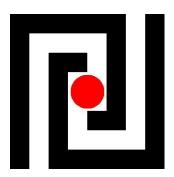
The Pyrrho Database Management System

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1. Introducing Pyrrho

Pyrrho is a compact and efficient relational database management system for the .NET framework.

Pyrrho implements much of the ISO 9075 SQL standard and also includes other features including support for semantic web services, and data model integration techniques. Databases created by Pyrrho are platform independent, location-independent, and culture-independent.

Since version 4.0 all versions of Pyrrho are freeware: from version 7.0 the professional and open source editions are merged. There is an Embedded edition intended for the situation that a database is available to just one local application, so that a separate database server is not needed.

1.1 Features of Pyrrho

Pyrrho is a rigorously developed relational database management system that can run on small computers but can also scale up to large enterprise uses. It is built for .NET, which is available on Windows, and on Linux systems with Mono. For best results, the server's main memory should be at least eight times the size of the database. Instead of encouraging large single-database systems, Pyrrho supports integration of data from heterogeneous servers in a loose federation.

Pyrrho has strong transactions, designed for business uses. It is most suited to data that includes a regular stream of new information that is to be kept indefinitely, for example, customer data, orders or accounting transactions¹.

Pyrrho supports the SQL database language, largely compatible with the SQL2023 standard². It is stricter than SQL2023 in some areas: for example, integrity constraints can be deferred to the end of a transaction but cannot be disabled, and the only possible transaction isolation level is SERIALIZABLE. In Pyrrho the default is that data types are variable-length and independent of platform and locale. There are practical limits, e.g. integers can be up to 2040 bits, and data uids are limited to 60 bits. For division of non-integer quantities Pyrrho sets a default precision of 13 decimal digits, but higher precision is used if specified. If the specified precision of reals or actual values of integers are sufficiently small, hardware arithmetic is used.

The client-server configuration uses a robust TCP-based protocol for communication with clients. The client library is designed as a thread-safe version of the ADO.NET architecture, Pyrrho supplies its own ADO.NET-like classes such as PyrrhoReader, PyrrhoCommand etc.

Optimistic execution is used as this is more suitable for wide-area operations. Pyrrho supports role, user and timestamp recording for all changes to the database. Transaction log information, including the above details, is recorded permanently in the database file so that deleted or modified data can always be recovered if required. In fact, the physical database files consist exactly of the transaction log and an optional cryptographic endmarker; so that without the endmarker Pyrrho uses "append storage".

The implementation of Pyrrho is in the C# language. Because the database file is the transaction log, Pyrrho typically writes to the disk just once per transaction, and performs well in standard benchmark tests.

1.2 Pyrrho of Elis

This database management system is named after an ancient Greek philosopher, Pyrrho of Elis (360-272BC), who founded the school of Scepticism. We know of this school from writers such as Diogenes Laertius and Sextus Empiricus, and several books about Pyrrhonism (e.g. by Floridi) have recently appeared.

And their philosophy was called investigatory, from their investigating or seeking the truth on all sides.

(Diogenes Laertius p 405)

Pyrrho's approach was to support investigation rather than mere acceptance of dogmatic or oracular utterance.

¹ This is because the transaction log is persistent and contains the complete history of the database (see note later in this section 1.1).

² Throughout this manual, SQL2023 denotes the most recent full version of the SQL standard at the time of writing, including later updates of individual volumes of the standard.

Accordingly in this database management system, care is taken to preserve any supporting evidence for data that can be gathered automatically, such as the record of who entered the data, when and (if possible) why; and to maintain a complete record of subsequent alterations to the data on the same basis. The fact and circumstances of such data entry and maintenance provide some evidence for the truthfulness of the data, and, conversely, makes any unusual activity or data easier to investigate. This additional information is available, normally only to the database owner, via SQL queries to system tables, as described in Chapter 8.2 of this manual. It is of course possible to use such automatically-recorded data in databases and applications.

In other ways Pyrrho supports investigation. For example, in SQL2023, renaming of objects requires copying of its data to a new object, In Pyrrho, by contrast, tables and other database objects can be renamed, so that the history of their data can be preserved. Object naming is role-based (see section 3.6).

The logo on the front cover of this manual combines the ancient "Greek key" design, used traditionally in architecture, with the initial letters of Pyrrho, and suggests security in its interlocking elements.

1.4 How to read this manual

Each chapter begins with a "getting started" section, and most will have sections towards the end intended for developers or advanced users. The reader is advised to skip over the later sections of chapters on a first reading.

The typographical conventions are as follows: Courier New font is used to indicate computer input or output. Bold face type is used for input, and normal for output, and italic font to indicate items that vary depending on user choices, as in

```
PyrrhoCmd -h:host database
SQL> select * from table
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The current version of the .NET framework on Linux requires the above command to be given as

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mono PyrrhoCmd.exe -h:host database
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Similar incantations are needed at present for every .NET executable under Linux. This will not be mentioned every time in this manual, which will generally give the short (Windows) version of commands. Some versions of Linux can be configured with add-ins so that the "mono" prefix is not required.

1.5 About this version

All databases developed under previous versions of Pyrrho should still work with the latest version of the server³. However, when versions change, client applications should be recompiled so that their version of PyrrhoLink matches the server. There is now just one version of the Pyrrho engine: PyrrhoSvr.exe: the former open source versions have been merged with these, and applications that formerly used Pyrrho's embedded edition can simply spawn their own local server⁴.

A number of features that Pyrrho once offered have been removed over the years. These have included support for Microsoft technology such as DataAdapters and the Entity Framework, for Java Persistence, SPARQL, OWL, RDF and even Mongo. Some previous editions were linked for use in mobile phones and web servers and allowed multi-database connections.

Version 7 of Pyrrho is a major re-implementation of the database engine, and the architecture modifications are described in the SourceIntro document. However, there are some small changes to this manual for Pyrrho v7, of which the first two affect the SQL language. and the third alters the client protocol:

- The qualified asterisk and all-columns options for SELECT are available.
- Queries that do not access table data can omit the FROM clause.
- SET ROLE is part of the client protocol rather than the SQL language

³ The assumed process is one of migration, with an automatic compatibility mode for migrated databases. Databases created or modified with the latest server version generally cannot be used with previous versions.

⁴ In that case, any databases accessed by the server should be owned by the same account as the application or contain no user names.

- There are some slight changes to the system tables (chapter 8).
- A simple kind of prepared statement mechanism has been added to the API (see 8.7.12).
- In Windows, database files no longer need a file extension such as .osp or ,pfl.

The protocol change means that the client utilities are no longer fully compatible with previous versions of the Pyrrho server, and applications should be recompiled with the v7 PyrrhoLink class library.

In version 7.03, we provide support for the Typed Graph Model, using a new Level 5 in the set of abstraction layers. Graphs are automatically assembled from rows of Node and Edge Types that can be manipulated using ordinary SQL, so that a database contains a set of disjoint graphs. Create and Match syntax, containing graph expressions similar to Neo4j, have been added to the data definition and query processing level 4 of the DBMS. The expression in the Create syntax defines new or modified nodes and edges to be added to the database. Where the expression implies new or modified node and edge types, suitable schema changes occur inline, with simple feedback about the changes made enabling the user to fine-tune the process using SQL data definition language if required. The Match syntax contains a graph usually containing unbound identifiers: the database is examined to find graph fragments that match the given one for suitable values of these identifiers, on success giving a rowset containing the resulting identifier bindings (or the value true if the expression had no unbound identifiers). The Match statement can then go on to specify an action to modify the database using Create or an SQL data manipulation language⁵. See section 5.2.4.

From version 7.04, every user-defined type has a built-in Table of corresponding objects. See section 5.2.1.

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⁵ It follows that the syntax for both these statements allows identifiers whose values come from enclosing syntax.

2. Obtaining Pyrrho

Pyrrho is available as a free and very small download for the .NET framework. Later sections of this chapter discuss issues associated with moving an existing database to Pyrrho.

2.1 Downloading the package

The source and binary code of Pyrrho is available from https://pyrrhodbms.uws.ac.uk in a single download⁶. Provided the .NET framework (mono for Linux) has been installed, it is possible to extract all of the files in the distribution to a single folder and start to use Pyrrho in this folder without making any system or registry changes. Pyrrho targets the latest version of .NET, and will upgrade to .NET 5.0 in November 2020.

You are allowed to view and test the code, and redistribute any of the files available on the Pyrrho website in their entirety. With suitable acknowledgement, you may embed the dlls or re-use any of the source code in any application. Any uses other than those described here requires a license from the University of the West of Scotland (see below).

2.2 System requirements

The .NET Framework version 4.0 or greater (available from www.microsoft.com for Windows or www.go-mono.com for Linux) is required. Database files are machine-independent and can be transferred between Windows and Linux or between different machine architectures, provided only that the .NET framework or Mono is installed first.

PyrrhoSvr.exe itself is currently just over 1MB, and a minimum of 12MB of memory is required for the server process. However if the database holds xMB of data then at least 8xMB of main memory is recommended.

2.3 Licensing and Copyright

Pyrrho is intellectual property of Malcolm Crowe and the University of the West of Scotland, United Kingdom. The associated documentation and source code, where available, are copyright of Malcolm Crowe and the University of the West of Scotland. Your use of this intellectual property is governed by a standard end-user license agreement, which permits the uses described above without charges. All other use requires a license from the University of the West of Scotland.

Pyrrho depends on the .NET class libraries, which are royalty-free. Pyrrho conforms to the extent described herein to the SQL2023 standard, which is available from the standards bodies (ISO and national bodies).

2.4 Importing existing data

When importing tables from an existing database, it is good to take the opportunity for some minor redesign. For example, additional integrity constraints can be added, or data types can be simplified, for example by relaxing field size constraints. Keywords that imply such sizes, e.g. DOUBLE PRECISION, BIGINT etc are not supported in Pyrrho, which provides maximum precision by default. National character sets are deprecated since they make data locale-specific: universal character sets are used by default.

A more important area for attention is Pyrrho's security model, described fully in chapter 5. This offers an opportunity for improving the security of the business process. For simplicity during migration, the current user should initially use the server's account, as this will generally allow all desired operations to be performed with system privileges.

The first thing to note is that Pyrrho expects the operating system to handle user authentication so that there is no way for a user to pretend to be someone else: a custom encryption of the connection string is used to ensure this. There is an implicit business requirement to know which staff took the responsibility

⁶ At the time of writing, and Pyrrho v7 (alpha) is available at https://github.com/MalcolmCrowe/ShareableDataStructures .

⁷ Databases that contain user identities are obviously less portable: see section 10.4.

for data changes (corresponding to initials in former paper-based systems), and Pyrrho's approach is that it is undesirable for the database management system to force anonymity on such operations by disguising the staff responsible behind a faked-up application identity.

This means that users of the database should be identified and granted permissions (normally to use one or more database roles). Where the number of authorised staff is large, mechanisms for authorising new users can be automated. It is useful to use the role mechanism to simplify the granting of groups of permissions to the users.

Existing users and roles can be imported from the existing database: assuming users are identified in the existing database by their login identities. Where applications have been given user identities in the legacy system, this should generally be replaced by roles. Ideally each business process should have a role to enable associated database changes to be tracked. Each connection to Pyrrho is for a role, and this can enable a good record of the reasons for changes to data.

2.5 Converting existing database applications

Stored procedures and view definitions will need to be converted in general since Pyrrho uses the SQL2023 convention whereby identifiers are converted to upper case (not case-sensitive) unless they are enclosed in double quotes. Double-quoted identifiers can include layout and special characters. The use of square brackets instead of double quotes is not supported. Stored procedures must conform to the syntax specified in "SQL2023 – Persistent stored modules", and are detailed in Chapter 7.

Pyrrho supports the SQL language for coding stored procedures, and a simple version of the ADO.NET application programming interface described in Chapter 6: this allows SQL statements to be used as parameters. Pyrrho v7 has a prepared statement API, described in section 8.7.12. Other ways of embedding SQL into program coding are not supported.

The biggest conceptual hurdle in developing applications for Pyrrho is the use of optimistic transactions. It is very important for programmers to accept this approach as a fact of life, explained in the following paragraphs, and not try to imitate a locking model.

All good database architectures today support the ACID ⁸ properties of transactions (atomicity, consistency, isolation and durability). Database products that use pessimistic locking (such as SQL Server or Oracle) acquire these locks on behalf of transactions by default, and it is not usually necessary for an application to deal with these issues directly. In a pessimistic locking product, transactions can be delayed (blocked) while waiting for the required locks to become available.

A transaction can fail because it conflicts with another transaction. For example, with pessimistic locking, the server may detect that two (or more) transactions have become deadlocked, that is, all of the transactions in the group is waiting for a lock that is held by another transaction in the group. In these circumstances, the server will abort one of the transactions, and reclaim its locks, so that other transactions in the group can proceed.

With pessimistic locking, if a transaction reaches its commit point, the commit will generally succeed. If it does not complete, it retains locks on database resources until it is rolled back. With SQL Server, for example, once a transaction T begins, it acquires locks on data that it accesses. If it updates any data, it acquires an exclusive lock on the data. Until T commits or is rolled back, no other transaction can access any data written by T or make any change to data read by T.

With optimistic locking, the first sign of failure may well be when the transaction tries to commit. A transaction will fail if it tries to make a change that conflicts with a change made by another transaction and if any data it has read has been changed. Except for syntax errors, any exception will abort the current transaction, unless the exception occurs inside a stored procedure that handles the signal.

In the classic transaction example of withdrawing money from a bank account, a transaction for making a transfer might include an SQL statement of the form "update myaccount set balance=balance-100" or "update myaccount set balance=3456". Writing SQL statements in the first form makes them apparently easier to restart, but the point being made here is that it should be the client application's responsibility to decide if the statements should simply be replayed on restart. The server should not simply make

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⁸ In this document, it is assumed that ACID implies in particular that transaction isolation is conflict serializable.

assumptions about the business logic of the transaction. Pyrrho transaction checking includes checking that data read by the transaction has not been changed by another transaction.

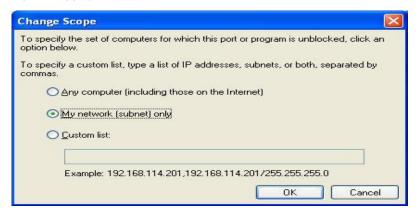
3. Installing and starting the server

The server PyrrhoSvr.exe is normally placed in the folder that will also contain the database files. Then PyrrhoSvr can be started from the command line, by the user who owns this folder. It is a good idea to run the server in a command window, because occasionally this window is used for diagnostic output.

After you start the server, it echoes the command line arguments for you to confirm startup (with the Enter key). If there are no arguments, you should then get confirmation that Pyrrho has started its services:



If Windows announces that it is blocking this program as a precaution, you will need to click the "Unblock" button on this security dialogue if you want to use the server. However, you should configure your firewall to make this service local to your subnet or local machine. The following dialogue box is from Windows XP:



See detailed instructions for Windows Firewall at http://www.pyrrhodb.com/firewall.htm .

In Windows 10 there are generally options such as Unblock or Show more to allow full operation of the software.

Under Linux, the command is mono PyrrhoSvr.exe.

You can stop the server by closing the window, since all committed transactions are already saved to persistent storage.

3.1 Command line options

The command line syntax is as follows:

```
PyrrhoSvr [-d:path] [-h:host] [-p:port] [-r:port] [+s[:port]] [+S[:port]]
```

The –h and –p arguments are used to set the TCP host name and port number to something other than ::1 and 54339 respectively. This can be a useful and simple security precaution, as any client access must specify the same host address. The host argument should be a valid IP address (IPv4 or IPv6), not a

⁹ Port 5433 belongs to PyrrhoDBMS: see https://www.iana.org/assignments/service-names-port-numbers.txt (accessed on 25 September 2020)

computer name (see section 3.4)¹⁰. The –d flag can be used to specify the server's database folder, if the server is placed in another location.

The +s and +S flags are for starting Pyrrho's HTTP service (see section 3.8). On Windows 7 systems and later, if you get Access denied, you can either run the program as administrator, or you can fix the http url reservations. To do this open a command prompt as administrator and issue the following commands (with your full user name where shown):

