

# The SQLDF Reference Manual

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SQL for Data Frames, version 1.0

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# 1 Systems

The main system appears first, followed by any subsystem dependency.

## 1.1 sqldf

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**Home Page**

<http://lisp-stat.dev/docs/reference/sqldf/>

**Source Control**

(:git "git://github.com/lisp-stat/sqldf")

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**Description**

SQL for Data Frames

**Long Description**

SQLDF is a library for querying data frames using SQL, optimised for memory consumption. It uses an in-memory data base for transparent queries.

**Version** 1.0

**Dependencies**

- `sqlite`
- `data-frame`
- `select`

**Source** [sqldf.asd], page 3, (file)

**Directory** `s:/src/sqldf/`

**Components**

- [pkgdcl.lisp], page 3, (file)
- [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)
- [sqldf.lisp], page 3, (file)



## 2 Files

Files are sorted by type and then listed depth-first from the systems components trees.

### 2.1 Lisp

#### 2.1.1 sqldf.asd

**Location** sqldf.asd

**Systems** [sqldf], page 1, (system)

#### 2.1.2 sqldf/pkgdcl.lisp

**Parent** [sqldf], page 1, (system)

**Location** pkgdcl.lisp

**Packages** [sqldf], page 5,

#### 2.1.3 sqldf/utils.lisp

**Dependency**

[pkgdcl.lisp], page 3, (file)

**Parent** [sqldf], page 1, (system)

**Location** utils.lisp

**Internal Definitions**

- [downcase-symbols\*], page 7, (special variable)
- [escape-sql-names-p\*], page 7, (special variable)
- [sqlite-reserved-words\*], page 7, (special variable)
- [execute-to-column], page 8, (function)
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#### 2.1.4 sqldf/sqldf.lisp

**Dependency**

[utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**Parent** [sqldf], page 1, (system)

**Location** sqldf.lisp

**Exported Definitions**

- [read-sqlite], page 7, (function)
- [sqldf], page 7, (function)
- [write-sqlite], page 7, (function)

**Internal Definitions**

- [create-df-table], page 8, (function)
- [read-table], page 8, (function)
- [write-table], page 9, (function)



## 3 Packages

Packages are listed by definition order.

### 3.1 sqldf

SQLDF is a facility for querying data frames with SQL

**Source**      [pkgdcl.lisp], page 3, (file)

**Use List**    common-lisp

**Used By List**  
ls-user

#### Exported Definitions

- [read-sqlite], page 7, (function)
- [sqldf], page 7, (function)
- [write-sqlite], page 7, (function)

#### Internal Definitions

- [\*downcase-symbols\*], page 7, (special variable)
- [\*escape-sql-names-p\*], page 7, (special variable)
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## 4 Definitions

Definitions are sorted by export status, category, package, and then by lexicographic order.

### 4.1 Exported definitions

#### 4.1.1 Functions

**read-sqlite** *DB TABLE* [Function]

Read *TABLE* and return a data frame with the contents. Keys are interned in a package with the same name as *TABLE*.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [sqldf.lisp], page 3, (file)

**sqldf** *SQL* [Function]

Execute *SQL* (a string) on a data frame and return a new data frame with the results.

The data frame is identified by the word following **FROM** (case insensitive) in the *SQL* string. An in-memory SQLite database is created, the contents of the data frame loaded, the query performed and a new **DATA-FRAME** returned with the results and the database deleted. In most cases, using this library is faster, from a developers time perspective, than writing the code to perform the same query. **SQLDF** has been tested with data frames of 350K rows with no slow-down noted. The R documentation for their version of **SQLDF** suggests that it could be faster than Lisp native queries. Note that the *SQL* query must use *SQL* style names for columns and not the Lisp versions, e.g. *flight-time* becomes *flight\_time*.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [sqldf.lisp], page 3, (file)

**write-sqlite** *DB TABLE DF* [Function]

Write data-frame *DF* to *TABLE* on connection *DB*. :na symbols are converted to "NA" strings in the database.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [sqldf.lisp], page 3, (file)

### 4.2 Internal definitions

#### 4.2.1 Special variables

**\*downcase-symbols\*** [Special Variable]

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**\*escape-sql-names-p\*** [Special Variable]

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**\*sqlite-reserved-words\*** [Special Variable]

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

### 4.2.2 Functions

**create-df-table** *DB TABLE DF* [Function]

Create a database table of NAME in DB according to the schema of DF. This function is to create a table for DF prior to loading. Lisp style symbol names are converted to SQL compatible names.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [sqldf.lisp], page 3, (file)

**execute-to-column** *DB SQL &rest PARAMETERS* [Function]

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**from-sql-name** *STR* [Function]

Convert a string to a symbol, upcasing and replacing underscores with hyphens.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**read-table** *DB TABLE* [Function]

Read TABLE and return a data frame with the contents. Keys are interned in a package with the same name as TABLE.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [sqldf.lisp], page 3, (file)

**sqlite-column-type** *SEQUENCE* [Function]

Return a format string for the most general type found in sequence

Use this for sequences of type T to determine how to declare the column to SQLite.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**statement-column-type** *STMT COLUMN-NUMBER* [Function]

Return the type string of a column of a query statement

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**to-sql-name** () [Function]

Convert a symbol or string into a name that can be a sql table, column, or operation name. Add quotes when escape-p is true, or escape-p is :auto and the name contains reserved words. Quoted or delimited identifiers can be used by passing :literal as the value of escape-p. If escape-p is :literal, and the name is a string then the string is still escaped but the symbol or string is not downcased, regardless of the setting for \*downcase-symbols\* and the hyphen and forward slash characters are not replaced with underscores. Ignore-reserved-words is only used internally for column names which are allowed to be reserved words, but it is not recommended.

**Package** [sqldf], page 5,

**Source** [utils.lisp], page 3, (file)

**write-table** *DB TABLE DF* [Function]

Write data-frame DF to TABLE on connection DB. :na symbols are converted to "NA" strings in the database.

**Package**     [sqldf], page 5,

**Source**     [sqldf.lisp], page 3, (file)



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