRUE if query is successfully executed.

#### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ufl.edu>

### See Also

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

### **Examples**

```
## examples use a dummy connection from DBI package
conn<-DBI::ANSI()
dbVacuum(conn, name = c("fla", "bli"), full = TRUE, exec = FALSE)</pre>
```

pgGetBoundary

Retrieve bounding envelope of geometries or rasters.

### Description

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

### 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')

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#### Value

SpatialPolygon

### Author(s)

David Bucklin <dbucklin@ufl.edu>

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
pgGetBoundary(conn, c("schema", "polys"), geom = "polygon")
pgGetBoundary(conn, c("schema", "rasters"), geom = "rast")
## End(Not run)
```

pgGetGeom

Load a PostGIS geometry from a PostgreSQL table/view into R.

### Description

Retrieve point, linestring, or polygon geometries from a PostGIS table/view, and convert it to an R 'sp' object (Spatial\* or Spatial\* DataFrame).

### Usage

```
pgGetGeom(conn, name, geom = "geom", gid = NULL, other.cols = TRUE,
  clauses = NULL)
```

### Arguments

conn	A connection object to a PostgreSQL database
name	A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema and table/view name holding the geometry (e.g., 'name = $c("schema","table")$ ')
geom	The name of the geometry column. (Default = "geom")
gid	Name of the column in 'name' holding the IDs. 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 'sp' object.
other.cols	Names of specific columns in the table to retrieve, in a character vector (e.g. other.cols=c("col1","col2").) The default (other.cols = TRUE) is to attach all columns in a Spatial*DataFrame. Setting other.cols=FALSE will return a Spatial-only object (no data frame).
clauses	character, additional SQL to append to modify select query from table. Must begin with an SQL clause (e.g., "WHERE", "ORDER BY", "LIMIT"); see below for examples.

### Value

```
sp-class (SpatialPoints*, SpatialMultiPoints*, SpatialLines*, or SpatialPolygons*)
```

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```

#### **Examples**

pgGetRast

Load raster from PostGIS database.

#### **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

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#### Author(s)

David Bucklin <dbucklin@ufl.edu>

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
pgGetRast(conn, c("schema", "tablename"))
pgGetRast(conn, c("schema", "DEM"), digits = 9, boundary = c(55,
     50, 17, 12))
## End(Not run)
```

pgInsert

Inserts data into a PostgreSQL table.

### **Description**

This function takes a take an R sp object (Spatial\* or Spatial\*DataFrame), or a regular data frame, and performs the database insert (and table creation, when the table doesn't exist) on the database.

### Usage

```
pgInsert(conn, name, data.obj, geom = "geom", partial.match = FALSE,
  overwrite = FALSE, new.id = NULL, upsert.using = NULL,
  alter.names = TRUE, encoding = NULL, return.pgi = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'pgi'
print(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

conn A connection object to a PostgreSQL database

name Character, schema and table of the PostgreSQL table to insert into. If not already

existing, the table will be created. If the table already exists, the function will check if all R data frame columns match database columns, and if so, do the insert. If not, the insert will be aborted. The argument partial.match allows for inserts with only partial matches of data frame and database column names,

and overwrite allows for overwriting the existing database table.

data.obj A Spatial\* or Spatial\*DataFrame, or data frame

geom character string. For Spatial\* datasets, the name of geometry column in the

database table. (existing or to be created; defaults to "geom").

partial.match Logical; allow insert on partial column matches between data frame and database

table. If TRUE, columns in R data frame will be compared with the existing database table name. Columns in the data frame that exactly match the database

table will be inserted into the database table.

overwrite Logical; if true, a new table (name) will overwrite the existing table (name) in

the database.

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new.id	Character, name of a new sequential integer ID column to be added to the table for insert (for spatial objects without data frames, this column is created even if left NULL and defaults to the name "gid"). If partial.match = TRUE and the column does not exist in the databse table, it will be discarded.
upsert.using	Character, name of the column(s) in the database table or constraint name used to identify already-existing rows in the table, which will be updated rather than inserted. The column(s) must have a unique constraint already created in the database table (e.g., a primary key). Requires PostgreSQL 9.5+.
alter.names	Logical, whether to make database column names DB-compliant (remove special characters). Default is TRUE. (This should to be set to FALSE to match to non-standard names in an existing database table.)
encoding	Character vector of length 2, containing the from/to encodings for the data (as in the function iconv). For example, if the dataset contain certain latin characters (e.g., accent marks), and the database is in UTF-8, use encoding = c("latin1", "UTF-8"). Left NULL, no conversion will be done.
return.pgi	Whether to return a formatted list of insert parameters (i.e., a pgi object; see function details.)
х	A list of class pgi
	Further arguments not used.

#### **Details**

If new.id is specified, a new sequential integer field is added to the data frame for insert. For Spatial\*-only objects (no data frame), a new.id is created by default with name "gid".

If the R package wkb is installed, this function will use writeWKB for certain datasets (non-Multi types, non-Linestring), which is faster for large datasets. In all other cases the rgeos function writeWKT is used.

In the event of function or database error, the database uses ROLLBACK to revert to the previous state.

If the user specifies return.pgi = TRUE, and data preparation is successful, the function will return a pgi object (see next paragraph), regardless of whether the insert was successful or not. This object can be useful for debugging, or re-used as the data.obj in pgInsert; (e.g., when data preparation is slow, and the exact same data needs to be inserted into tables in two separate tables or databases).If return.pgi = FALSE (default), the function will return TRUE for successful insert and FALSE for failed inserts.

pgi objects are a list containing four character strings: (1) in.table, the table name which will be created or inserted into (2) db.new.table, the SQL statement to create the new table, (3) db.cols.insert, a character string of the database column names to insert into, and (4) insert.data, a character string of the data to insert.

### Value

Returns TRUE if the insertion was successful, FALSE if failed, or a pgi object if specified.

### Author(s)

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(sp)
data(meuse)
coords <- SpatialPoints(meuse[, c("x", "y")])</pre>
spdf <- SpatialPointsDataFrame(coords, meuse)</pre>
## Insert data in new database table
pgInsert(conn, name = c("public", "meuse_data"), data.obj = spdf)
\mbox{\tt \#\#} 
 The same command will insert into already created table (if all R
## columns match)
pgInsert(conn, name = c("public", "meuse_data"), data.obj = spdf)
## If not all database columns match, need to use partial.match = TRUE,
## where non-matching columns are not inserted
colnames(spdf@data)[4] <- "cu"</pre>
pgInsert(conn, name = c("public", "meuse_data"), data.obj = spdf,
    partial.match = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

pgListGeom

List geometries.

#### **Description**

List all geometries in a PostGIS database.

#### Usage