```
netsh http add urlacl http://127.0.0.1:8180/ user=DOMAIN \setminus user netsh http add urlacl https://127.0.0.1:8133/ user=DOMAIN \setminus user
```

If you get other error messages, try using different ports.

Other flags are for instructional use and troubleshooting. The –T flag (Tutoraial mode) is useful for demonstrating the steps taken by the server for distributed transactions and is less useful in the default situation where this feature is disabled. The -E flag can be used to display the per-command execution strategy after optimisation, and the –V flag can be used to display the syntax transformations applied to support renaming of database objects. The –H flag gives some feedback on the number of rows returned by HTTP requests in the RESTView system.

3.2 Server account

PyrrhoSvr.exe, the folder that contains it, and all the database files in this folder are normally owned by the same user, called the server account in the following notes. Note that the logical "database owner" is different – as described in this section.

The server account can always be used to create new databases. Other users who can access the server over the network can generally create databases (but see section 5.1), and naturally become the owner of any databases they create.

From version 7, if the client account matches the server account, the database will not initially contain user or role identities and can be accessed locally by the server account. The first user to be defined in the database becomes the owner, who then can access the database (e.g. over the network). This facility is useful in an educational context where a tutor wishes to create a database for students to copy to their own servers.

In enterprise contexts it is good practice under Linux for the server account to be a server identity such as S_PYRRHO, ie. a user identity created on the system, whose only system privileges are to be able to create, delete, read and write files in the server folder, and provide a TCP service on the Pyrrho port (see section 3.1). Things should be set up so that PyrrhoSvr.exe runs under this account, and no other account should have access to the database folder.

The server operates its own security policies (controlled in the usual SQL way by GRANT and REVOKE) on who is allowed to create and access database files. On Windows the client library uses the Windows. Security package to identify the client user ID (Windows login name) and construct an encrypted connection string to pass this to the server.

3.4 Security considerations

Pyrrho is a TCP server, and the Internet is generally not a secure place. The Pyrrho DBMS server should be configured behind a firewall, and then accessed from within the firewall by web servers and possibly local users. This precaution guards against denial-of-service and other attacks. Further instructions for firewall configuration are given at the very start of this chapter.

Within such a firewall, the client-server usage of Pyrrho as described in this booklet should conform to the following levels of security.

1. The security of the database file itself. Naturally, access to the database folder (section 3.3) should be limited to the server and operations staff, and strong password policies should be in place.

To protect against loss, copies of this file should be taken periodically and placed in a secure location. It is good practice to compare successive copies of the database: the database should always match the

¹⁰ The corresponding client-side argument can be a computer name (see chapters 4-8).

backup copy over the entire length of the latter. These features facilitate the creation of very secure systems.

- 2. The security of communication with the server. For all editions of Pyrrho, the connection string is encrypted using a custom encryption technique¹¹. In a secure environment, access to the ports would be limited to authorised users, and the port numbers could be changed periodically.
- 3. The security of user identity for each transaction. The client library obtains the user identity from the operating system and encrypts it in the connection string for secure transmission to the server. Web applications should be configured so that the remote user's identity is correctly passed through using headers (anonymous access should be discouraged).

Within the database, all objects have owners, initially the user that created them (the definer). There are two predefined roles for a database: the default role, with the same name as the database, initially with all privileges, and the guest (public) role, initially allowed to use the default role. The normal SQL grant/revoke mechanisms can be used to modify these permissions (see also section 3.6 and 7.12). From v7 of Pyrrho, in databases that have no users defined, the account that starts the server has all privileges.

See also section 5.1 on the question of permissions for users to create new databases. (This is not really a question of database security.)

3.3 Database folder

By default, the server will create databases in a folder specified on server startup. You can inspect the database folder from time to time to check everything is in order. A database file path can be used if the server account is able to create and access the given path.

Normal file copying utilities can be used for the database: for example, the server account can copy a database created on another machine into its folder. There is one file per database which is the transaction log. Database files are all owned by the server account 12.

3.4.1 Sensitive data

Inspired by the EU's General Data Protection Regulations, Pyrrho now supports the concept of sensitive data, for which any access is auditable. Columns, domains and types can be declared SENSITIVE¹³. Sensitive values are not assignment-compatible with anything that is not sensitive, and there is a sensitive property inherited by any object that contains a sensitive data type. This means for example that the sum of sensitive data is still sensitive. The transaction log will contain a record of every access to sensitive values (apart from by the database owner), even if the transaction is rolled back. Auditing uses the Sys\$Audit system table (see section 8.3.1-2).

3.4.2 Mandatory access control

From December 2018 the DBMS also offers a simulation of Bell-LaPadula security based on clearance and classification levels D to A: the database owner is the security administrator (see section 7). The support is quite extensive, so this section includes some sample discussion. Some aspects of the Bell-LaPadula system are found in current DBMS: essentially the idea that rows of a table can have hidden multi-level security labels that control who can access the rows (and different rows in a table can have different labels).

The access control system is based on the concept of security levels, which are conventionally labelled D to A. Level D is the default and corresponds to no access control beyond the permissions described in the above sections. In the US Department of Defense Orange Book, Levels B and C have subdivisions based on the level of auditing available: since Pyrrho always audits levels above D, its levels C and B roughly equate to levels C2 and B3. Level A requires mathematical proof, which would probably be possible, but is not further discussed here. In addition a security label can contain two lists of identifiers

¹¹ After connection, further client-server communication is not encrypted by Pyrrho. The use of transport-layer security or alternative ports should be considered if security is an issue.

¹² The server account can be changed provided file and server accounts continue to match.

¹³ SENSITIVE is a reserved word in SQL that normally appies to cursor sensitivity. The usage in Pyrrho described here is quite different, and the keyword comes at the end of a type clause (see section 7.4).

here called groups and references, that are visible only to the security administrator (SA), for the purpose of fine-tuning the authorisations of individual users in individual tables.

A user can be assigned a range of levels¹⁴ called *clearance*, and tables and data records in the database can be assigned a level called *classification*. Initially all users have clearance level D (to D). As mentioned above, both clearance and classification can have lists of groups and references (see syntax below). The clearance and classification labels include the level and two sets of identifiers called here groups and references.

The database owner plays the role of security administrator SA for all objects and users of the database. The database owner has special privileges: to consult all system tables including logs, to access and modify the clearance and classification of users and tables and data records, and to specify the enforcement of these rules for tables in the database. By default, all operations on a table are enforced, but these can be limited to some combination of read/insert/update/delete.

The access rules for users other than the database owner are as follows (where the levels are ordered so that D is the lowest and A the highest). Subject to the normal SQL permissions and the enforcement policy

- A user with clearance x can access data with classification y iff x>=y
- A user with clearance x can change or create data only with classification x

In addition, the list of references in the user's clearance must include all the references mentioned in the object's classification (if any); and the list of groups in the user's clearance must include at least one of the groups mentioned in the object's classification (if any). The second bullet point above means for example that some users will be able to see objects they are not allowed to modify. If a user inserts a new record in a table where insert is subject to enforcement, the new record will have a classification with the user's minimum level, the subset of the user's groups that are in the table's classification, and all the table's references (which must be a subset of the user's references).

The database owner (as security administrator) is exempt from these access rules. The database owner rcan specify the classification label for a new table or record. By default a new row will have the same classification as the table that receives it. When called directly or indirectly by the SA, triggers and stored procedures follow the usual (definer's) rules. The SA can also determine for each table whether to apply the access rules just for some combination of read, update, insert and delete operations (by default they are applied for all operations).

The SA can use syntax for level and enforcement descriptors: (as usual [] indicate optional, {} a sequence).

```
Level = LEVEL id ['-'id] [GROUPS {id}] [REFERENCES {id}] .
Enforcement = SCOPE [READ] [UPDATE] [INSERT] [DELETE]
```

where the level id is one of the letters D to A.

The SA can add Level and Enforcement to a CREATE or ALTER for tables, specify Level in an INSERT statement or when defining columns, and use SECURITY as a pseudo column in SELECT, UPDATE and DELETE statements.

The SA can assign a clearance level to a user with the following extension to the GRANT statement:

```
GRANT Level TO user id
```

J

where the user id normally requires to be enclosed in double quotes. The clearance level takes effect immediately on commit, but because of Pyrrho's approach to transaction isolation ongoing transactions will not be affected.

Where a user is unable to access some data because of classification, such data is silently excluded from any direct or indirect computation by that user. If specifically requested information is thus hidden, the requestor will be told that the objects are undefined or that the data is not found. Other exceptions raised by the operation of these rules contain only the information "access denied" (e.g. if a user has been prevented from updating something they have successfully accessed).

¹⁴ A range of levels as a user clearance means that the user is free to read material at a high level and trusted to create at a lower level of security (the minimum they can access), and they can update an object whose classification is in their range (its classification does not change).

There are several system tables that allow the SA to monitor the operation of the above mechanisms. Actions by the SA are visible in the Log\$ table and there are separate tables (Log\$Clearance, Log\$Classify and Log\$Enforcement) that allow SQL access to details of the direct and indirect actions taken by the SA to alter clearance or classification. The current status of all clearances, classified rows, classified columns, and enforcement is available to the SA in the Sys\$Clearance, Sys\$Classification, Sys\$ClassifiedColumnData and Sys\$Enforcement table, respectively, where such status is different from the default.

3.5 Forensic investigation of a database

Pyrrho supports two kinds of investigation of a database.

First, full log tables are maintained. These are accessible to the owner of the database. The log files allow tracing back to discover the full history of any object: when it was created, what changes to it were made, and when it was dropped. In each case, full transaction details are recorded: user, role and timestamp. Since objects can be renamed, logs use numeric identifiers to refer to objects in the database. Full details of the log tables are given in chapter 8. Using these tables, it is always possible to obtain details of when and by whom entries were made in the database. The system log refers to columns and tables by their uniquely identifying number rather than by name.

One extension to SQL2023 syntax which assists with forensic investigation is the pseudo-table ROWS(n) where n is the "Pos" attribute of the table concerned in "Sys\$Table" (see section 8.3). For example, suppose we want a complete history of all insert, update and delete operations on table BOOK. We first lookup BOOK in Role\$Table:

```
select "Pos" from "Role$Table" where "Name"='BOOK'
If this yields 149, then the required history is
select * from rows(149)
```

These can of course be combined:

select * from rows((select "Pos" from "Role\$Table" where "Name"='BOOK'))

```
Command Prompt - pyrrhocmd ab
                                                                                            "Pos" from "Role$Table" where "Name"='BOOK
Pos
149
    select * from rows(149)
SQL>
    Action DefPos
Pos
                    Transaction Timestamp
                                 04/10/2020 11:19:16
365 | Insert | 365
                    347
430 Insert | 430
                                 04/10/2020 11:19:40
483 | Insert | 483
                    465
                                 04/10/2020
                                            11:20:13
540 Update 483
                                 06/10/2020 10:41:07
                    522
605 Delete 605
                    587
                                 06/10/2020 10:41:30
                    rows((select "Pos" from "Role$Table" where "Name"='BOOK'))
    select * from
50L>
Pos | Action | DefPos
                    Transaction Timestamp
 365 Insert
                                 04/10/2020 11:19:16
430 Insert | 430
                    412
                                 04/10/2020 11:19:40
483 Insert | 483
                    465
                                 04/10/2020 11:20:13
540|Update|483
                                 06/10/2020 10:41:07
                    522
                                 06/10/2020 10:41:30
605 | Delete | 605
                    587
```

The second set of parentheses is needed in SQL2023 here to force a scalar subquery. The Log\$ table gives a semi-readable account of all transactions:, and Log\$RecordField enables programmatic access to the data values of Insert and Update records.. Most of the System and log tables have a column called "Pos" which gives the defining position of the relevant entry. 15

```
table "Log$"
50L>
    Desc
                                                                                      Affects
                                                                        Type
    PTransaction for 4 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/04/2020 11:17:22
                                                                        PTransaction
23
    PTable AUTHOR
                                                                        PTable
                                                                                      23
   Domain INTEGER
                                                                        PDomain
                                                                                      34
    PColumn3 AID for 23(0)[34]
                                                                        PColumn3
                                                                                      48
    PIndex AUTHOR on 23(48) PrimaryKey
                                                                        PIndex
                                                                                      71
    Domain CHAR
                                                                        PDomain
                                                                                      92
105 PColumn3 ANAME for 23(1)[92]
                                                                        PColumn3
                                                                                      105
131 PTransaction for 6 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/04/2020 11:18:07
                                                                        PTransaction
                                                                                     131
                                                                        PTable
149 PTable BOOK
                                                                                      149
159 PColumn3 BID for 149(0)[34]
                                                                        PColumn3
                                                                                      159
184 PIndex BOOK on 149(159) PrimaryKey
                                                                        PIndex
                                                                                      184
206 PColumn3 AUTH for 149(1)[34]
                                                                        PColumn3
                                                                                      206
233 PIndex2 on 149(206) ForeignKey refers to [71]
                                                                        PIndex2
                                                                                      233
252 PColumn3 TITLE for 149(2)[92]
                                                                        PColumn3
                                                                                      252
280|PTransaction for 2 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/04/2020 11:18:34|PTransaction
                                                                                     280
298|Record 298[23]: 48=1,105=Dickens
323|Record 323[23]: 48=2,105=Conrad
                                                                        Record
                                                                                      298
                                                                        Record
                                                                                      323
347|PTransaction for 1 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/04/2020 11:19:16|
                                                                        PTransaction
                                                                                      347
365 Record 365[149]: 159=10,206=1,252=A Tale of Two Cities
                                                                        Record
                                                                                      365
412 PTransaction for 1 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/04/2020 11:19:40 PTransaction
                                                                                     412
430 Record 430[149]: 159=11,206=2,252=Nostromo
                                                                        Record
                                                                                      430
465|PTransaction for 1 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/04/2020 11:20:13
                                                                        PTransaction
                                                                                     465
483 Record 483[149]: 159=12,206=1,252=Dombey & Son
                                                                        Record
                                                                                      483
522 PTransaction for 1 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/06/2020 10:41:07
                                                                        PTransaction
                                                                                      522
540 Update 483[149]: 159=12,206=1,252=Dombey and Son Prev:483
                                                                        Update
                                                                                      483
587 PTransaction for 1 Role=-291 User=-292 Time=10/06/2020 10:41:30
                                                                        PTransaction
                                                                                      587
605 Delete Record 365[149]
                                                                                      365
                                                                        Delete1
QL>
```

The normal way for ownership of a Pyrrho database to be changed is for the database owner to invoke the Pyrrho-specific GRANT OWNER statement. This is implemented as part of the normal database service, and it is good practice to ensure that owners of database objects (see section 7.13) are user identities that are still available in the operating system.

3.6 Role-based Data Models

At any time, a database connection in Pyrrho has a user id and a role. On Windows systems, the user is obtained from Windows, and the default role has the same name as the database. Another role that the user is allowed to use can be specified in the connection string, or specified by the SET ROLE statement. Pyrrho allows database objects to be renamed or altered by holders of the appropriate permissions: but from Pyrrho 4.5 such renaming and alteration applies to the current role, so that a database object can have different names in different roles. ¹⁶

By default, all roles in a Pyrrho database have a default data model based on the base tables, their columns, and using foreign keys as navigable properties. Composite keys use the list notation for values e.g. (3,4) and the name is the reserved word key, which can be suffixed by the property name of the key component. The default data model can be modified on a per-role basis to provide more user-friendly entity and

¹⁵ "Pos" and many other columns in the system tables have the integer subtype Position, which is specially handled in Pyrrho. See sec 8.1.3.

¹⁶ In Pyrrho versions 4.5 to 6.3, this mechanism was implemented by modifying source SQL contained in view, trigger and procedure definitions to contain defining positions instead of object names before storing the definition in the database. This behaviour was detectable in system tables such as Log\$. In version 7 and later, the source SQL is stored unchanged. For reasons of compatibility, databases created by previous versions will continue to use the database format of the older version, even for new objects.

column names, and user-friendly descriptions of these entities and properties. Tables and columns can be flagged as entities and attributes as desired.

For example, roles could be defined for users in different countries, using entity names, property names and descriptions appropriate to the language of the country, giving access to localised columns or views. The localisation of columns is facilitated by the Pyrrho-specific UPDATE clause for generated columns which can perform lookups or casts behind the scenes. These defined views or generated columns could even have specific data types targeting specific roles, since they impose no overhead unless they are explicitly used.

Roles that are granted usage of an object will not see any subsequent name changes applied in the parent role, but the role administrator can define new names. Stored procedures, view definitions, generation rules etc use the definer's permissions for execution.

Apart from object names, only the owner of an object can modify objects. This includes changes to object constraints and triggers, and inevitably such modifications can disrupt the use of the object by other roles, procedures etc. References in code in other roles can introduce restrictions on dropping of objects, but as usual, cascades override restrictions, and in Pyrrho, revoking privileges always causes a cascade. Granting select on a table must include at least one non-null column. Granting insert privileges for a role must include any non-null columns that do not have default values, and cannot include generated columns.

Metadata is an added feature in Pyrrho. Role administrators can modify object metadata as viewed from their role, and this is useful primarily for data output over HTTP.

3.7 Virtual Data Warehousing

Normally, data warehousing involves creating central data repositories (using extract-transform-load technologies) to enable analytic processing of a combined data set. There are several situations where this is undesirable, for example where the resulting data protection responsibility at the central repository is excessive, where the data is volatile and it becomes expensive to maintain all of the centrally-held data in real time, or where it is better to leave the data at its sources where the responsibility lies [Crowe et al. 2017]. With database technology, a View (if defined but not materialised) allows access to data defined in other places. The virtual data warehouse concept epxloits this notion, and endeavours to avoid the central accumulation of data. Pyrrho uses HTTP to collect data from the remote DBMS using a simple REST interface[Fielding, 2000], and so the resulting technology here is called RESTView.

Thus, with RESTView, a Pyrrho database allows definition of views where the data is held on remote DBMS(s), and is accessible via SQL statements sent over HTTP with Json responses. Pyrrho itself provides such an HTTP service (se the next section) and the distribution includes suitable interface servers (RestIf, see sec 4.6) to provide such a service for remote MySQL and SqlServer DBMS.

The HTTP access provides the user/password combinations set up for this purpose within MySQL by the owners of contributor databases. In the use cases considered here, where a query Q references a RESTView V, we assume that (a) materialising V by Extract-transform-load is undesirable for some legal reason, and (b) we know nothing of the internal details of contributor databases. A single remote select statement defines each RESTView: the agreement with a contributor does not provide any complex protocols, so that for any given Q, we want at most one query to any contributor, compatible with the permissions granted to us by the contributor, namely grant select on the RESTView columns.

Crucially, though, for any given Q, we want to minimise the volume D of data transferred. We can consider how much data Q needs to compute its results, and we rewrite the query to keep D as low as possible. Obviously many such queries (such as the obvious select * from V) would need all of the data. At the other extreme, if Q only refers to local data (no RESTViews) D is always zero, so that all of this analysis is specific to the RESTView technology.

During query processing Q is transformed by replacing views by the tables they reference, filters are applied at the lowest level of the query (e.g. directly on a remote table), and the JSON representation of the result of selection is slightly enhanced to add the registers used to compute any remote aggregations.

There are two types of RESTView syntax (see section 7.2): corresponding to whether the view has one single contributor or multiple remote databases, as we will now see.

ViewDefinition = [ViewSpec] AS (QueryExpression | GET [USING Table_id]) {Metadata} .

The QueryExpression option here is the normal syntax for defining a view. The REST options both contain the GET keyword. The simplest kind of RESTView is defined as GET from a url defined in the

Metadata. The types of the columns need to be specified in a slightly extended ViewSpec syntax (see sec 7.2). If there are multiple remote databases, the GET USING table_id option is available. The rows of this table describe the remote contributions: the last column supplies the metadata for the contributor including a url¹⁷, and data in the other columns (if any) is simply copied into the view. There are simple examples of this mechanism in the Pyrrho blog and website.

Depending on how the remote contributions are defined, RESTViews may be updatable, and may support insert and delete operations. In v7 of Pyrrho, a transaction can make alterations to the base tables of at most one physical database (no matter where it is hosted).

3.8 HTTP services

Pyrrho's internal HTTP server is enabled using the +s +S -h -p flags of the PyrrhoSvr command line respectively to switch on the http and https service and optionally change the port from the defaults 8180 and 8133, to provide a hostname other than localhost, and to provide a RCP address other than ::1. You can supply your own server certificate for transport layer security and/or specify different ports.

Pyrrho requires Basic authentication as specified in RFC 7617, and this can provide a satisfactory level of security when used with transport-layer security (https).

The Authorization header may have a blank password element if the user is the owner of the database (or matches the server account of the database defines no users). If Pyrrho receives an unauthenticated request it will seek authentication, identifying its realm as "Pyrrhodb granted password". To obtain such a password, the database owner must grant the PASSWORD privilege to the user. If the GRANT PASSWORD does not specify a password to use, the password will be set from the credentials of the next transacted HTTP request for this user.

One reason for using Pyrrho's HTTP service is to capture database input from, or obtain database output in, JSON, HTML, XML, or CSV as alternatives to SQL (whose MIME type is text/plain). Selection of these formats is by use of the HTTP headers as usual (Accept for output format selection, Content-Type for input format selection). This mechanism is used by RESTView (see section 8.8.9 for extra details).

Metadata flags can be supplied for database objects for special HTML output formats such as charts, and to control XML formatting to use attributes or child nodes. See section 7.2. Metadata flags can also request that SQL output use an alternative format.

As described in section 3.7 and below in this section, Pyrrho becomes a client of HTTP services (its own and others) in its implementation of RESTViews. See also the HttpFunction in sec 7.9.

3.8.1 A Transacted REST Service

Pyrrho's HTTP server supports RFC 7232 [Fielding, 2014] and uses it to offer a transacted SQL service over HTTP/1.1.

The URL used has the form http://hostname:port/database/role[/table], the default verb is POST and the the Content-Type of the request is text/plain, and the body of the request is a semicolon-separated sequence of SQL statements.

The transacted service supports the verbs HEAD and POST, and supplies ETag information in its responses. (For the other verbs, see section 3.8.2.)

The RFC 7232 header If-Unmodified-Since enables the session to be started conditionally, giving a date in the recent past (e.g. the start of another transaction in progress). The header If-Match allows the service to continue if a given list of Etags is still valid, so that typically ETags accumulate during a transaction.

Etags are normally opaque double-quoted strings, but Pyrrho's ETags have the form of a double-quoted sequence of comma-separated big integers

 $ETag = "ttt,ddd,ppp{,ddd,ppp}" {,ETag}$

where ttt is a table uid, ddd a row uid (or -1 to indicate all rows), and ppp the latest data position for the table or row. 18

¹⁷ In v7, the declared type of this column must be METADATA.

¹⁸ The above format has been adopted in PyrrhoV7 for compatibility with RFC 7232.

Both If-Unmodified-Since and If-Match can be used with a HEAD request, respectively to synchronise with an ongoing transaction on another database, or to validate a read-only transaction.

Selects do POST in the read part of the transaction and HEAD at the end. It is the other way round for INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE. The rules for validation and ETag upating are shown in the table below:

Statement	When	Verb	If-Unmodified-Since	If-Match	Returned ETag recorded
Select	Read	POST	If * Validate		Rows read*
Select	Write	HEAD		Validate	
Insert	Read	HEAD	If * Validate		
Insert	Write	POST			Rows inserted
Update	Read	HEAD	If * Validate		Rows to be updated
Update	Write	POST		Validate	Rows updated
Delete	Read	HEAD	If * Validate		Rows to be deleted
Delete	Write	POST		Validate	

Validation failure for If-Unmodified-Since is 40084, for If-Match 40082.

The Pyrrho server will be a client of such a service when explicit transactions are used with RESTViews, and the ETAG metadata flag is specified in the View definition, Pyrrho automatically generates the required headers for remote databases, and defers REST requests to the commit point of the explicit transaction. It is strongly recommended that only one remote database is modified in any such transaction. The conditions 400084 and 400082 are raised on precondition failure for If-Modified-Since and If-Match.

The If-Match mechanism is based on a string cookie that is returned with HTTP results. RFC7232 returns this in the response header. RFC7232 states that a wild-card ETag is the string "*"; there is no point in using this for validation. Otherwise the ETag can be used in an If-Match header in subsequent HTTP calls, to verify that the data that was returned has not changed in the meantime. This mechanism has obvious limitations from the point of view of transaction control, where HTTP results take the form of data tables. Importantly, it only applies to a single HTTP response, and not to a transaction history. Its guarantees can apply to a small number of base table rows, or a single table, or a single database (the full database test applies if RFC 7232's Weak W/ flag is specified in If-Match). This has been implemented for Pyrrho for REST Views that have the ETAG metadata flag, and Pyrrho will raise the "ETag validation fails" error for an If-Match ETag that no longer matches the database state. ¹⁹

The If-Unmodified-Since header has a standard date format (RFC 7231) that does not support time intervals less than one second. Pyrrho will allow the header to include a fractional milliseconds part (of form .ddd) if the metadata flag MILLI is provided with the URL.

Clients of PyrrhoDBMS can use a RESTful interface provided by the PyrrhoConnect class as described in section 8.8.8 and 8.3.4.

The service-specific request headers for this service are as follows:

Header name	Syntax Comments	
Accept	text/plain text/html text/csv text/xml	Mime strings as specified in
	application/json	RFC2616
Authorization	user:password	As specified in GRANT
If-Match	"*" "t,d,c{,d,c}"{,"t,d,c{,d,c}"}	*, or ETags previously returned by
		the server cf. RFC 7232 and below
If-Unmodified- HTTP-date		The transaction start time as in RFC
Since		7231 sec 7.1.1.1
Url	<pre>proto://host[:port]/dbname/role[Details]</pre>	For Details see below

The service-specific response headers are as follows (for Status 200):

Header name	Syntax	Comments
Description	Unicode string	If specified in table metadata
Classification	<i>l</i> [{ <i>g</i> {, <i>g</i> }}][[<i>r</i> {, <i>r</i> }]]	Level A-D, group and reference are optional sequences of strings separated by commas, groups
		enclosed in {}, references enclosed in [].

¹⁹ The mechanism has some similarities to the RVV mechanism proposed by Laiho and Laux (2010).

^{*} If we read the whole table, then any change will be a conflict, so we record -1, lastData; otherwise we override a previous -1,lastData entry with specific information.

LastData	Unsigned integer	Highwatermark in the log for tables included in
		results. The LAST_DATA property is available
		in Pyrrho's SQL
ETag	" <i>t</i> , <i>d</i> , <i>c</i> {, <i>d</i> , <i>c</i> }"{," <i>t</i> , <i>d</i> , <i>c</i> {, <i>d</i> , <i>c</i> }"}	The row-version validator (CHECK) for the first
		row returned. Separated by semicolons: table uid,
		record uid (or -1 for all rows), log position,
		separated by commas. See sec 5.2.3.

3.8.2 A URL-based HTTP service.

This service supports GET, PUT, POST and DELETE (for HEAD see below), where the url has the form http://hostname:port/database/roleDetails

where Details is as follows:

```
Details: {'/'Selector} { '/'Processing} [ '?'Metadata]

Selector matches<sup>20</sup>:

[table ] Table_id

[procedure ] Procedure_id [ '(' Parameters ')']

[where ] Column_id ('='|'<-'|'>'|'<-'|'<-'|'<-') string

[select ] Column_id {, Column_id}

[key ] string
```

Appending another selector is used to restrict a list of data to match a given primary key value or named column values, or to navigate to another list by following a foreign key, or supply the current result as the parameters of a named procedure, function, or method (see the examples below).

Paraneters matches a comma separated list of constant values.

Processing matches:

```
distinct [Column_id{, Column_id}]
ascending Column_id{, Column_id}
descending Column_id{, Column_id}
skip Int_string
count Int_string
```

For Metadata, see section 7.2.

The Http/https Accept and Content-Type headers control the formatting used. At present the supported formats are JSON (application/json), XML (text/xml), HTML (text/html, only for responses) and SQL (text/plain). The Pyrrho distribution includes a REST client which makes it easier to use PUT, POST and DELETE. A URL can be used to GET a single item, a list of rows or single items, PUT an update to a list of items, POST one or more new rows for a table, or DELETE a list of rows. Thus GET and POST are very different operations: for example, in this service POST does not even return data. All tables referenced by selectors must have primary keys. See section 4.5.

For the key selector, the parser knows the datatypes of the table's columns so it is quite flexible about the format, and in particular single quotes around a single string value are optional. If the selector has several components, they should be separated by commas.

Some navigation is possible with this URL model. For example for a database D with role Sales, GET²¹ /D/Sales/Orders/1234 returns a single row from the Orders table. /D/Sales/Orders/Total>50.0/OrderDate/distinct returns a list of dates when large orders were placed, GET /D/Sales/Orders/OrderDate, Total returns just the dates and totals, GET /D/Sales/Orders/1234/of OrderItem returns a list of rows from the OrderItem table, and GET /D/Sales/Orders/1234/CUST/Customer/NAME returns the name of the customer who placed order 1234. The response will contain a list of rows: if HTML has been requested it will display as a table (or a chart if specified by the Metadata flags, sec 7.2). Using HTML will also localise the output for dates etc for the client.

```
For example, with the database E created by create table sales (cust char(12) primary key, custSales numeric(8,2)); insert into sales values ('Bosch' , 17000.00),('Boss' , 13000.00), ('Daimler',20000.00); [insert into sales values ('Siemens',9000.00),('Porsche', 5000.00), ('VW', 8000.00), ('Migros' , 4000.00);]
```

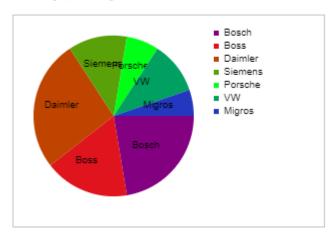
²⁰ The optional keywords here are less restrictive than might appear: In this syntax views and tables can be used interchangeably, so that the keyword **table** if present may be followed by a view (unlike SQL). Similarly, the keyword **procedure** if present may be followed by a function call.

²¹ Here the GET URL will be prefixed by http://host:port as usual.

```
create role E;
grant E to "usermachine\username";
if the browser is asked for
```

http://localhost:8180/E/SALES/?PIE(CUST,CUSTSALES)LEGEND

it will display the output shown.



PUT http://D/Sales/Orders/1234/DeliveryDate with text/plain content of ((date'2011-07-20')) will update the DeliveryDate cell in a row of the Orders table. PUT content consists of an array of rows, whose type must match the rowset returned by the URL. If the array has more than one row, commas can be used as separators. JSON format is also supported. XML format can also be used, which should match the data format returned by the URL.

POST http://D/Sales/Orders will create one or more new rows in the Orders table. In Pyrrho an integer primary key can be left unspecified. In SQL (text/plain) format, column names can be included in the row format, e.g. (NAME:'Fred',"DoB":date'2007-10-22'): if no names are provided, all columns are expected. Remember that the REST service is case-sensitive for database object names. JSON can be used with the obvious format. XML format can also be used, in which case column values for the new row can be supplied either as attributes or child nodes irrespective of the data model. A mime type of text/csv has been added to facilitate import from Excel spreadsheets.

Pyrrho supplies ETag information with responses, and one or more of these can be submitted in an If-Match header for conditional HTTP processing. Using this approach ACID behaviour can be guaranteed for a sequence of HTTP requests where all except the last are GETs. However, it is generally better to send a transacted sequence of SQL statements using POST, as described in section 3.8.1 above.

See also sections 4.5 and 4.6. The implementation of GET in the server is also used for the Versioned library (sec 6.4).

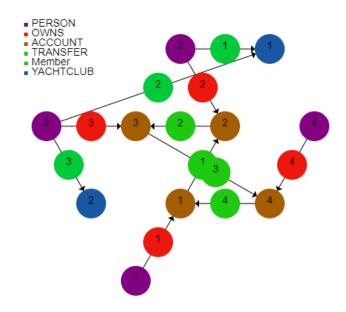
Pyrrho will become a client of this service in the implementation of a RESTView that specifies the URL metadata flag with its url, and then PUT, POST, and DELETE operations are sent immediately to the remote server even if an explicit transaction is in progress.

```
With a database yc [after Francis,2023] created by [CREATE (p1:Person{name:'Aretha'})-[:owns]->(a1:Account{isBlocked:false}), (p2:Person{name:'Jay'})-[:owns]->(a2:Account{isBlocked:false}), (p3:Person{name:'Mike'})-[:owns]->(a3:Account{isBlocked:true}), (p4:Person{name:'Scott'})-[:owns]->(a4:Account{isBlocked:false}), (a1)-[:Transfer{amount:2000000}]->(a2)-[:Transfer{amount:2500000}]->(a3), (a3)-[:Transfer{amount:3000000}]->(a4)-[:Transfer{amount:3500000}]->(a1), (p2)-[:"Member"]->(c1:YachtClub {name:'Ankh-Morpork Yacht Club',address:'Cable Street'}), (c1)<-[:"Member"]-(p3)-[:"Member"]->(c2:YachtClub {name:'Emerald City Yacht Club',address:'Yellow Brick Rd'})] create role YC grant YC to "usermachine\username"
```

if the browser is asked for

http://localhost:8180/yc/YC/PERSON/ID=1?NODE

it will display



3.9 Localisation and Collations

Pyrrho's database files are intended to be locale-neutral: they use universal time and UTF-8 encoding with standard case-sensitive collation. Localisation and regional settings are applied in the API library (PyrrhoLink.dll) and by default use the regional settings of the client (see chapter 4). This design makes it easier for databases to be accessed from or copied to different locales, and is consistent with the locale-neutral SQL language.

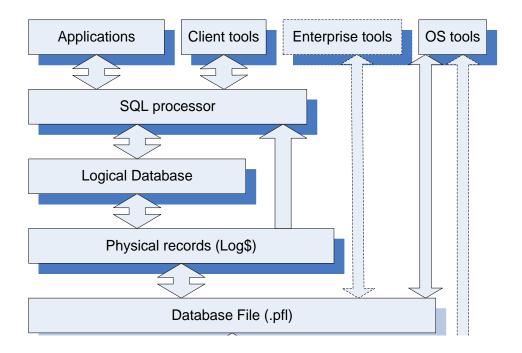
Pyrrho also supports most localisation facilities available in the SQL standard. For example, it uses the character set names as specified in SQL2023. Specifying a character set restricts the values that can be used, not the format of those values. By default, the UCS character set is used. By default, the UNICODE collation is used, and all collation names supported by the .NET framework are supported by Pyrrho. CHAR uses standard culture-independent Unicode. NCHAR is no longer supported and is silently converted to CHAR. UCS_BINARY is supported.

The SQL2023 standard specifies a locale-neutral interface language to the server, notably for dates and times.

In addition, views and updatable generated columns provide opportunities for localisation, which can be targeted by defining roles for specific locales.

3.10 Pyrrho DBMS architecture

The structure of the Pyrrho DBMS is shown in the drawing below (the .pfl extension is no longer used).



4. Pyrrho client utilities

There are three client utilities at present: a traditional command-line interpreter PyrrhoCmd, PyrrhoStudio, and a Windows client called PyrrhoSQL. As with all Pyrrho clients, the PyrrhoLink.dll assembly is also required. We discuss these first. The distribution also contains a REST client and a transaction profiling utility.

PyrrhoStudio is a version of PyrrhoCmd that embeds the database engine, for convenience when developing the database for an application based on EmbeddedPyrhho.dll. Databases developed with these clients do not contain the user identity.

4.1 The Pyrrho Connection library

PyrrhoLink.dll (or the Java package org.pyrrhodb.*) is used by any application that wishes to use the Pyrrho DBMS. This library includes support for client applications. The simplest possible approach is simply to place PyrrhoLink.dll in the same folder as the application that is using it.

In Chapter 6 we will see that PyrrhoLink.dll is also needed to be at hand when compiling applications.

Since version 5.4 thread-safety is enforced in client-side programming. Connections can be shared among threads. But there can be at most one transaction or command active in a connection, and transactions, commands and readers cannot be shared between threads.

4.1.2 Localisation

In the current version, PyrrhoLink supplies error messages in English. Localisation to other languages was provided in previous editions and the mechanism to do this is still available in the code.

Locale-independent data from the database, such as dates and times, can be rendered by PyrrhoLink.dll according to the regional settings on the client machine. The database may be in a different country or timezone from the client.

However, SQL2023 itself is invariant (details of data formats are given in section 7). Thus the following behaviour is correct for a client machine in the UK:

4.2 Installing the client utilities

The distribution currently contains PyrrhoCmd.exe, and PyrrhoSQL.exe, and the PyrrhoLink module PyrrhoLink.dll. These can be placed anywhere in the file system so long as the dll is in the same folder as the executable.

Since the client executables are so small (currently 140KB including the DLL) it is generally easier to copy them where they are required rather than using load-paths or registry entries.

It is usually convenient for database administration to install them on the server (in addition to client machines if any), but the client utility do not have to be on the server machine. If the server is not on 127.0.0.1 the -h: command line option can be used to specify a different host (e.g. -h: fred, or -h: 192.168.1.3).

4.3 PyrrhoCmd

PyrrhoCmd is a console application for simple interaction with the Pyrrho server. Basically it allows SQL statements to be issued at the command prompt and displays the results of SELECT statements in

a simple form. Insert, update, and delete operations will generally cause a response indicating the number of rows affected²².

It has some additional features. It supports upload and download of blobs (binary large objects) through use of the escape character ~. It also supports the sort of multi-database connection described in section 2.7. See section 4.1 for locale issues.

4.3.1 Checking it works

On the same machine as the server, open a command window and use cd to navigate to the same folder as the client executable.

PyrrhoCmd

SQL> table "Sys\$Table"

In SQL2023 table id is the same as **select * from** id for base tables and system tables.

```
Administrator: Command Prompt - pyrrhocmd

C:\PyrrhoDB\OSP\OSP\pyrrhocmd

SQL\> table "Sys$Table"

Pos Name Columns Rows Triggers CheckConstraints References RowIri

SQL\>

SQL\>
```

PyrrhoCmd will respond with the list of ables in the current database. The default database Temp is created if necessary by the command processor. To create or use another database, specify it on the command line. The above response from the server merely gives information about the tables in the database that are accessible from the current role (you are the database owner in this case, but it contains no tables). If you look in the folder: you will scee a file called Temp (it was not there before).

You can use control-C, or close the window, to exit from PyrrhoCmd.

Note that database names in Pyrrho are case sensitive. (Windows is relatively careless.)

4.3.2 Accessing a server on another machine

If the client is running on a different machine from the server, you will need to specify the host in the command line, as in:

PyrrhoCmd -h:address

Normally, PyrrhoCmd is used to connect to a particular database, specified as an argument in the command line. If no argument is supplied, then as indicated above, the Temp database is used.

If the database is new, and the client account is not the same as the server account, a default role is created with the same name as the database, the client account is granted use of it, and becomes the database owner. If the client account is the same as the server account, no role or user information is initially placed in the database, allowing roles and users to be defined later. This makes it easier to create databases for students. In both cases, the first role to be created becomes the default role for the database, and the first user to be granted this role becomes the database owner, and these can access any database objects created up to ththat point.

²² For operations involving table constraints that specify cascade or other side effects, the response will be simply OK.

4.3.3 Connecting to databases on the server

For example, if there is a database called Book, use

PyrrhoCmd Book

to connect to it. Note that case is significant in database names (since these are parts of actual file names). If more than one database name is given on the command line, a connection is established that opens a list of databases in the order given. See section 2.7.

4.3.4 The SQL> prompt

PyrrhoCmd is normally used interactively. At the SQL> prompt you can give a single SQL statement. There is no need to add a semicolon at the end. There is no maximum line length either, so if the command wraps around in PyrrhoCmd's window this is okay.

```
SQL> set role ranking
```

Be careful not to use the return key in the middle of an SQL statement as the end of line is interpreted by PyrrhoCmd as EOF for the SQL statement. If you want to use multiline SQL statements, see section 4.3.5.

At the SQL command prompt, instead of giving an SQL statement, you can specify a command file using @filename. Command files are ordinary text files containing an SQL statement on each line.

4.3.5 Multiline SQL statements

If wraparound annoys you, then you can enclose multi-line SQL statements in [] . [and] must then enclose the input, i.e. be the first and last non-blank characters in the input.