```
pgListGeom(conn, display = TRUE, exec = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

conn A PostgreSQL database connection.

display Logical. Whether to display the query (defaults to TRUE). exec Logical. Whether to execute the query (defaults to TRUE).

#### Value

If exec = TRUE, a data frame with schema, table, geometry column, and geometry type.

### Author(s)

David Bucklin <dbucklin@ufl.edu>

```
## Not run:
pgListGeom(conn)
## End(Not run)
```

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Add a POINT or LINESTRING geometry field.

### Description

Add a new POINT or LINESTRING geometry field.

### Usage

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

pgMakeStp(conn, name, colname = "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.
У	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).

### Value

If exec = TRUE, returns TRUE if the geometry field was successfully created.

### Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ufl.edu>

### See Also

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

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#### **Examples**

pgPostGIS

Check and create PostGIS extension.

### 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. Will also install extensions "fuzzystrmatch", "address_standardizer", and "address_standardizer_data_us" if all are available.
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)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ufl.edu>

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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)
```

pgSRID

Find (or create) PostGIS SRID based on CRS object.

#### **Description**

This function takes CRS-class object and a PostgreSQL database connection (with PostGIS extension), and returns the matching SRID(s) for that CRS. If a match is not found, a new entry can be created in the PostgreSQL spatial\_ref\_sys table using the parameters specified by the CRS. New entries will be created with auth\_name = 'rpostgis\_custom', with the default value being the next open value between 880001-889999 (a different SRID value can be entered if desired.)

#### Usage

```
pgSRID(conn, crs, create.srid = FALSE, new.srid = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

conn A connection object to a PostgreSQL database.
crs CRS object, created through a call to CRS.

create.srid Logical. If no matching SRID is found, should a new SRID be created? User

must have write access on spatial\_ref\_sys table.

new.srid Integer. Optional SRID to give to a newly created SRID. If left NULL (default),

the next open value of srid in spatial\_ref\_sys between 880001 and 889999

will be used.

### Value

SRID code (integer).

#### Author(s)

David Bucklin <dbucklin@ufl.edu>

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```
"+towgs84=565.237,50.0087,465.658,-0.406857,0.350733,-1.87035,4.0812",
"+units=m")))
pgSRID(conn, crs2, create.srid = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

pgWriteRast

Load raster into PostGIS database.

### Description

Sends R raster to a new PostGIS database table.

#### Usage

```
pgWriteRast(conn, name, raster, bit_depth = NULL, constraints = TRUE,
  overwrite = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

conn A connection object to a PostgreSQL database

name A character string specifying a PostgreSQL schema (if necessary) and table

name to hold the raster (e.g., name = c("schema", "table"))

raster An R raster object

bit\_depth The bit depth of the raster. Will be set to 32-bit (unsigned int, signed int,

or float, depending on the data) if left null, but can be specified (as character) as one of the PostGIS pixel types (see http://postgis.net/docs/RT\_ST\_

BandPixelType.html)

constraints Whether to create constraints from raster data. Recommend to leave TRUE un-

less applying constraints manually (see <a href="http://postgis.net/docs/RT\_AddRasterConstraints">http://postgis.net/docs/RT\_AddRasterConstraints</a>.

html). Note that constraint notices may print to the console, depending on the

PostgreSQL server settings.

overwrite Whether to overwrite the existing table (name).

#### Value

TRUE for successful import.

#### Author(s)

David Bucklin <dbucklin@ufl.edu>

### See Also

Function follows process from http://postgis.net/docs/using\_raster\_dataman.html#RT\_Creating\_Rasters.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
pgWriteRast(conn, c("schema", "tablename"), raster_name)

# basic test
r<-raster(nrows=180, ncols=360, xmn=-180, xmx=180, ymn=-90, ymx=90, vals=1)
pgWriteRast(conn, c("schema", "test"), raster = r, bit_depth = "2BUI", overwrite = TRUE)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

rpostgis

R interface to a PostGIS database.

### **Description**

This package provides additional functions to the RPostgreSQL package to interface R with a PostGIS-enabled database, as well as convenient wrappers to common PostgreSQL queries. For a list of documented functions, use library(help = "rpostgis").

#### **Details**

A typical session starts by establishing the connection to a working PostgreSQL database:

library(rpostgis) con <- dbConnect("PostgreSQL", dbname = <dbname>, host = <host>, user = <user>, password = password>)

For example, this could be:

con <- dbConnect("PostgreSQL", dbname = "rpostgis", host = "localhost", user = "postgres", password = "postgres")

The next step typically involves checking if PostGIS was installed on the working database, and if not try to install it:

pgPostGIS(con)

The function should return TRUE for all pg- functions to work.

Finally, at the end of an interactive session, the connection to the database should be closed:

dbDisconnect(con)

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