```
SQL> [ create table directors ( id int primary key,
> surname char,
> firstname char, pic blob ) ]
```

Note that continuation lines are prompted for with > . It is okay to enclose a one-line statement in [].

Note that Pyrrho creates variable length data fields if the length information is missing, as here. This seems strange at first: a field defined as CHAR is actually a string.

4.3.6 Adding data and blobs to a table

Binary data is actually stored inside the database table, and in SQL such data is inserted using hex encoding. But PyrrhoCmd supports a special syntax that uses a filename as a value:

```
SQL> [ insert into directors (id, surname, firstname) values (1,
'Spielberg', 'Steven', ~spielberg.gif) ]
```

The above example shows how PyrrhoCmd allows the syntax $\sim source$ as an alternative to the SQL2023 binary large object syntax $\times '474946...'$. PyrrhoCmd searches for the file in the current folder, and embeds the data into the SQL statement before the statement is sent to the server.

As this behaviour may not be what users expect, the first time Pyrrho uploads or downloads a blob, a message is written to the console, e.g.:

```
Note: the contents of source is being copied as a blob to the server source can be enclosed in single or double quotes, and may be a URL, i.e. ~source can be ~"http://something"..
```

A textfile containing rows for a table can similarly be added using a command such as

```
insert into directors values ~rowsfile
```

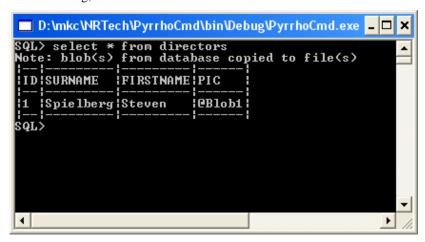
Simple data can be provided in a csv or similar file. The first line containing column headings and exposed spaces in the file are ignored. Data items in the given file are separated by exposed commas or tabs. Rows are parenthesized groups (optionally separated by commas), or provided without parentheses but separated by exposed semicolons or newlines. Characters such as commas etc are not considered to

be separators if they are within a quoted string or a structure enclosed in braces, parentheses, brackets, or pointy brackets.

4.3.7 Retrieving data and blobs from the server

Data is retrieved from the database using TABLE or SELECT statements, as indicated in 4.2.1.

If data returned from the server includes blobs, by default PyrrhoCmd puts these into files with new names of form Blobnn. Again PyrrhoCmd will alert the user to this process on the first occasion (unless –s flag has been set, see section 4.3.8, or the above message has been shown). To prevent downloads, use the –b flag, see section 4.3.8.



Blobs retrieved to the client side by this method end up in PyrrhoCmd's working directory (which is usually different from the database folder). To view them it is usually necessary to change the file extension, e.g. to Blob1.gif.

For ways to retrieve data and blobs using an application, see Chapter 6.

4.3.8 Command Line synopsis

When starting up PyrrhoCmd, the following command line arguments are supported:

database	One or more database names on the server. The default is Temp. See section 2.7.
-h:hostname	Contact a server on another machine. The default is 127.0.0.1
-p:nnnn	Contact the server listening on this port number. The default is 5433
-s	Silent: suppress warnings about uploads and downloads
-e:command	Use the given command instead of taking console input. (Then the SQL> prompt is not used.)
-f:file	Take SQL statements from the given file instead of from the console.
-c:locale	Specify a language for the user interface, overriding .NET defaults. Localised versions of the error messages will be used if available. See section 4.1.2.
-b	No downloads of Blobs
- ∆	Show version and readCheck information for each row of data
-3	Show this information and exit.

Whether the command prompt (console) window is able to display the localised output will depend on system installation details that are outside Pyrrho's control. Localisation is more effective with Windows Forms or Web Forms applications.

4.3.9 Transactions and PyrrhoCmd

Transactions in Pyrrho are mandatory, and are aways serializable. By default, each command is committed immediately unless an error occurs. Alternatively, you can start an explicit transaction at the SQL> prompt:

SQL> begin transaction

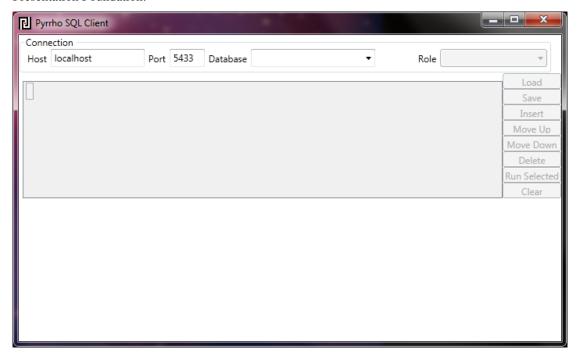
Then the command line prompt changes to SQL-T> to remind you that a transaction is in progress. This will contain until you issue a **rollback** or **commit** command at the SQL-T> prompt. If an error is reported by the database engine during an explicit transaction, you may get an additional message saying that the transaction has been rolled back followed by a normal SQL> prompt, or another SQL-T> prompt as an invitation to try to continue the transaction by means of another SQL command.

This continue behaviour is similar to the support offered by SQL's CONTINUE handler. The PyrrhoCmd client examines the TRANSACTION_ACTIVE diagnostic after an exception to see if the transaction can continue.

With explicit transactions, there appears to be a difference in the feedback provided by the server on completion of an insert, delete or update statement: the number of rows reported to affected accumulates during the transaction. In both cases the report is of the number of changes to be committed. The difference is that with implicit transactions, the commit happens immediately (implicitly), resetting the count of rows affected; while in the explicit transaction the running total of rows affected continues to grow until the exipicit COMMIT command occurs, the changes are abanadoned with ROLLBACK, or an error occurs that means the transaction cannot be committed.

4.4 PyrrhoSQL

PyrrhoSQL (OSPSQL in the Open Source edition) is a more modern shell interface, based on Windows Presentation Foundation:



It allows selection of a database and role, and scripts can be created, loaded, modified and saved. Lines of SQL scripts are executed one at a time.

4.5 RESTClient

This Windows Forms program is useful for using the REST interface described in section 3.7. It is not Pyrrho-specific and uses Windows authentication to the server:



It offers a choice of send and receive formats (SQL,XML and HTML). It is important to remember the role must be specified in addition to the database name, and URLs are case-sensitive.

The drop-down lists offer alternative formats for request and response: Json, XML, SQL, and String,

If an ETag is returned by the service, it is displayed. The Send checkbox is used to send the contents of the ETag box as an If-Match condition with the HTTP request.

The Auth checkbox is used to supply the given User and Password as credentials to the service.

4.6 The RestlfD service

RestIfD is a simple web server based on TAWQT.com's AWebSvr architecture. It provides a simple SQL and Json interface to a MySQL database, and is intended to run on the same server as a running MySQL instance. Start it up and leave it running: it reports the URL it is listening on, normally http://localhost:8078/. Since source code is provided, it is a simple matter to add controllers for other DBMS to this service.

RESTIfD expects credentials using the normal HTTP Athentication header. These credentials are supplied directly to MySQL on each request. ETag and If-Match headers are supported.

The service offers the following interfaces.

The service offers the following interfaces.	
GET http://localhost:8078/	This returns a list of databases in Json format, as reported
	by SHOW DATABASES for the given credentials.
GET http://localhost:8078/db	This returns a list of tables in database db, as reported by
-	SHOW TABLES for the given credentials.
POST http://localhost:8078/db	The posted data should be plain text comprising one or
	more SQL statements (ending with semilcolons). These
	are executed as a single transaction by MySQL.
GET http://localhost:8078/db/tb	This returns all of the rows of table tb in database db in
_	Json format, and an ETag.
POST http://localhost:8078/db/tb	The posted data should be a single row for the given table
_	in JSon format.
PUT http://localhost:8078/db/tb	For this request tb should have a primary key. The posted
	data is used to update a single row matching the key
	supplied in the row.
GET http://localhost:8078/db/tb/w	As above but w is a where condition (a string, or a Json
	document), used to filter the returned rows.

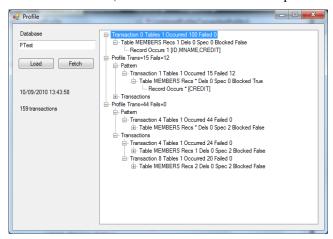
DELETE http://localhost:8078/db/tb/w This request will delete the specified rows.

For PUT, POST and DELETE the returned data shows the number of rows affected.

4.7 The Profile Viewer

If profiling is turned on for a database (see section 8.4), Pyrrho maintains a transaction profile, which is persisted not in the database itself, but in an XML file: this is because it is a record not of the entire database activity, but just the periods for which profiling is enabled. Profiles can be deleted without harming the database in any way.

There is a convenience utility called ProfileViewer which displays the profile in a readable tree-view format. The profile can either be "fetched" from the server (assuming profiling is enabled), or "loaded" from the XML file (in which case ProfileViewer expects to find the xml file in its working folder).



5. Database design and creation

This chapter assumes that the reader is familiar with the general principles of relational databases including normal form and integrity constraints. For simplicity, we will document the use of the command line utility to carry out the steps discussed in this chapter.

Many activities could of course be automated using command scripts or application programs. For the latter, see Chapter 6.

5.1 Creating a Database

As mentioned in the last section, by default Pyrrho will create a database if necessary. To create a database, simply issue the command

PyrrhoCmd databasename

The file <code>databasename.osp</code> will be created in the database folder, and owned by the server account. The database will not be completely empty: it will have two initial records. The first of these will be a User record identifying the client account as the owner of the database. The second will be a default Role (with the same name as the database) which permits all actions on the database. The User will be the client's login ID. These two records specify the database owner and the schema role for the database.

The remainder of this subsection can be skipped on a first reading.

For example, suppose the Pyrrho service account on VANCOUVER is PYR_USR, and user LONDON\Fred issues the command

PyrrhoCmd -h:VANCOUVER MyLibrary

This command assumes that Fred has access to the client program, and to port 5433 on VANCOUVER where PyrrhoSvr is already running. If database MyLibrary already exists on host VANCOUVER, and LONDON\Fred is allowed to access it, the command line utility will start up on the client computer with a connection to this database. If MyLibrary does not exist on VANCOUVER, the PyrrhoSvr will create a new database file MyLibrary.pfl in the database folder, which will be owned by PYR_USR. MyLibrary.pfl will have an initial User record for user 'LONDON\Fred' of type owner, and a Role called 'MyLibrary'. In both cases, the PyrrhoCmd utility will now give the command prompt

SOL>

for SQL commands such as creation of the first few objects in this new database.

It is entirely reasonable for administrators to wish to limit the ability to create databases in the database folder. A better solution on a corporate network will be for databases to be initially created by their owners on their local machines but using their network login, and then copied by an administrator to the database folder on the server host. On the server host, the database folder should have permissions such that the server account cannot create new files. This approach would have the added advantage that the database file would actually continue to be owned by the client user.

5.2 Creating database objects

When using CREATE TABLE and other SQL statements at the command prompt, bear the following points in mind:

- SQL2023 syntax is somewhat different from many legacy systems. In particular:
- Identifiers are not case-sensitive unless they are enclosed in double quotes
- Double-quoted identifiers can be used to avoid confusion with reserved words and for identifiers that contain special characters
- By default, variable length data types can be used, e.g. CHAR instead of CHAR(16). If size and precision are specified, values are truncated. Precision specification for numeric types, if specified, is in decimal digits
- Single quotes are still used for string literals.

 Date, time, timestamp, and interval literals have a fixed syntax (e.g. DATE '2005-07-20') and the formats are not locale-sensitive.

In the current version the SQL2023 Timezone feature is not implemented (since it impedes moving a database between timezones), so time and timestamp are displayed for the local time zone on the computer in question, but are stored in the database in universal time.

For example the SQL statement

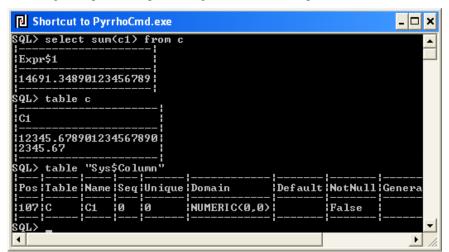
Insert into Winner ("YEAR", Rep) values (2005, 'Fred')

will create a new record in an already-existing table WINNER(YEAR, REP) of form

YEAR	REP
2005	Fred

The double quotes are needed since YEAR is a reserved word in SQL2023. The single quotes are needed since Fred would otherwise be interpreted as an identifier (e.g. a column name). These requirements come from SQL2023.

The illustration above shows an integer value (larger than "long") in an "ordinary" integer field. The following example shows precision greater than double precision:



5.2.1 Pyrrho's data type system

SQL2023 differs from older DBMS's by having a stronger system of data types. For example, user defined types have methods and constructors, and ordering functions can be declared.

Pyrrho's type system is as in SQL2023 with the following changes (a) char and char(0) indicate unbounded strings; int, int(0), integer and integer(0) indicate 2048-bit integers (see example in the section above); and real has a mantissa of 2048 bits by default; (b) size-specific standard types such as bigint or double are not supported; (c) persisted data is not changed by subsequent changes to column datatypes as long as it is coercible to the new type.

To explain the last point, suppose a table has a column of type numeric, and contains values with (say) up to 5 significant digits. Suppose now the table is altered so that the column is numeric(3). At this point all new values will be truncated on insertion, and all existing values will be truncated on retrieval, so that the table appears to contain values with a maximum of 3 significant digits. Now suppose the data type is changed back to numeric. Now the old data with 5 significant digits is visible once more, but of course the data inserted when the data type was numeric(3) will only have 3 significant digits. A case could be made that this behaviour is incorrect. But it helps to avoid accidental loss of data.

User-defined types may specify supertypes (confusingly using the UNDER clause in type definitions). The supertype will implement all columns and indexes required to support its subtypes, and columns are inherited from supertypes. Inserted rows are added to the base-tables that define their columns (thus, the target type and its supertypes), but the log shows a single record with all fields. Update and delete behave similarly. The standard SQL SPECIFICTYPE() function can be used to get the most specific type of a row.

From version 7.04 (and from 7.03 in the case of typed graph types) there are built-in base tables directly implementing user-defined types, and these can be targets of selection, insertion etc. The specified target of insert etc determines the type of row that is inserted, while selecting from a type will return all rows that are of that type or its subtypes.

5.2.2 Indexes, Identity etc

Indexes are not database objects in standars SQL. Integrity, uniqueness and referential constraints imply their use within the database engine, and behind the scenes Pyrrho uses indexes built in this way for automatic query optimisation.²³

Pyrrho extends the notion of referential constraint to allow adapter functions: this behaviour is helpful when working with semantic inference systems. To illustrate the concept of an adapter function, consider this example:

foreign key(rdate, regionid) references t using (extract (year from rdate), regionid)

If the USING value is non-null, this should be a key in the referenced table. When this extended behaviour is used, the value of the computed foreign key is recorded along with the transaction.

Pyrrho does not have "identity", "autonumber", "sequence", or "generator" features found in other databases. Instead, it has the following automatic feature, which it claims is better. If insert is proposed and a key component is missing, Pyrrho will find a suitable value: this behaviour is similar to POST in REST-based systems.

If multiple rows are used in a single INSERT, as in "insert into a(c) values (4),(5),(1)", the actual order of insertion will not necessarily seem to be the obvious one.

5.2.3 Row versions

Pyrrho supplies pseudocolumns in all base tables for row versioning purposes and security. There are four of these: SECURITY, CHECK, and its components POSITION and VERSIONING. CHECK is a Rvv cookie, and POSITION and VERSIONING are integers.

²³ A syntax for CREATE INDEX has however been added to Pyrrho so support the MongoDB service.

As the name implies, SECURITY is reserved for use by the database owner assecurity administrator, and has a special type called Level. It is assignable to a value of type Level For further information see section 3.4.2..

The information in CHECK includes the defining position of the table(s), defining position of the row(s) and current offset of the row version²⁴. When retrieved it refers to the version valid at the start of the transaction, but it can be used at any time subsequently (inside or outside the transaction) to see if the row has been updated by this or any other transaction (this is the only violation of transaction isolation in Pyrrho).

The normal use of this data in application programming is to check that information previously read by the application is still valid 25 . For example, if the application reads a row of data including the VERSIONING pseudocolumn and saves the version in a local variable called (say) rvv, a subsequent UPDATE of this row could specify WHERE VERSIONING=rvv, so that the application could check the number of rows affected.

Transaction behaviour complicates this picture considerably, as clients can retrieve rows during a transaction that updates them. If the client application has programmed an explicit transaction and has made a copy of versioning information, it is the client's responsibility to include a set of versioned objects to be updated when calling Commit (See sections 6.8 and 8.7.12).

5.2.4 Typed Graph Data

This version includes some support for graph data.

The RDBMS view of graph data

A NodeType (or EdgeType) corresponds to a single database object that defines both a base Table in the database and a user-defined type for its rows. This UDT is managed by the database engine by default, but the usual ALTER operations are available for both Table and UDT. Its first column is a primary key ID of type INT, usually provided in the CREATE statement, or if this is not supplied, a new int value²⁶. Other columns are provided in the node type for any properties that are defined for a node of this type.

An EdgeType additionally specifies NodeTypes for Leaving and Arriving foreign key columns (an edge is said to leave a node and arrive at another²⁷). This means that all leaving nodes for an edge type have the same node type (and similarly all arriving nodes for an edge type have the same node type. As usual with foreign keys, the engine maintains multisets for the reverse relationships (edges leaving from or arriving at the node).

TNode and TEdge are TypedValues whose dataType is a NodeType (resp EdgeType). A TGraph is a collection of node and edge uids.

Nodes and edges are rows in the tables thus defined, and these can be updated and deleted using SQL in the usual ways²⁸, while ALTER TYPE, ALTER DOMAIN and ALTER TABLE statements can be applied to node and edge types.

In CREATE TYPE statements, metadata is available to declare a new type as a node type or an edge type, automatically specifying the ID (resp. ID, LEAVING and ARRIVING) columns and constraints as column 0 (resp, 0,1,2): see the Metadata information in section 7.2. A more convenient mechanism for defining or adding to typed graphs is provided by the CREATE syntax in this section 5.2.4 and illustrated below.

Creating graph data in the RDBMS

A Neo4j-like syntax can be used to add one or more nodes and zero or more edges using the CREATE statement defined in section 7.2 below:

²⁴ CHECK is one of Pyrrho's primitive types from v7. See section 7.4.

²⁵ The discussion in this paragraph is about additional checks the application programmer wishes to include. The server will prevent read-write and write-write conflicts in any case.

²⁶ This uses the autokey feature of Pyrrho described elsewhere. The syntax allows the use of a column name other than ID for this key column, and it can be renamed in the usual ways.

²⁷ The type of these key columns is normally INT, but INT SET is possible ("hyperedges": sets are a Pyrrho extension to SQL2023).

²⁸ It is easy to forget that about the special columns for ID, LEAVING and ARRIVING, and good practice to use explicit column lists in INSERT statements for node and edge types.

```
Create: CREATE GraphExp {THEN Statement END}.
GraphExp: Node {Edge Node} {',' Node { Edge Node }} .
Node: '(' [id] [Label] [doc] ')'.
Edge: '-[' [id] [Label] [doc] ']->' | '<-[' [id] [Label] [doc] ']-' .
Label: ':' id [Label].</pre>
```

In this syntax we see new diglyph and triglyph tokens for indicating the start and end of directed edges. In this syntax id is an SQL identifier for later reference in the statement, not a node ID: node and edge identities are specified in the JSON document doc. Pyrrho will supply a default value for ID if not specified.

The Label identifies a node or edge type (with an optional subtype), which may be new. As suggested above, the columns of new node and edge types are inferred from supplied property values and automatically modified as needed. All nodes and edges by default have the special property ID of type INT. The syntax connects up the edges: it is not permitted to specify leaving and arriving nodes explicitly.

As indicated, the syntax can contain a comma-separated list of graph fragments. The engine endeavours to combine these, verifying or modifying the available node and edge types, and defining new nodes and edges.

Retrieving graph data from the RDBMS

The Match statement has the following syntax:

```
Match: MATCH GraphExp [Where] [Statement].
```

The given graph fragments are evaluated in a recursive process that finds sets of values for unbound identifiers, for which the graph fragments are all found in the database. The result is thus a set of successful assignments of unbound identifiers to TypedValues. The Statement if supplied is executed for each row of this set. To be unbound, an identifier should not match any top-level database object (table, view, domain, type, procedure) or any identifier defined earlier in the current SQL statement.

If there are no unbound identifiers in the MatchStatement, its value is just a Boolean indicating whether all of the fragments were found.

The Graph view of graph data

The database is considered to contain a (possibly empty) set of disjoint TGraphs. Every Node in the database belongs to exactly one graph in this set.

The nodes of a graph are totally ordered by the order of insertion in the database, but this is not the traversal ordering: the first node in a graph is the first in both orderings. The traversal ordering starts with this first node but preferentially follows edges: the leaving edges ordered by their edge types and edge uids followed by arriving edges ordered similarly, while not visiting any node or edge more than once.

The set of graphs is (internally) totally ordered by the defining position of their first node.

In the data management language, an SqlNode is an SqlRow whose domain is a Node type. Evaluation of the SqlNode gives an explicit rowset of TGraph values. A TGraph specified in the above ways may match a subgraph of one of the graphs in this set, in which case we say the TGraph is found in the database.

5.3 Altering tables

SQL2023 allows for tables to be altered by adding, altering, or dropping columns, and adding and dropping constraints.

Tables can also be dropped. Pyrrho supports the renaming of objects, with the following syntax for renaming tables:

```
alter table oldname to newname
```

and similar syntax for renaming other objects. Renaming columns is a special case:

```
alter table tname alter [ column ] oldname to newname
```

The position of a column can also be changed. (Column positions have little semantic value but it is convenient to have a known ordering of columns in select * results.)

```
alter table tname alter [column ] cname position n
```

Renaming of database objects is role-specific: renaming applies to the current role (see sec 5.5 below), and requires appropriate privileges. The database file (transaction log) uses numeric identifiers instead of names. The Log\$... system tables show these, while the Role\$... system tables show the current names in the current Role. The following screenshot shows these numeric identifiers in the log:

Pyrrho reconstructs compiled representations of database objects as required to refelect schema changes. The -V flag for the server allows this compilation process to be verified. Internally, objects not yet written to the database are given temporary numeriuc identifiers starting with 0x40000000001. For convenience these are abbreviated to '1, '2 etc.

Pyrrho does not modify database data when column types are changed: however, it does check that the database data can be coerced into the new column type.

5.4 Sharing a database with other users

One of the first uses for the client utilities should be to create the base tables of the database and grant permissions on them to users. The best ways of doing this are explained in the next section.

The database creator initially is the only user known to the database. If there are no users defined, the only user known to the database is the one that started the server, and all objects are occonsidered defined by the system. The first role created in the database takes over all of these objects, and the first user to be granted this role becomes the database owner, with administrative privileges on it. Users who have not been granted any permissions are guests, and by default have no privileges.

Thus, under Windows, if a database as no users as yet, but a role ADMIN has been defined, the creator of the database can share it with anyone by the following GRANT statement:

```
grant admin to public
```

This allows anyone to access or alter the data in any way. For a specific user mary on computer JOE on Windows, grant admin to "JOE\mary". The double quotes are needed because of case-sensitivity for user names; use select user to check the format for users on your system. To let mary alter the role she will need to be granted the admin option too. Only specifically-granted users are allowed to access the database over HTTP.

```
grant select atable to public
```

This allows any user to read the table ATABLE (and all its current columns). Other grant statements can be used to apply specific privileges to specific database objects. The full syntax for the grant and revoke statements is specified in the SQL standardand summarised in section 7.

There are some special cases in Pyrrho. At any time, a user has the privileges of at most one role (select current_role to see what it is), but can set the role to any role they have been granted. Domains and types are public. Views, stored procedures, triggers and constraints execute using their definer's role (set role is not a valid statement in such code). The database owner is able to access all of the system tables and profiles. A role is allowed to access the Role\$ system tables.

For best results only grant permissions to Roles: these are described next.

5.5 Roles

For example, suppose a small sporting club (such as squash or tennis) wishes to allow members to record their matches for ranking purposes:

```
Members: (id int primary key, firstname char)

Played: (id int primary key, winner int references members, loser int references members, agreed boolean)
```

For simplicity we give everyone select access to both these tables.

```
Create role admin
Grant select on members to public
Grant select on played to public
```

Although Pyrrho records which user makes changes, it will save time if users are not allowed to make arbitrary changes to the Played table. Instead we will have procedure Claim(won,beat) and Agree(id), so that the Agree procedure is effective only when executed by the loser. With some simple assumptions on user names, the two procedures could be as simple as:

We want all members of the club to be able to execute these procedures. We could simply grant execute on these procedures to public. However, it is better practice to grant these permissions instead to a role (say, membergames) and allow any member to use this role:

```
Create role membergames 'Matches between members for ranking purposes'
Grant execute on procedure claim(int,int) to role membergames
Grant execute on procedure agree(int) to role membergames
Grant membergames to public
```

This example could be extended by considering the actual use made of the Played table in calculating the current rankings, etc.

In SQL2023, although a user may be entitled to use roles, he/she can only use one at a time, and the current role determines the permissions available. This is established in the connection string or using SET ROLE, and can be referred to as SESSION_ROLE.

Apart from the owner privilege (which can be held by just one user), granting privileges directly to users is deprecated. It is recommended to grant roles to users instead. Similarly, attempting to create a hierarchy of roles is also deprecated, and in Pyrrho the grant of role A to role B has the effect only of granting role A to all users authorised to use role B at the time of the grant: it does not create a permanent relationship between the roles; revoking a role from a role does nothing, and all roles are in the root namespace. This behaviour appears to be a departure from SQL2023 (see section 7.11 below).

Similarly, a grant of privileges does not create any permanent relationship between roles. For example, granting Select on a Table implies granting select on all of the *current* columns. The grant can be repeated later if new columns are added, or the new columns can be granted. Similarly in Pyrrho, access to a column can be revoked even though the role was previously granted access to the whole table (again see section 7.11).

A user who has been granted the admin option for a role can define new tables, procedures, constraints, types, etc in that role, and can grant privileges on these objects to other roles. All SQL code, if it is executable by the current role, executes with the permissions of the owner of the code (definer's rights). A user entitled to administer a role can modify metadata (including the object name, but excluding the iri) of objects visible from their role: other defining properties of the object can only be changed by the owner or schema role. All standard types are PUBLIC and all roles remain in the root namespace. Other objects can be prefixed with the name of the role if this is helpful for disambiguation.

On creation a database has a default role with the same name as the database, and the owner of the database can use this "schema" role to create the starting set of objects for the database.

The System tables can be used to ascertain the privileges held at any time: from v4.5 these are accessible by the database owner, or by using the schema role.

5.6 Stored Procedures and Functions

Pyrrho supports stored procedures and functions following the SQL2023 syntax (volumes 2 and 4). The programming model offered in this way is computationally complete, so the use of external code written in other programming languages is not supported.

Following SQL2023 the syntax :v is not supported for variable references, and instead variables are identified by qualified identifier chains of form a.b.v. The syntax? for parameters is not supported either.

Following SQL2023-2-11.60, procedures never have a returns clause (functions should be used if a value is to be returned), and procedure parameters can be declared IN, OUT or INOUT and can be RESULT parameters. Variables can be ROW types and collection types. For functions, TABLE is a valid RETURNS type (it is strictly speaking a "multiset" in SQL2023 terminology). From SQL2023-2-6.45 we see that RETURN TABLE (QueryExpression) is valid syntax for a return statement.

The operation of the security model for routines in SQL2023 is rather subtle. All routines operate with definer's rights by default, but access to them is controlled according to the current role.

Pyrrho allows some metadata properties to be set for functions. MONOTONIC (order-preserving) functions used in join conditions can allow Pyrrho to speed up joins by sorting the table operands provided USING syntax specifies the use of an adapter function. The INVERTS metadata property establishes a pair of mutuially inverse functions and this information means that views and joins defined USING such functions can be updatable depending on the availability of keys.

The next few sections include some outlines of procedure statements specified in SQL2023-4 and supported in Pyrrho. Complete syntax summaries for Pyrrho are given in chapter 7.

5.6.1 Table-valued functions

```
create table author(id int primary key, aname char)
create table book(id int primary key, authid int, title char)
...
create function booksby(auth char) returns table(title char)
    return table(select title from author a inner join book b on
    a.id = b.authid where aname = booksby.auth )
```

This example also shows that a routine body is a single procedure statement (possibly a compound BEGIN..END statement). If you use the command line utility PyrrhoCmd (section 4.2), very long SQL statements such as the last one above can be enclosed in square brackets and supplied on several lines as described in section 4.2.5.

The above function can be referenced by statements such as

```
select * from table(booksby('Charles Dickens'))
```

The keyword table in this example is required by SQL2023-2(7.6).

5.6.2 Simple statements

Semicolons are used as separators in statements lists, and are not part of any statement syntax. Declarations can appear anywhere in a statements list (which defines the scope of the declaration).

BEGIN statements END

DECLARE varnames type

SET id = value

SET (ids) = value

SQL statements such as CREATE, GRANT, INSERT, DELETE, REVOKE, DROP are also allowed here, as are SELECT INTO, which is basically queryexpression INTO ids.

RETURN value

CALL procedure (values)

5.6.3 Decision Statements

CASE value { WHEN value THEN statements } [ELSE statements] END CASE

CASE WHEN search condition THEN statements [ELSE statements] END CASE

IF condition THEN statements { ELSEIF condition THEN statements } [ELSE statements] END IF

5.6.4 Iterative statements

Iterative statements can be labelled (with an identifier followed by a colon) and LEAVE and ITERATE statements can refer to these labels, to break out of nested loops or skip to the next iteration of a loop. Variable references to variables declared inside these constructs can be of form label.name .

FOR queryexpression DO statements END FOR

LOOP statements END LOOP

WHILE searchcondition DO statements END WHILE

REPEAT statements UNTIL searchcondition END REPEAT

LEAVE label

BREAK

ITERATE label

5.6.5 Condition handling statements

The following condition handling apparatus (as specified in SQL2023) is also supported. The predefined conditions are SQLSTATE string, SQLEXCEPTION, SQLWARNING and NOT FOUND, but any identifier can be used . All of the following can appear where statements are expected, and handlers apply anywhere in the scope where they are declared.

DECLARE CONTINUE HANDLER FOR conditions statement

DECLARE EXIT HANDLER FOR conditions statement

DECLARE UNDO HANDLER FOR conditions statement

UNDO is defined in the SQL standard (04-4.8): it oferrs more fine-grained behaviour than rollback, as it merely removes any changes made in the scope of the handler.

SIGNAL condition setlist

Here the options for condition are SQLSTATE string or any identifier. The setlist allows a set of keywords defined n the SQL standard, corresponding to items in the diagnostics area. For example, you can pass a reason in the diagnostic area using the MESSAGE_TEXT keyword.

5.6.6 Examples

The following functions perform the same task. The first uses a handler, while the second uses a for statement.

```
create function gather1() returns char
begin
  declare c cursor for select a2 from a;
  declare done Boolean default false;
  declare continue handler for sqlstate '02000' set done=true;
  declare a char default '';
  declare p char;
  open c;
  repeat
    fetch c into p;
    if not done then
      if a = '' then
        set a = p
      else
        set a = a || ', ' || p
      end if
    end if
  until done end repeat;
  close c;
  return a
end
```

```
create function gather2() returns char
begin
  declare b char default '';
  for select a2 from a do
    if b='' then
        set b = a2
    else
        set b = b || ', ' || a2
    end if
end for;
```

```
return b
```

```
SQL> table a

| I | First |
| Second |
| SQL> table c |
| I | First |
| Second |
| SQL> table c |
| First, Second |
| SQL> |
| SQ
```

5.7 Structured Types

SQL2023 supports structured types. Structured types, multisets and arrays can be stored in tables. There is a difference between (say) a table with certain columns, a multiset of rows with similarly named fields and a multiset of a structured type with similarly named attributes, even though in an element of each of these the value of a column, field or attribute respectively is referenced by syntax of the form a.b . Some constructs within SQL2023 overcome these differences: for example the INSERT statement uses a set of values of a compatible row type to insert data into a table, and TABLE v constructs a table out of a multiset v. The type model in Pyrrho allows user-defined types to be simple or structured, they can define XML data types (e.g. for RDF/OWL use) have an associated URI and constraints.

To use structured types, it is necessary to CREATE TYPE for the structured type: this indicates the attributes and methods that instances of the type will have. Then a table (for example) can be defined that has a column whose vales belong to this type. At this stage the table could even be populated since there is an implicit constructor for any structured type; but before any methods can be invoked they need to be given bodies using the CREATE METHOD construct. Note that you cannot have a type with the same name as a table or a domain (since a type has features of both).

Values of a structured type can be created (using NEW), assigned to variables, used as parameters to suitably declared routines, used as the source of methods, and placed in suitably declared fields or columns.

Notes: 1) The coordinates have been declared as int, so the first point here is not (2.5, 4)). 2) In v7, the last method here must refer to a as id=centrerect.a, not id=a .This is because in the SQL standard (2011, sec 6.6), unqualified names need to lie in the context of a range variable or table name, to which they refer, and so an identifier chain is required in this example.

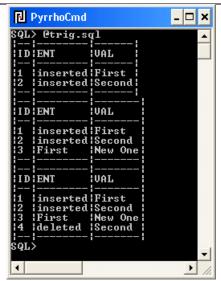
Arrays and multisets of known types do not need explicit type declaration. Their use can be specified by the use of the keyword ARRAY or MULTISET following the type definition of a column or domain.

5.8 Triggers

SQL2023 supports triggers.

Pyrrho has built-in facilities to do activity logging (see section 3.5 and 8.2). However, triggers allow for a more customizable approach as the following example shows:

```
create table test1(id int primary key, val char)
create table test2 (id int primary key, ent char, val char)
create procedure
                  log(g char,h char) insert into test2(ent,val)
    values(g,h)
create trigger loginsert after insert on test1 referencing new row as
    a for each row call log('inserted',a.val)
create trigger logupdate before update on test1 referencing old row as
    a new row as b for each row call log(a.val,b.val)
create trigger logdelete before delete on test1 referencing old row as
    a for each row call log('deleted',a.val)
insert into test1 values(1, 'First'), (2, 'Second')
table test2
update test1 set val='New One' where id=1
table test2
delete from test1 where id=2
table test2
```



5.9 Subtype semantics

Subtypes are supported, and domains with row representations. Prefixes and Suffixes are supported for currency and physical types. The Metadata concept provides the main support for this additional information. There is some support for XML namespaces.

Like domains, types can be altered using the ALTER syntax subject to access privileges and restrict/cascade semantics depending on existing database contents.

Subtypes inherit columns, methods, and constraints from their supertype. Changes to types affect subtypes, so any change to a supertype is also subject to access and semantic conditions on its subtypes.

Subtypes of node/edge types are node/edge types (the metadata does not need to be repeated). In the physical database, properties of the nodes/edges of these types are placed in the base table(s) for the type and supertype(s) that specify them (the partial records in each base table all have the same defining position, corresponding to the position of the record in the transaction log). Thus the transaction log shows the record, and the supertype table will contain rows from all its subtypes (the SQL function SPECIFICTYPE() gives the name of the subtype), while selecting from the subtype gives each of its rows, including columns inherited from the supertype. The order and visibility of columns is determined by the current role.

5.9.1 IRI references and subtypes

Semantic information can be used to define a subtype, for example, a Pyrrho extension to SQL2023 allows declarations such as:

CREATE DOMAIN ukregno 'uri://carregs.org/uk'

The final string constant is stored by the database as metadata. Subtype information can be examined using the standard SQL2023 type predicate, for example

SELECT * FROM cars WHERE reg IS OF (ukregno)

5.9.2 Row and table subtypes

In an INSERT operation, whole rows or tables can be assigned a subtype using the TREAT function. A structured type can be declared with additional metadata uri information, such as

CREATE TYPE t AS (c CHAR, b INT) 'http://a.com'

Then supposing table A had been created with a compatible row type, such as CREATE TABLE(c CHAR,b INT), we could write

INSERT INTO A TREAT (VALUES ('Ex',1)) AS t

The type of a row can be tested using the ROW keyword, e.g. ROW IS OF(type). Following the SQL standard, the row type for a table or view T is REF(T).

6. Pyrrho application development

This section contains technical information required by database application programmers. For many purposes the first few subsections are sufficient.

For simplicity, it is assumed in sections 6.1-6.5 that the application programmer is writing in C#. Later sections discuss the APIs available for Python, Java, PHP, and SWI-Prolog, all available on Windows and Linux.

6.1 Getting Started

Application programming with Pyrrho can be carried out using C#, Java, Python, and even SWI-Prolog, and the source code for all of the libraries is available in the distribution.

The best support is available with C#, where there are two programming models available: ADO.NET and "Plain Old C# Objects" POCO, which is more like an entity framework. As with many other DBMS, Pyrrho provides its own version of both in the PyrrhoLink.dll file in the distribution and the directive

```
using Pyrrho;
```

For both models, the the connection to the server is PyrrhoConnect (sec 6.2-3), and the resulting effective API is documented in section 8.7 of this manual. The Pyrrho API supports a simple kind of prepared statements, see sec. 8.7.12, but in a different way from the SQL standard, as the prepared statements are stored in the current connection and not in the database.

Unless the dll is istalled in the global assembly cache, it should be copied to the same folder as the application executable. If you are using a tool such as Visual Studio to develop your application, ensure that the project references PyrrhoLink.dll. You may need to browse to the location where Pyrrho has been installed. Visual Studio will then make information from PyrrhoLink.dll available during compilation and place a copy of PyrrhoLink.dll in the same folder as the executable.

6.2 Opening and closing a connection

The database connection is provided using an extension to the standard ADO.NET IDbConnection interface:

```
var db = new PyrrhoConnect(connectionstring);
```

See section 6.4 for details of the connection string. A sample is provided below.

The connection must be opened before it can be used:

```
db.Open();
```

Connections should be closed when no longer required:

```
db.Close();
```

An application may use this cycle many times during its operation, as connections may be opened for different databases, groups of databases, or using different roles. By default, the connection operates in autocommit mode where every command is immediately committed. If explicit transactions are used, any uncommitted transactions are silently rolled back when a connection is closed (see section 8.8.20). Two functions in this interface described below are CreateCommand (section 6.5) and BeginTransaction (section 6.7).

As usual with ADO.NET, at most one IDataReader can be open for any connection. Remember to close the IDataReader before calling another ExecuteReader.

For example, the following console program connects to a database Movies on the local server, and lists the TITLEs found in table MOVIE:

```
using Pyrrho;
class Test
{
   public static void Main(string[] args)
   {
      var db = new PyrrhoConnect("Files=Movies");
      db.Open();
      var cmd = db.CreateCommand();
```

Note that SQL is not normally case sensitive: see section 5.2. If you want SQL identifiers to be case sensitive, you will need to double-quote them, and in C# strings, the double-quote will need to be escaped. For more details of the ADO.NET and similar functionality, see section 8.6.

POCO technology is also available. Pyrrho will supply class definitions to paste into your application program, either using the REST interface, or from the Role\$Class system table. If this has been done for the MOVIE class here, the above code can be simplified to:

As suggested by format of the Get parameter, this mechanism uses the new role-based REST features. See section 6.5 below.

6.3 The connection string

```
ConnectionString = filename {';'Setting} .
Setting = id'='val{','val} .
```

If the connection string begins with Files=, this portion is ignored for reasons of backward compatibility for single-database connections. Note that a database file name cannot contain = or;

The possible fields in Settings are as follows:

Field	Default value	Explanation
Base		Used by server-server communication to create a new partition remotely.Not for client-server use.
BaseServer		Used by server-server communication to create a new partition remotely.Not for client-server use.
Coordinator		Used in server-server communications: the transaction coordinator server
Host	127.0.0.1	The name of the machine providing the service.
Length		Used in server-server communication to notify clients of a new master file length. Not for client-server use. The connection is closed immediately.
Locale		The default locale is given by the regional settings for the client.
Modify		The default value is true for the first file in the connection, and false for others. If the value true is specified then it applies to all of the Files in the current connection string.
Port	5433	The port on which the server is listening
Provider	PyrrhoDBMS	
Role	databasename	A role name selected as the session role. If this field is not specified, the session role will be the default database role if the user is the database owner or has been granted this role (it has the

	same name as the database), or else the guest role, which can access only PUBLIC objects.
Stop	If a value is specified, this means that Pyrrho is to load the database as it was at some past time.
User	This field is supplied by infrastructure

6.4 REST and POCO

POCO stands for Plain Old CLR Object. In addition to the HTTP REST service in section 3.8, Pyrrho has a RESTful API that supports row-versioning (cp. Laiho and Laux, 2010). The Role\$Class system table (see sec 8.4.1) supplies a set of class definitions that can be pasted into a C# application²⁹. Similar tables Role\$Java (8.4.9) and Role\$Python (8.4.16) provide class definitions for Java and Python.

If a role contains the metadata flag ENTITY for a table, Pyrrho applies some object-oriented features similar to structured types. For example, the versioning mechanism is available in PyrrhoConnect, together with navigation properties similar to those for URL-based web access (see sec. 3.8.2).

Suppose that the database t64 contains four base tables as follows, all with ENTITY flag:

Customer (Id, Name)

Item (It, Name, Price)

Order (Id, Cust references Customer, OrderDate, Total)

OrderItem (Id, Oid references Order, Item references Item, Qty)

Suppose further that the database manager has defined the database and inserted some sample data using the following SQL:

```
create role "Sales"
grant "Sales" to "machine\user"
set role "Sales"
create table "Customer" (id int primary key, "NAME" char, unique("NAME")) entity
[create table "Order" (id int primary key, cust int references "Customer", "OrderDate"
date, "Total" numeric(6,2)) entity]
create table "Item" (id int primary key, "NAME" char, price numeric(6,2)) entity
[create table "OrderItem" (it int,oid int references "Order" on delete cascade,
  item int references "Item",qty int,primary key(oid,it)) entity]
insert into "Customer" values (10, 'John'), (11, 'Fred'), (12, 'Mary')
[insert into "Order" values (1230,10,date'2022-05-10',34.56),(1231,12,date'2022-05-
11',67.89),(1234,11,date'2022-06-04',56.78)]
[insert into "Item" values(71, 'Pins', 0.78), (72, 'Pump', 67.0), (73, 'Crisps', 0.89),
(74, 'Rug', 56.78), (75, 'Bag', 33)]
[insert into "OrderItem" values (100,1230,75,1),(101,1230,71,2),(102,1231,73,1),
(103,1231,72,1),(103,1234,74,1)]
```

Note that NAME is enclosed in double quotes because NAME is a reserved word in SQL

Then the Role\$Class system table will contain C# class definitions including fragments similar to the following:

```
using Pyrrho;
using System;

/// <summary>
/// Class Customer from Database t64, Role Sales
// PrimaryKey(ID)
// Unique(NAME)
```

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²⁹ It is important to note that these class definitions should always be generated from the database and not copied from definitions used in another database, not even a database with the same structure and objects.

```
/// </summary>
[Table(97,191)]
public class Customer : Versioned
    [Field(PyrrhoDbType.Integer)]
    [AutoKey]
    public Int64? ID;
    [Field(PyrrhoDbType.String)]
    public String? NAME;
    public Order[]? orders => conn?.FindWith<Order>(("CUST", ID));
}
/// <summary>
/// Class Order from Database t64, Role Sales
// PrimaryKey(ID)
// ForeignKey, RestrictUpdate, RestrictDelete(CUST) Customer
/// </summary>
[Table(242,416)]
public class Order : Versioned
    [Field(PyrrhoDbType.Integer)]
    [AutoKev]
    public Int64? ID;
    [Field(PyrrhoDbType.Integer)]
    public Int64? CUST;
    [Field(PyrrhoDbType.Date)]
    public Date? OrderDate;
    [Field(PyrrhoDbType.Decimal, 373, "Domain NUMERIC Prec=6 Scale=2")]
    public Decimal? Total;
    public Customer? customer => conn?.FindOne<Customer>(("ID",CUST));
public OrderItem[]? orderItems => conn?.FindWith<OrderItem>(("OID", ID));
```

There will be similar entries for the OrderItem class and any class it references. The doubled parentheses are used where the parameters are pairs, in all these cases the column name and column value for a where clause. Taking the highlighted pieces in order:

- (b) we are told that the NAME field is indexed as it will be unique
- (a) The Table attribute gives the defining proposition of the base table and the file position of the last schema change for the class: this is used as a check during connection to the database;
- (c) the primary key of the Customer table is ID, and by default integer keys that are not also part of a foreign key are declared AutoKey because the server will supply a non-null integer key value if the programmer does not do so,
- (d) the Order table contains a foreign key referencing an entity Customer, so a customer instance has a navigation property listing all the orders referencing that customer, whose name is obtained (sometimes awkwardly) simply by adding an s.
- (e) Total have datatype information, and the foreign key CUST mentioned above is associated with a navigation property whose value is the referenced Customer instance. The programmer can omit details of classes and properties they do not need in their application and refactor the fieldnames: the class names and attributes should not be changed.
- (f) A database connection conn to the database is required. PyrrhoConnect conforms to normal ADO.NET/ODBC rules³⁰: it is opened for a database and role and may have a current transaction that can be committed or rolled back. A suitable static variable conn needs to be declared in the class containing the above class definitions.

Then instances of these classes can be retrieved, and new and modified instances of these classes committed, as described below. For exceptions that can occur, see the documentation in section 8.1.

The above example shows navigation defined implicitly by foreign key relationships directly referencing entities creating one-many and many-one relationships. One-one relationships are recognized by Pyrrho when the referencing columns in a foreign key are a key in the referenced entity and a many-many relationship is recognized when a foreign key reference in one entity table is to a non-entity table (the auxiliary table) with a foreign key to another entity. A many-many relationship uses FindIn<C>() to retrieve keys from the auxiliary table. Integer suffixes are added to field names if necessary to disambiguate them.

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³⁰ Threading safeguards are applied by the runtime.

The Versioned base class contains the following data³¹.

```
public class Versioned
{
    public PyrrhoConnect conn<sup>32</sup>;
    public string entity ="";
    public string version ="";
}
```

This leads to a very tidy RESTful API, consisting of the following methods for the PyrrhoConnect (or Connection) class, where E is Versioned or a subclass of Versioned defined by code obtained from the Role\$Class (or Role\$Java or Role\$Python) system table in Pyrrho. Classically, REST uses the HTTP 1.1 verbs of GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE, and the strongly typed Get and FindXXX methods below are recommended over Get(..). With auto-committed transactions, POST always silently updates the entity field, and other fields may also be updated by auto-key or triggers³³.

Class PyrrhoConnect:

Method	Explanation
C#: E[]? FindAll <e>()</e>	Retrieve all entities of the given Versioned type.
Java: Versioned[] FindAll(E.class)	
Python: E[] findAll(E)	
C#: E[]? FindIn <e>(string sql)</e>	sql should be a SELECT statement that returns a list
Java: Versioned[] FindIn(sql)	of keys for E
Python: E[] findIn(E,sql)	
C#: E? FindOne <e>(params</e>	Retrieve a single entity of a given Versioned type E
(string?,IComparable[]? w)	with key fields w. w is a comma-separated set of
Java: FindOne(E.class,Object[] w)	conditions of form <i>field=value</i> , using programming
Python: E findOne(E,w)	language format.
C#: E[]? FindWith <e>(string? w)</e>	Retrieve a set of Versioned entities satisfying a
Java: Versioned[] FindWith(E.class,String w)	given condition. Field names are case sensitive and
Python: E[] findWith(E,w)	values are in SQL format.
C#: E[]? FindWith(params	Retrieve a set of Versioned entities satisfying a
(string,IComparable?)[] w)	given condition. w is a comma-separated set of
	conditions of form <i>field=value</i> , using programming
	language format.
C#: E[] Get <e>(string rurl)</e>	The relative url provided should be compatible with
Java: Versioned[] Get(E.class,String w)	the Versioned subclass E.
Python: E[] get(E,rurl)	
C#: void Post(E)	The object should be a new entity. An integer key
Java: void Post(E ob)	field will be autopopulated with a suitable value, but
Python: post(ob)	otherwise it is the caller's responsibility ti find a
	suitable key for the new object. Invokes triggers if
	any.

Methods for any Versioned subclass E:

Method	Explanation
C#: void Delete()	Delete the given entity from the database table E,
Java: void Delete()	calls triggers if any.
Python: delete()	
C#: void Get()	Overwrites the fields of this with the latest version
Java: void Get()	of the entity from its PyrrhoConnect.
Python: get()	

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³¹ The versioning is remembered and will be checked even in a later Connection. Explicit transactions should be kept as short as possible since they must run exclusively in one thread.

³² The application may use several database connections. If so, these use different threads and may see different versions of the database.

³³ Triggers may create new versions of other entities in the database, but the client will will need to use Get to discovver such side effects.

C#: void Put(E ob)	Make a new version of the entity. With auto-
Java: void Put(E ob)	commit, this will update the version field and
Python*: put(ob)	possibly other fields depending on integrity
	constraints and triggers.

6.5 DataReaders

The PyrrhoReader interface is very similar to IDataReader as described in the ADO.NET documentation. To get a PyrrhoReader, call the ExecuteReader() method of PyrrhoCommand, e.g.:

```
var rdr = cmd.ExecuteReader();
```

The columns that will be returned in the rows of the DataReader can be accessed using the following methods (among others):

Property or Method signature	Explanation
int FieldCount	Gets the number of fields returned per row
string GetName(int i)	Returns the name of the ith field (the first field is field 0)
Type GetFieldType(i)	Returns the System. Type of the ith field

Before a PyrrhoReader can access any data, the Read() method must be called. Each time it is called, it moves on to the next row of the results if there is one. This function returns a Boolean value: which is true if Read() has succeeded in moving to the next row of data, and false if there is no more data.

Assuming that Read() has returned true, the fields in the returned row can be obtained by indexing the DataReader object. Fields can be indexed by ordinal position or by name. The value returned is a System. Object. If the corresponding value might be a null value, then it can be checked against DBNull. Value (or for being DBNull) before being cast to the expected System. Type.

For example:

```
if (!(rdr[1] is DBNull)) then Console.WriteLine((string)rdr[1]);
```

For languages where casting to different types is awkward, the DataReader interface has a range of functions of form GetByte(i), GetInt64(i) etc. For integers and numerics whose precision cannot fit into the standard types, Pyrrho returns a string representation. If this is expected, then you should test if the value is string.

SQL basic type	.NET data type
Boolean	System.Boolean
Int, integer	System.Int64
Real, Float	System.Double
Char, CLOB	System.String
BLOB	System.Byte[]
Date, Timestamp	System.DateTime
Row, Interval, Array, Multiset	See section 8.5

If indexing by name is used, remember that strings in the programming language are case-sensitive, even though SQL (unquoted) identifiers are not, so you will probably need to ensure your field names are in upper case letters.

The client library uses the DataReader interface with as few added classes as possible. The only added classes are PyrroRow, PyrrhoArray, and PyrrhoInterval. Dates and Timestamps use the DateTime class in the common language runtime, Times use the TimeSpan class for a simple time of day, but Intervals are handled using PyrrhoInterval. The three new classes are documented in section 6.8.

The routines ExecuteReaderCrypt and ExecuteNonQueryCrypt send the SQL string to the server using Pyrrho's encryption algorithm.

6.6 Using PHP

There is an extra class ScriptConnect in PyrrhoLink.dll which is very useful for use with the scripting language PHP.

PHP can be used for building web applications, and then the same considerations as in the last section apply for the user identity of the web server and ownership of the databases. Unfortunately there does not yet seem to be a good way for PHP to work with Mono as a web server extension.

To enable PHP support for Pyrrho under Windows, an administrator needs to issue the following two commands from the folder that contains PyrrhoLink.dll:

```
gacutil -i PyrrhoLink.dll
regasm PyrrhoLink.dll -tlb:PyrrhoLink.tlb
```

You need to ensure that your PHP installation is 32-bit and has the php_com_dotnet extension.

The following steps can be used to access Pyrrho databases from PHP:

To create a connection to a Pyrrho database:

```
$conn = new COM("OSPLink"); // "PyrrhoLink" for the Pro version
$conn->ConnectionString = ...;
$conn->Open();
```

Once a connection is open as above, an SQL statement can be sent to the database as follows

```
$rdr = $conn->Execute(...);
```

The result returned will be a ScriptReader in the case that the SQL statement returns data.

Then

```
$row = $rdr->Read();
```

can be used to return successive rows of the data as variant arrays. If there are no more rows then the value returned is -1, which can be tested using is_int(\$row):

```
$row = $rdr->Read();
while(!is_int($row))
{
         print($row[0].': '.$row[1].'<br/>'); // or "\r\n"
         $row = $rdr->Read();
}
```

\$rdr->Close(); should be called when the reader is no longer required.

\$conn->Execute(...); can also be used for other types of SQL statements.

6.7 Python

PyrrhoLink.py is available in the distribution and enables the open-source Pyrrho server PyrrhoSvr to be accessed from Python 3.4 clients. The API has similarities to Pyrrho's version of ADO.NET as documented in section 8.7, and the following subsections are numbered similarly to those of section 8.7 in a conscious attempt to show the relationship.

Since version 5.4 of Pyrrho, thread-safety is enforced by the PyrrhoLink.py library. The connection object can be shared between threads. But a connection can have at most one transaction and/or command active at any time, and these cannot be shared between threads. As a result, the methods noted below will block until the connection is available.

To use PyrrhoLink.py, place it in the same folder as your Python script.

For example:

```
from PyrrhoLink import *
from builtins import print

conn = PyrrhoConnect("Files=Temp;User=Fred")
conn.open()
try:
    conn.act("create table a(b date)")
except DatabaseError as e:
    print(e.message)
```

```
conn.act("insert into a values(current_date)")
com = conn.createCommand()
com.commandText = 'select * from a'
rdr = com.executeReader()
while rdr.read():
    print(rdr.val(0))
rdr.close()
print("Done")
```

6.7.1 (AutoKeyAttribute)

There is no analogue to C# attributes/Java annotations in Python.

6.7.2 DatabaseError

Attribute	Explanation
dict info	Information placed in the error: see section 8.1.2
str message	The message text: see section 8.1.1
str sig	The SQLSTATE

6.7.3 (Date)

PyrrhoLink.py uses the Python date class.

6.7.4 DocArray

Attribute	Explanation
build(ob)	Append the attributes of ob not starting with _ to this document; the
	process recursively builds embedded Documents and DocArrays for
	structured values
bytes()	Create the Bson representation of this DocArray
cls[] _extract(cls)	Construct an array of cls objects from this
fromBson(bytes)	Append the given Bson data to an empty DocArray
list items	The items of the DocArray
parse(str)	Append items from the given string to this DocArray
str()	Create the Json representation of this DocArray

6.7.5 Document

Attribute	Explanation
build(ob)	Append the attributes of ob not starting with _ to this document; the process recursively builds embedded Documents and DocArrays for
	structured values
bytes()	Create the Bson representation of this document
cls _extract(cls)	Construct an object of type cls from this
fromBson(bytes)	Append the given Bson data to this document
list fields	Each field is a pair (key,value)
parse(str)	Append fields from the given string into this document
str()	Create the Json representation of this document

6.7.6 DocumentException

This subclass of Exception is used to report parsing errors in the Document.parse method.

6.7.7 (ExcludeAttribute)

There is no analogue to C# attributes/Java annotations in Python.

6.7.8 (Field Attribute)

There is no analogue to C# attributes/Java annotations in Python.

6.7.9 PyrrhoArray

Attribute	Explanation
str kind	The domain name if defined
list data	The items in the array

6.7.10 PyrrhoColumn

Attribute	Explanation
str columnName	The name of the column
str caption	The name of the column
str datatypename	The domain or type name of the column
int type	The PyrrhoDbType of the column (see sec 6.8.13)

6.7.11 PyrrhoCommand

Attribute	Explanation
str commandText	The SQL statement for the Command
PyrrhoConnect conn	The connection
PyrrhoReader ExecuteReader()	Initiates a database SELECT and returns a reader for the returned data
	(as in IDataReader). Will block until the connection is available.
int ExecuteNonQuery()	Initiates some other sort of Sql statement and returns the number of
	rows affected. Will block until the connection is available.

6.7.12 PyrrhoConnect

Attribute	Explanation
int Act(sql)	Convenient shortcut to construct a PyrrhoCommand and call
	ExecuteNonQuery on it. Will block untill the connection is available.
PyrrhoTransaction	Start a new isolated transaction (like IDbTransaction). Will block
BeginTransaction()	until the connection is available.
bool Check(ch)	Check to see if a given Versioned rowCheck string is still current, i.e.
bool Check(ch, rc)	the row has not been modified by a later transaction. (See sec 5.2.3
	and 8.8.21). The second version shown also tests the readCheck.
	(There is no need to perform a check unless the Versioned data is
	from a previous transaction.)
Close()	Close the channel to the database engine
str connectionString	Get the connection string for the connection
PyrrhoCommand	Create an object for carrying out an Sql command (as in
CreateCommand()	IDbCommand).
Delete(ob)	Delete (drop) a Versioned object from the database. Will block until
	the connection is available.
list FindAll(cls)	Retrieve all of the instances of the given Versioned class. Will block until the connection is available.
object FindOne(cls,key)	Retrieve the single instance of the given Versioned class with the given key (key is a list) Will block until the connection is available.
list FindWith(cls,cond)	Retrieve a list of instances of the given Versioned class that satisfy
Lat Cat(ala mad)	the given SQL condition. Will block until the connection is available. The rurl should be the portion of a REST url following the Role
list Get(cls,rurl)	component, targeting class cls in the client application. Will block
	until the connection is available.
void Open()	Open the channel to the database engine
Post(ob)	The object should be a new Versioned object to be entered in a base
	table. If autoKey is set key field(s) containing default values (0,"" etc)
	in ob are overwritten with suitable new value(s). Will block until the
	connection is available.
Put(ob)	The given object is an updated Versioned object that should be used
. ,	to update the database. Will block until the connection is available.

PyrrhoConnect(cs)	Create a new PyrrhoConnect with the given connection string.
	Documentation about the connection string is in section 6.3, except
	that for Python you should supply the User field.
list Update(cls,w,u)	Specifies a Document update operation on a Versioned class
	containing documents. Documents matching w are updated according
	to the operations in u, and the set of modified objects is returned. Will
	block until the connection is available.

6.7.13 PyrrhoDbType

member	int
DBNull	0
Integer	1
Decimal	2
String	3
Timestamp	4
Blob	5
Row	6
Array	7
Real	8
Bool	9
Interval	10
Time	11
Date	12
UDType	13
Multiset	14
Xml	15
Document	16

6.7.14 PyrrhoInterval

Attribute	Explanation
int years	The years part of the time interval
int months	The months part of the time interval
long ticks	The ticks part of the time interval

6.7.15 (PyrrhoParameter)

Not implemented.

6.7.16 (PyrrhoParameterCollection)

Not implemented.

6.7.17 PyrrhoReader

Attribute	Explanation
close()	Close the reader
object col(nm)	Get the value in the column with name nm in the current row
bool read()	Get the next row of data into the reader. Return False if none.
PyrrhoRow row	Get the current row
PyrrhoTable schema	Get the schema for the rows
str type(i)	Get the subtypename of val(i)
object val(i)	Get the value in the ith column of the current row

6.7.18 PyrrhoRow

Attribute	Explanation
object col(nm)	Get the value in the column with name nm
str check	Get the check string if any

int version	Get the row version if any
str type(i)	Get the subtypename of the value in the ith column
object val(i)	Get the value in the ith column

6.7.19 PyrrhoTable

Attribute	Explanation
PyrrhoColumn[] columns	A set of columns
dict cols	Maps column names to column positions
str connectionString	The connection string
PyrrhoReader getReader()	Used for structured values
PyrrhoColumn[] primaryKey	The columns that form the primary key if any
str selectString	The select string that retrieved the table
str tableName	The name of the table

6.7.20 PyrrhoTransaction

Attribute	Explanation
commit()	Commit the transaction
rollback()	Roll back the transaction

6.7.21 Versioned

Attribute	Explanation
str rowCheck	A string giving the server's row version validator. For Pyrrho this is
	a comma-separated list of form dbname:defpos:lasttrans
str readCheck	A validator to check that the query used to retrieve the data would still return the same results. This is conservative: ihe validation will fail if the server is unable to provide this guarantee. The server takes account of all data read during the transaction that gave the validator.

6.7.22 WebCtlr

This class is similar to WebCtlr in the AWebSvr library. Your controllers will derive from this class. The base class implementations of get, post, put, and delete do nothing and return an empty string.

The base class implementations of get, post, but, and defect do nothing and return an empty suring.	
Attribute	Explanation
bool allowAnonymous()	The base implementation returns false, but anonymous logins
-	are always allowed if no login page is supplied
	(Pages/Login.htm or Pages/Login.html).
str delete(ws, ps)	Do a Delete for the given WebSvc and parameters
str get(ws, ps)	Do a Get for the given WebSvc and parameters
str post(ws, ps)	Do a Post for the given WebSvc and parameters ([0] is the
	posted data)
str put(ws, ps)	Do a Put for the given WebSvc and parameters ([0] is the
	posted data)

6.7.23 WebSvc

This class is similar to WebSvc in the AWebSvr library. In this library it is a subclass of BaseHTTPHandler. Your custom web server/service instance(s) will indirectly be subclasses of this class, so will have access to its protected fields and methods documented here.

Your sublass will typically organise connection(s) to the DBMS being used. The connection can be for the service or for the request, and so should be set up in an override of the open method, using server or client credentials respectively. (The normal case with the AWebSvr library is to use an embedded DBMS, but this Python API currently supports only OSPSvr, the server edition of Pyrrho.)

Field	Explanation
bool authenticated()	Is called to enforce authentication, if there is a login page and there is no controller for the request or the controller's allowAnonymous() returns false. The default implementation populates the WebSvc's user and

	password and your override can look up the credentials supplied.
close()	Can be overridden to release request-specific resources.
str getData()	Extracts the HTTP data supplied with the request: a URL
	component beginning with { will be converted to a
	Document.
log(verb, url, postData)	Write a log entry for the current controller method. The
	default implementation appends this information to
	Log.txt together with the user identity and timestamp.
open ()	Can be overridden by a subclass, e.g. to choose a database
	connection for the current request. The default
	implementation does nothing.
str password	The client's claimed credentials. See authenticated()
serve()	Calls the requested method using the above templates.
	Don't call this method directly.
str user	The client's claimed credentials. See authenticated()

6.7.24 WebSvr

This class is similar to WebSvr in the AWebSvr library. Your custom web server should be a subclass of WebSvr, and WebSvr is a subclass of WebSvc and hence of BaseHTTPHandler. It defines the URL address (hostname and port number) for the service. If your service is multi-threaded, you can override the Factory method to return a new instance of your WebSvc subclass. Finally, call the Server method to start the service loop.

Field	Explanation
WebSvc factory ()	Can be overridden by a subclass to create a new
	service instance. The default implementation returns
	self (for a single-threaded server).
server(address,port)	Starts the server listening on the given address and
	port.

6.8 The Java Library

The Pyrrho Java Connector PyrrhoJC and the org.pyrrhodb.* package have been significantly modified as of September 2023 as a replacement for java.sql.*. There is no intention to implement any parts of Java EE, because the data model and transactions are defined by the database, not by middleware components.

PyrrhoJC.jar is contained in PyrrhoJC\dist in the Open Source Distribution of Pyrrho. It is best to extract this file where your Java project is and compile and execute with

```
javac -cp . xxxx.java
java -cp . xxxx
For example, assuming the OpenSource Pyrrho server is running on the local machine, and permits guest access to a database called def, JCTest.java could contain:
import org.pyrrhodb.*;
public class JCTest
{
    static Connection conn;
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception
    {
        conn = DriverManager.getConnection ("def","Student","password");
        CreateTable();
        AddData();
        ShowTable();
        conn.close();
    }
    static void CreateTable() throws Exception
```

```
{
      Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
       try {
           stmt.executeUpdate("drop table a");
       } catch (Exception e) {}
        stmt.executeUpdate("create table a(b int,c char)");
  }
  static void AddData() throws Exception
  {
      Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
      stmt.executeUpdate("insert into a values(1, 'One'),(2, 'Two')");
  static void ShowTable()
     try {
       Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
       ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("select * from a");
       while (rs.next())
            System.out.println(""+rs.getInt("B")+"; "+rs.getString("C"));
        }
       rs.close();
    }
    catch(Exception e)
    {
        System.out.println(e.getMessage());
    }
  }
}
```

For security reasons, the Windows version of the C# and Python client libraries supplies the current Windows account name as the user name for a session and this is generally of form DOMAIN\username. The Java API does the same (and ignores the supplied username and password supplied by the API), but unfortunately only gets the username part. This affects the ownership of the database and objects created, and limits access to the Log\$ tables, although, if the database security settings have not been defined, any login will be allowed to use the default role of the database. Currently Java clients can only use the default role.

The API currently has 42 public classes: *Bson*, CallableStatement, *CellValue*, Column, Connection, *Crypt*, DBNull, *DataType*, DatabaseException, DatabaseMetaData, Date, DocArray, *DocBase*, Document, DocumentException, DriverManager, *Exclude*, *FieldInfo*, *FieldType*, Interval, Key, NoResultException, Numeric, Parameter, PreparedStatement, Procedure, *PyrrhoArray*, *PyrrhoInputStream*, *PyrrhoInteger*, *PyrrhoOutputStream*, *PyrrhoReader*, *PyrrhoRow*, *PyrrhoTable*, ResultSet, ResultSetMetaData, SQLException, SQLWarning, Schema, Statement, Time, TimeSpan, Timestamp, Versioned. Those in italic are simply part of the infrastructure and you should not need to use them directly.

The following classes offer a public interface. Many of these are replacements for interfaces in java.sql.*. toString() methods are not documented here.

6.8.1 CallableStatement

<u>In addition to the interface inherited from PreparedStatement (see below):</u>

Method	Explanation
CallableStatement(Connection	Constructor
con,ArrayList <column> outs)</column>	
void registerOutParameter(int	Registers the Java type of an output parameter from the
parameterIndex,int sqlType)	call See Types in Java SE documentation

6.8.2 Column

This class is used in ResultSetMetaData.

Field	Explanation
String name	The caption for the column
String dataTypeName	The datatype name for the column

6.8.3 Connection

For the usual way to get a Connection, see DriverManager below. Most operations on Connections use Statements. The italicised methods and fields below are not usually required.

Constants	Explanation
TRANSACTION_NONE	Ignored: All transactions are serialisable
TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED	Ignored: All transactions are serialisable
TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED	Ignored: All transactions are serialisable
TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ	Ignored: All transactions are serialisable
TRANSACTION SERIALIZABLE	(All transactions are serializable)

Field	Explanation
PyrrhoReader rdr	A Connection has at most one reader
HashMap <string,datatype> dataTypes</string,datatype>	Known named Pyrrho datatypes
HashMap <string,procedure> procedures</string,procedure>	Known named stored procedures/functions

Method	Explanation
void commit()	Completes the current transaction. See setAutoCommit
	below.
Connection(HashMap <string,string>)</string,string>	A list of properties such as Host, Port, Files, etc
DatabaseMetaData getMetaData()	See DatabaseMetaData below
Statement createStatement()	Statements are used for database operations. See below.
void Delete(Versioned ob)	See section 6.4
Versioned[] FindAll(Class tp)	See section 6.4
Versioned FindOne(Class tp,Object[] w)	See section 6.4
<pre>Versioned[] FinalWith(Class tp, String w)</pre>	See section 6.4
PreparedStatement prepareStatement(String	The sql string can contain placeholders for parameters
sql)	
CallableStatement prepareCall(String sql)	As above, but the statement can be used to call an sql
	stored procedure.
void Post(Versioned ob)	See section 6.4
void Put(Versioned ob)	See section 6.4
void rollback()	Abandons the current transaction. See set AutoCommit
	below.
void setAutoCommit(boolean)	Transaction control. If false, ensure that every
	transaction ends with commit() or rollback(). (If a
	transaction is aborted because of an exception, you must
	still call rollback().) If true, transactions automatically
	commit after each Statement, and automatically rollback
	on exceptions. Default true.
void setTransactionIsolation(int level)	Ignored. All transactions are isolated and serializable.

6.8.4 DBNull

Field	Explanation
DBNull value	Corresponds to SQL null value

6.8.5 DataType

Pyrrho has its own set of abstract primitive data types, independent of operating system, hardware or locale. (See section 8.9.9)

Constants	Value
Constants	v aiue

NULL	0
INTEGER	1
NUMERIC	2
STRING	3
TIMESTAMP	4
BLOB	5
ROW	6
ARRAY	7
REAL	8
BOOLEAN	9
INTERVAL	10
TIMESPAN	11
UDT	12
DATE	13
PASSWORD	14
MULTISET	15

Method	Explanation
short fromSqlType(int sqlType)	Maps Java sqlType to Pyrrho datatype.

6.8.6 DatabaseMetaData

The many constant values defined for this class are not described here. They are not needed, since Pyrrho implements databases in a different way, and comprehensive database metdata can be obtained from the system tables using SQL.

Method	Explanation
String getDatabaseProductName()	"Pyrrho DBMS"
ResultSet getTables(String catalog, String	All parameters are ignored except tableNamePattern. If it
schemaPattern, String tableNamePattern,	is the empty string, the same information is returned as
String[] types)	from the query 'table "Role\$Table"'. The pattern supplied
	filers the table names using LIKE semantics.

6.8.7 DatabaseException

A subclass of SQLException, see below. The method getMessage() (inherited from Throwable) contains a readable explanation of the exception.

6.8.8 Date

This wraps java.util.Date: toString() gives the date in the short form for the current locale.³⁴

This wraps favorable activities and the date in the short form for the current former.			
Field	Explanation		
Java.util.Date date			

Method	Explanation
Date(java.util.Date d)	Constructor

6.8.9 DocArray

Field	Explanation
ArrayList <object> items</object>	

Method	Explanation
DocArray()	Constructor: []
DocArray(String s)	Constructor: The string contains [item]
DocArray(byte[],int pos,int end)	Constructor: From Bson format

³⁴ For correctness, dates with the same short format should be considered equal.

6.8.10 Document

Field	Explanation
ArrayList <simpleentry<string,object>> fields</simpleentry<string,object>	The ordering is significant so it can't be a hashmap.

Method	Explanation
Document()	Constructor: {}
Document(String s)	Constructor: the string contains { "key": value, }.
	Throws DocumentException
Document(byte[],int pos, int end)	Constructor: from Bson format. Throws
	DocumentException.

6.8.11 DocumentException

This subclass of Exception is used to report parsing errors in a Document.constrctor.

Field			Exp	planation
int pos	The p	osition ii	n the constructor p	paremeter where the error was found

6.8.12 DriverManager

Method	Explanation
Connection getConnection(String url,	The url should be a valid Pyrrho connection string, such as
String user, String password)	"Files=myDb" (see section 6.3). The user and password
	parameters are ignored. The user for the connection will be
	obtained from the operating system (on Windows this
	excludes the domain identifier). The role for the connection
	will be the name of the first database in the connection (this
	is the Pyrrho default). Throws IOException.

6.8.13 Exclude

@Exclude is an annotation for fields in a Versioned class. If you add a field to a class definition supplied by Pyrrho (see the Role\$Java system table), you *must* flag it with this annotation.

6.8.14 FieldType

@FieldType is an annotation for fields in a Versioned class. Can be omitted for standard types (see DataType). These are supplied in the results of the "Role\$Java" system table. You should not change them or use them in your own code.

Attribute	Explanation
int type()	The base DataType number (n.b. Pyrrho data type)
int maxLength()	The maximum length (e.g. for Char)
int scale()	The scale for numeric types (number of decimal places to right of
	decimal point)
String udt()	The name of a user-defined type.

6.8.15 Interval

This type is the difference between two dates or timestamps.

Field	Explanation
int years	The number of years
int months	The number of months
long ticks	The number of ticks
static long TicksPerSecond	10000000 (ten million)

Method	Explanation
String Format	Returns the Interval in ISO-9075 format.

6.9.16 Key

This is an annotation for a key field in a Versioned class. This annotation is supplied in the Role\$Java system table. Do not modify it or use it in your own code.

Attribute	Explanation
int key()	The 1-based position of this field in the primary key.

6.8.17 NoResultException

You can throw this exception to simulate NO DATA.

6.8.18 Numeric

Not yet developed in the Java API.

Field	Explanation
static Numeric zero	0

6.8.19 Parameter

This class provides information about procedure parameters. See Procedure below.

Field	Explanation
String name	The name of the parameter
DataType dataType	ThePyrrho data type of the parameter
short mode	One of the values below:
static short IN	0
static short OUT	1
static short INOUT	2
static short RESULT	3

6.8.20 PreparedStatement

This is a subclass of Statement, and inherits its fields and methods. You can create a PreparedStatement with the Connection class, and provide a template for the Statement's command. This can have numeric and symbolic placeholders, called parameters. (This API is currently incomplete. You can use the Statement class directly for any given SQL string.)

Method	Explanation
void setInt(int parameterIndex,	Places an int value at the 1-based position shown.
int x)	
ResultSet executeQuery()	Evaluates the template with the parameters that have been supplied,
	and calles Statement.executeQuery
<pre>int executeUpdate()</pre>	Evaluates the template with the parameters that have been supplied,
	and calles Statement.executeUpdate
void setQueryTimeout(int t)	Ignored.

6.8.21 Procedure

Connection can have a list of known Procedures and Functions for the current database (obtained from the Role\$Procedure system table).

Field	Explanation
String name	The name of the procedure
ArrayList <parameter> parameters</parameter>	The list of formal parameters
DataType returns	The value returned from the Function. NULL for Procedure.

6.8.22 ResultSet

Field	Explanation
Statement stmt	The statement that built this ResultSet

Method	Explanation
void close()	Must be called when you have finished with the ResultSet.

int findColumn(String columnLabel)	Returns the 1-based position of a given named column in the ResultSet
Date getDate(int columnIndex)	Returms the Date in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
Date getDate(String columnLabel)	Returms the Date in the current row in the column with the given label.
double getDouble(int columnIndex)	Returns the double in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
double getDouble(String columnLabel)	Returns the double in the current row in the column with the given label.
float getFloat(int columnIndex)	Returms the float in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
float getFloat(String columnLabel)	Returns the float in the current row in the column with the given label.
int getInt(int columnIndex)	Returms the int in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
int getInt(String columnLabel)	Returms the int in the current row in the column with the given label.
Numeric getNumeric(int columnIndex)	Returms the Numeric in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
Numeric getNumeric(String columnLabel)	Returms the Numeric in the current row in the column with the given label.
Object getObject(int columnIndex)	Returms the Object in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
Object getObject(String columnLabel)	Returns the Object in the current row in the column with the given label.
ResultSetMetaData getResultSetMetaData()	Get information about the ResultSet
short getShort(int columnIndex)	Returns the short in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
short getShort(String columnLabel)	Returns the short in the current row in the column with the given label.
String getString(int columnIndex)	Returms the String in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
String getString(String columnLabel)	Returms the String in the current row in the column with the given label.
Time getTime(int columnIndex)	Returns the Time in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
Time getTime(String columnLabel)	Returns the Time in the current row in the column with the given label.
Timestamp getTimestamp(int columnIndex)	Returns the Timestamp in the current row at the given 1-based column index.
Timestamp getTimespamp(String columnLabel)	Returms the Timestamp in the current row in the column with the given label.
boolean wasNull()	Returns true if the last column read had a value of NULL. (The API cannot return a null value directly)

6.8.22 ResultSetMetaData

Field	Explanation
List <column> columns</column>	The columns of the ResultSet
<pre>int[] key</pre>	An array of 1-based positions of the key columns of the ResultSet

Method	Explanation
int getColumnCount()	Returns the number of columns in the ResultSet
String getColumnName(int i)	Get the name of the 1-based i-th column.
String getColumnType(int i)	Get the dataTypeName of the 1-based i-th column.
int getColumnDisplaySize(int i)	Get the display size of the 1-based i-th column (deprecated)

6.8.23 SQLException

Method	Explanation
String getErrorCode()	Gets the SQL condition code of the exception. (This is useful if you want to write a condition handler.)
SQLException	Returns null. (There can only be one.)
getNextException()	
String getSQLState()	Gives the same information as getErrorCode()
str connectionString	The connection string
PyrrhoReader getReader()	Used for structured values
PyrrhoColumn[] primaryKey	The columns that form the primary key if any
str selectString	The select string that retrieved the table
str tableName	The name of the table

6.8.24 SQLWarning

Method	Explanation
SQLWarning getNextWarning()	Returns null. Use Statement.getWarnings instead.
String getSQLState()	Gets the SQL condition code of the warning.

6.8.25 Schema

The @Schema annotation is added to a table, view or structured type definition in the Role\$Java system table.

Field	Explanation	
int key()	The last change made to the schema affecting this structure. An exception will be raised	
	if the database detects use of an incorrect Schema key.	

6.8.26 Statement

Field	Explanation
Connection conn	The connection that created the Statement

Method	Explanation
void cancel()	Not implemented
void close()	Closes any reader associated with the Statement
boolean execute(String sql)	Deprecated
ResultSet executeQuery(String	Creates a ResultSet for a given SELECT or TABLE statement
sql)	Throws Exception
<pre>int executeUpdate(String sql)</pre>	Returns the number of rows directly affected by execution of some
	other sort of SQL statement (does not include effects of triggers).
	Throws Exception.
ResultSet getResultSet()	Returns the ResultSet
int getUpdateCount()	Returns the number of rows directly affected.
SQLWarning getWarnings()	Get and remove the first warning for this Statement
void setCursorName(String	Not implemented
name)	

6.8.27 Time

A wrapper for java.util.Date.

6.8.28 TimeSpan

A time interval measured in miniticks (ten-millionths of a second).

6.8.29 Timestamp

Currently a wrapper for java.sql.Timestamp.

6.8.22 Versioned

The base class for classes known to the database for the object-oriented API (See section 6.4). In Java the Versioned class has no public fields or methods, but is used for transaction safety. If the database finds a version mismatch, it will raise a DatabaseException that explains the problem and mark the transaction as non-committable. The application then needs to decide how to proceed.

6.9 SWI-Prolog

Pyrrho also comes with some support for SWI-Prolog. This is contained in a module pyrrho.pl which is part of the distribution. The code is at an early stage, so comments are welcome. The following documentation uses the conventions of the SWI-Prolog project.

The interface with SWI-Prolog is implemented by providing SWI-Prolog support for the Pyrrho protocol

(section 8.9). The following publicly-visible functions are currently supported:

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<pre>connect(-Conn, +ConnectionString)</pre>	Establish a connection to the Open Source Pyrrho server.		
	Conn has the form		
	conn(InStream,InBuffer,OutStream,OutBuffer). Codes in		
	OutBuffer are held in reverse order.		
sql_reader(+Conn0, -Conn1,	Like ExecuteReader on the connection. Conn0. Conn1 is the		
+SQLString, -Columns)	updated connection. Columns is a list of entries of form		
	column(Name,Type).		
read_row(+Conn0,-	Reads the next row (fails if there is no next row) from the		
Conn1,+Columns,	connection Conn0. Conn1 is the updated connection.		
-Row)	Columns is the column list as returned from sql_reader. Row		
	is a list of corresponding values for the current row.		
close_reader(+Conn)	Closes the reader on connection Conn.		
field (+Columns,+Row,+Name,-Value)	Extracts a named value from a row. The atom null is used		
	for null values.		

7. SQL Syntax for Pyrrho

The following details are provided here for convenience. The syntax shown is merely suggestive in relation to semantics. Full details may be found in SQL2023, but not all of the details in SQL2023 are relevant to Pyrrho. In addition, many statements below, such as GRANT OWNER, ALTER .. TO, and SET statements, are Pyrrho specific.

In this section capital letters indicate key words: those that are reserved words are shown in a sans-serif font. Tokens such as id, int, string are shown as all lower case words. Mixed case is used for grammar symbols defined in the following productions. The characters = . [] {} are part of the production syntax. Characters that appear in the input are enclosed in single quotes, thus ',' . Where an identifier representing an object name is required, and the type of object is not obvious from the context, locutions such as $Role_id$ are used.

There are three tokens: xmlname, iri and xml, which are used in XPath below, which are extensions to SQL2023. These tokens are not enclosed in single or double quotes, but may contain string literals that are enclosed in quotes. xmlname represents a case-sensitive sequence of letters and digits, iri is an IRI enclosed in <> and xml represents any Xml content not including an exposed,] or). In SQL all string literals are enclosed in single quotes, case-sensitive identifiers or containing special characters are enclosed in double quotes.

In this trial version, we try to remove the concept of Query, so that Select defines a RowSet, and a RowSet is a derived Table.

7.1 Statements

Sql = SqlStatement [Options';']. SqlStatement = Alter **BEGIN TRANSACTION** Call **COMMIT** CreateClause CursorSpecification Delete **DropStatement** Grant Insert Rename Return Revoke ROLLBACK SET AUTHORIZATION '=' CURATED SET PROFILING '=' Value SET ROLE id SET TIMEOUT '=' int Update INTERACT Value SET id [CompoundStatement].

The above statements can be issued at command level. You SELECT multiple rows from tables using the CursorSpecification. Then INTERACT statement is available only in an interactive session, and in case id is not already in scope, its scope is the following Statement.

Apart from SET ROLE, the other SET statements above are available only to the database owner. SET AUTHORIZATION = CURATED makes all further transaction log information PUBLIC (it is not reversible).

Statement = Alter
Assignment
BREAK

Close =

CLOSE id.

CompoundStatement = Label BEGIN [XMLDec] Statements END.

Call CaseStatement Close CompoundStatement CreateClause CursorSpecification Delete DropStatement Grant Insert Declaration Delete Fetch ForStatement GetDiagnostics **IfStatement** Insert INTERACT Value SET id ITERATE label LEAVE label LoopStatement MatchStatement Open Rename Repeat Return Revoke ROLLBACK³⁵ SelectSingle SET ROLE id Signal Update While. SET Target '=' Scalar { ',' Target '=' Scalar } Assignment = SET '(' Target { ',' Target } ')' '=' Scalar . For a simple assignment of form Target = Scalar, the keyword SET can be omitted. Target = id { '.' id } ['[' Scalar ']']. Targets which directly contain parameter lists are not supported in the SQL2023 standard. Call = CALL Procedure_id '(' [Scalar { ',' Scalar }] ')' MethodCall. Inside a procedure declaration the CALL keyword can be omitted. CaseStatement = CASE Scalar { WHEN Values THEN Statements }[ELSE Statements]END CASE CASE { WHEN SearchCondition THEN Statements } [ELSE Statements] END CASE . There must be at least one WHEN in the forms shown above.

35 By design in Pyrrho, the execution of ROLLBACK causes immediate exit of the current transaction with SQLSTATE 40000, and premature COMMIT is not supported, so that while ROLLBACK is in both lists above, COMMIT is only in one.

```
XMLDec = DECLARE Namespace ';'.
Declaration =
              DECLARE id { ',' id } Type
              DECLARE id CURSOR FOR CursorSpecification
              DECLARE HandlerType HANDLER FOR ConditionList Statement .
Declarations of identifiers, cursors, and handlers are specific to a scope in a SQL routine.
HandlerType = CONTINUE | EXIT | UNDO.
ConditionList = Condition { ',' Condition } .
Condition =
              ConditionCode | SQLEXCEPTION | SQLWARNING | (NOT FOUND).
The ConditionCode not_found is acceptable as an alternative to not found.
Signal =
              SIGNAL ConditionCode [ SET CondInfo'= 'Scalar {','CondInfo'= 'Scalar }]
              RESIGNAL \ [ConditionCode\ ]\ [\ SET\ CondInfo'='Value\{','CondInfo'='Scalar\ \}]\ .
ConditionCode = Condition id | SQLSTATE string.
              CLASS_ORIGIN|SUBCLASS_ORIGIN|CONSTRAINT_CATALOG|
       CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA| CONSTRAINT_NAME|CATALOG_NAME|SCHEMA_NAME|
       TABLE_NAME|COLUMN_NAME|CURSOR_NAME|MESSAGE_TEXT.
GetDiagnostics = GET DIAGNOSTICS Target '=' ItemName { ',' Target '=' ItemName }.
ItemName = NUMBER | MORE | COMMAND_FUNCTION | COMMAND_FUNCTION_CODE |
       DYNAMIC_FUNCTION | DYNAMIC_FUNCTION_CODE | ROW_COUNT |
       TRANSACTIONS_COMMITTED | TRANSACTIONS_ROLLED_BACK |
       TRANSACTION_ACTIVE | CATALOG_NAME | CLASS_ORIGIN | COLUMN_NAME |
       CONDITION_NUMBER | CONNECTION_NAME | CONSTRAINT_CATALOG |
       CONSTRAINT_NAME | CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA | CURSOR_NAME |
       MESSAGE LENGTH | MESSAGE OCTET LENGTH | MESSAGE TEXT |
       PARAMETER MODE | PARAMETER NAME | PARAMETER ORDINAL POSITION |
       RETURNED SOLSTATE | ROUTINE CATALOG | ROUTINE NAME |
       ROUTINE SCHEMA | SCHEMA NAME | SERVER NAME | SPECIFIC NAME |
       SUBCLASS ORIGIN | TABLE NAME | TRIGGER CATALOG | TRIGGER NAME |
       TRIGGER_SCHEMA.
SQLSTATE strings are 5 characters in length, comprising a 2-character class and and a 3 character
subclass. See the table in section 8.1.1.
              FETCH [How] Cursor_id INTO VariableRef { ',' VariableRef } .
Fetch =
              NEXT | PRIOR | FIRST | LAST | ((ABSOLUTE | RELATIVE) Value )).
How =
ForStatement = Label FOR [ For_id AS ][ id CURSOR FOR ] QueryExpression DO Statements END
                   FOR [Label_id].
              IF BooleanExpr THEN Statements { ELSEIF BooleanExpr THEN Statements }
IfStatement =
                   [ ELSE Statements ] END IF.
Label =
              [ label ':' ] .
LoopStatement = Label LOOP Statements END LOOP.
MatchStatement = MATCH Match {',' Match} [WhereClause] [Statement] [THEN Statements END].
The Match statement computes a rowset of bindings for unbound identifiers (or a boolean if there are
none) for which the Match is found in all or a selected set of graphs in the database (see MatchMode
below). The Statement if present is executed for each row of bindings and may replace it with the result
```

of a RETURN statement. If the Statement is present but has no RETURN, or if it changes the database,

there is no rowset result for the MatchStatement. Match removes duplicate rows from its bindings and from the result if present. The THEN clause if present has access to the bindings but does not alter the result rowset.

```
Match = MatchMode [id '='] MatchNode.

MatchNode = '(' MatchItem ')' { (MatchEdge|MatchPath) MatchNode }.

MatchEdge = '-[' MatchItem '->' | '<-' MatchItem ']-'.

MatchItem = [id | Node_Value] [GraphLabel] [ Document | Where ].

MatchPath = '[' Match ']' MatchQuantifier.

MatchQuantifier = '?' | '*' | '+' | '{' int , [int] '}'.

MatchMode = [TRAIL|ACYCLIC| SIMPLE] [SHORTEST |ALL|ANY].
```

The MatchMode ³⁶ controls how repetitions of path patterns are managed in the graph matching mechanism. A MatchPath creates lists of values of bound identifiers in its Match. By default, binding rows that have already occurred in the match are ignored³⁷, and paths that have already been listed in a quantified graph are not followed. The MatchMode modifies this default behaviour: TRAIL omits paths where an edge occurs more than once, ACYCLIC omits paths where a node occurs more than once, SIMPLE looks for a simple cycle. The last three options apply to MatchStatements that do not use the comma operator, and select the shortest match, all matches or an arbitrary match.

```
Open = OPEN id .

Repeat = Label REPEAT Statements UNTIL BooleanExpr END REPEAT .

Return = RETURN Value {',' Value} [WhereClause] [GroupByClause] [HavingClause] [WindowClause] .

If the values expression include aggregations, the enclosing syntax must create a rowset to which these clauses can apply.
```

```
SelectSingle = SELECT [ALL|DISTINCT] SelectItems INTO TargetList TableExpression .

TargetList = VariableRef { ',' VariableRef } .

Statements = Statement { ';' Statement } .

While = Label WHILE SearchCondition DO Statements END WHILE .

UserFunctionCall = id '(' [ Scalar { ',' Scalar } ] ')' .

MethodCall = Scalar '.' Method_id '(' [ Scalar { ',' Scalar } ] ')' |

'(' Scalar AS Type ')' '.' Method_id '(' [ Scalar { ',' Scalar } ] ')' |

Type'::' Method_id '(' [ Scalar { ',' Scalar } ] ')' .
```

7.2 Data Definition

As is usual for a practical DBMS, Pyrrho's Alter statements are richer than SQL2023. In executable code, Value can often replace **id** or tokens in the syntax defined in this section.

```
Alter = ALTER DOMAIN id AlterDomain

ALTER FUNCTION id '(' Parameters ')' RETURNS Type AlterBody

ALTER PROCEDURE id '(' Parameters ')' AlterBody

ALTER Method AlterBody

ALTER TABLE id AlterTable
```

³⁶ The forthcoming GQL statement specifies many path modes. This selection is similar to those in [Francis 2023].

³⁷ This is a different convention from the behaviour of SELECT.

```
ALTER TYPE id AlterType
               ALTER VIEW id AlterView.
Method = MethodType METHOD id '(' Parameters ')' [RETURNS Type] [FOR id].
Parameters = Parameter {',' Parameter } .
Parameter = id Type.
The specification of IN, OUT, INOUT and RESULT is not (yet) supported.
MethodType = [OVERRIDING | INSTANCE | STATIC | CONSTRUCTOR ].
The default method type is INSTANCE. All OVERRIDING methods are instance methods.
AlterDomain = SET DEFAULT Default
               DROP DEFAULT
               TYPE Type
               AlterCheck .
AlterBody =
               AlterOp { ',' AlterOp } .
AlterOp =
               TO id
               Statement
               [ADD|DROP] { Metadata } .
              Literal | DateTimeFunction | CURRENT_USER | CURRENT_ROLE | NULL |
Default =
               ARRAY'(")' | MULTISET'(")'.
               (ADD|DROP) CheckConstraint
AlterCheck =
               [ADD|DROP] { Metadata }
               DROP CONSTRAINT id.
Note that anonymous constraints can be dropped by finding the system-generated id in the
Sys$TableCheck, Sys$ColumnCheck or Sys$DomainCheck table (see section 8.1).
CheckConstraint = [ CONSTRAINT id ] CHECK '(' [XMLOption] SearchCondition ')'.
XMLOption = WITH XMLNAMESPACES '(' XMLNDec {',' XMLNDec } ')'.
XMLNDec = (string AS id) | (DEFAULT string) | (NO DEFAULT).
AlterTable =
               TO id
               ADD ColumnDefinition
               ALTER [COLUMN] id AlterColumn
               DROP [COLUMN] id DropAction
               (ADD|DROP) (TableConstraintDef | VersioningClause)
               SET Cols REFERENCES id [ Cols ] [USING (id|'('Values')')] Referential Action
               ALTER PERIOD id TO id
               DROP TablePeriodDefinition DropAction
               Classification | Enforcement
               AlterCheck
               [ADD|DROP] Metadata { Metadata }.
AlterColumn = TO id
               POSITION int
```

```
SET ((NOT NULL)|ColumnConstraint )

DROP ((NOT NULL)|ColumnConstraint ) DropAction

AlterDomain

Classification

GenerationRule

[ADD|DROP DropAction] { Metadata } .
```

When columns are renamed, Pyrrho cascades the change to SQL referring to the columns.

```
AlterType = TO id

ADD ( Field | Method )

DROP ( Field_id | Routine) DropAction

Classification
Representation ReferentialAction
SET UNDER Type_id ReferentialAction
DROP UNDER DropAction

[DROP] { Metadata }

ALTER Field_id AlterField .
```

Other details of a Method can be changed with the ALTER METHOD statement (see Alter above). A sensitive type cannot be altered to a non-sensitive type.

Field = id Type [DEFAULT Value] Collate {Metadata}.

```
TO id
AlterField =
               [DROP] DropAction { Metadata }
               TYPE Type
               SET DEFAULT Value
               DROP DEFAULT.
AlterView =
               SET SOURCE TO RowSet
               TO id
               [ADD|DROP] { Metadata }.
               ATTRIBUTE | CAPTION | ENTITY | LEGEND | X | Y | JSON | CSV | ETAG | ID
Metadata =
               | LEAVING | ARRIVING | MILLI | MONOTONIC | ((INVERTS|KEY) id)
               ([URL | MIME | SQLAGENT | USER | PASSWORD] string) |
               ((HISTOGRAM | LINE | PIE | POINTS | NODE) ['(' id ',' id ')']) | iri |
               ((PREFIX|SUFFIX) id) |
               (NODETYPE ['('id')']) | (EDGETYPE '('[id '= '] id ',' [id '= '] id ')') |
               ((CARDINALITY|MULTIPLICITY) '(' int [TO (int|'*')] ')') |
               SENSITIVE | SECURITY Level.
```

Level = LEVEL level_id ['-' level_ id] [GROUPS {id}] [REFERENCES {id}].

The Metadata syntax is a Pyrrho extension. Many of the options affect query output for a role in Pyrrho's Web service and most are not reserved words. By default, query output in the Web service is an HTML table. Attribute and Entity if present set a preference for XML output for structured data. Histogram, Legend, Line, Points, Pie, Node (for table, view or function metadata, can optionally supply column ids for X and Y), Caption, X and Y (for column or subobject metadata) specify JavaScript added to HTML output to draw the data visualisations specified. The string is usually for a description, and for X and Y columns is used to label the axes of charts. For RestViews, url and other properties³⁸ for the view are

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³⁸ Passwords are (deprecated and) obscured in output from Pyrrho. ETAG means RFC 7232, MILLI means RFC 7232 but with a 3-digit fractional part for seconds (i.e. not quite RFC 7231 format). RESTViews can be declared ENTITY.

given as string literals. For INVERTS the id should be the name of the function being inverted³⁹, and KEY is an assertion about the object schema key (for v.7.01). PREFIX and SUFFIX are metadata for subtype declarations: in SQL the id is supplied as prefix/suffix to a value of the supertype to construct a value of the subtype and is used without double-quotes to decorate output.

NODETYPE and EDGETYPE are metadata for user defined types and can be specified only in CREATE TYPE statements: the parameters for EDGETYPE are previously defined leaving and arriving node types for the edge type. The id option for NODETYPE and id= for EDGETYPE provide ways of customising the names of the ID, LEAVING and ARRIVING nodes. Setting ID for a unique key column of a nodetype or edgetype replaces the existing default identity column with this one. Similarly, setting LEAVING or ARRIVING for an existing foreign key will replace the existing leaving and arriving columns (unlikely to be useful in practice).

CARDINALITY can be specified as a constraint for array, set and multiset types, and MULTIPLICITY for REFERENCES in foreign key definitions. * here indicates no limit (this is the default): the default multiplicity is 0 to *.

Classification levels (*level_*id = D,C,B or A) can only be specified by the database owner: D is the default. When applied to users or permissions, these are clearance levels, to database objects, classification levels. See section 3.4.2. A Type can be declared sensitive: this property is silently inherited by values, columns, tables, and views. A non-sensitive object cannot receive a sensitive value.

AddPeriodColumnList = ADD [COLUMN] *Start_*ColumnDefinition ADD [COLUMN] *End* ColumnDefinition .

Create = CREATE ROLE id [Description_string]

- | CREATE DOMAIN id [AS] DomainDefinition [Classification]
- | CREATE FUNCTION id '('Parameters')' RETURNS Type {Metadata} Statement⁴⁰
- | CREATE ORDERING FOR UDType_id (EQUALS ONLY|ORDER FULL) BY Ordering
- CREATE PROCEDURE id '(' Parameters ')' Statement
- | CREATE Method Statement
- CREATE TABLE id TableContents [Classification][Enforcement] {Metadata}
- | CREATE TRIGGER id (BEFORE|AFTER) Event ON id [RefObj] Trigger
- | CREATE TYPE id ((UNDER id)|AS Representation) {CheckConstraint} [Classification] [Method {',' Method}]
- | CREATE VIEW id ViewDefinition
- | CREATE XMLNAMESPACES XMLNDec { ',' XMLNDec }
- | CREATE Graph {','Graph} [THEN⁴¹ Statement].

Method bodies in SQL2023 are specified by CREATE METHOD once the type has been created...In Pyrrho types UNDER or Representation must be specified (not both). CREATE XMLNAMESPACES is for creating a persistent association of namespace uris with identifiers. Classification and Enforcement can only be set by the database owner (see section 3.4.2).

Enforcement = SCOPE [READ] [INSERT] [UPDATE] [DELETE].

Representation = (StandardType|Table_id|'('Field {','Field }')').

DomainDefinition = StandardType [DEFAULT Default] { CheckConstraint } Collate .

³⁹ Pyrrho uses such information automatically in the implementation of updatable views and joins.

⁴⁰ Functions that return tables have an explicit row type, so the table value returned bythe Statement should explicitly alias columns to match the returns clause, in case table columns are changed later.

⁴¹ The Create statement implicitly binds an identifier to its node for the duration of the current statement: such bindings accumulate from left to right. The statement in the THEN clause has continuing access to these.

```
Ordering = (RELATIVE|MAP) WITH Routine

| STATE .

TableContents = '(' TableClause { ',' TableClause } ')' { VerisoningClause }

| OF Type_id ['(' TypedTableElement { ',' TypedTableElement } ')'] .

VersioningClause = WITH SYSTEM VERSIONING .

TableClause = ColumnDefinition {Metadata} | TableConstraint | TablePeriodDefinition .

ColumnDefinition = id Type [DEFAULT Default] {ColumnConstraint|CheckConstraint} Collate {Metadata}

| id GENERATED ALWAYS AS '('Value')'

| id GENERATED ALWAYS AS ROW (START|END) .
```

 $Column Constraint = [CONSTRAINT\ id\]\ Column Constraint Def\ .$

ColumnConstraintDef = NOT NULL

- PRIMARY KEY
- REFERENCES id [Cols] [USING (id|'('Values')')] { ReferentialAction }
- UNIQUE
- | DEFAULT Value
- Classification.

The Using expression here is an extension to SQL2023 behaviour, allowing a row expression or the name of an adapter function. See section 5.2.2. A column default value overrides a domain default value.

TableConstraint = [CONSTRAINT id] TableConstraintDef.

TableConstraintDef= UNIQUE Cols

- PRIMARY KEY Cols

The Cols of a foreign key are allowed to be SET types. The Using expression here is an extension to SQL2023 behaviour allowing a row expression or the name of an adapter function. See section 5.2.2.

 $Table Period Definition = {\sf PERIOD} \ {\sf FOR} \ Period Name \ '('\ {\it Column_id}\ ','\ {\it Column_id}\ ')'\ .$

 $PeriodName = SYSTEM_TIME \mid id$.

TypedTableElement = ColumnOptionsPart | TableCnstraint.

ColumnOptionsPart = id WITH OPTIONS '(' ColumnOption { ',' ColumnOption } ')' .

ColumnOption = (SCOPE Table_id) | (DEFAULT Value) | ColumnConstraint .

Values = Value {',' Value }.

Cols = '('ColRef { ','ColRef } ',' PERIOD ApplicationTime_id] ')'.

The period syntax here can only be used in a foreign key constraint declaration where both tables have application time period definitions, and allows them to be matched up.

```
ColRef = Column_id { '.' Field_id [AS Type]}.
```

The Field_id syntax is Pyrrho specific and can be used to reference fields of structured types or documents.

Referential Action = ON (DELETE|UPDATE) (CASCADE|SET (DEFAULT|NULL)|RESTRICT).

The default Referential Action is RESTRICT. 42

ViewDefinition = [ViewSpec] AS RowSet {Metadata}.

The resulting view may be updatable using UPDATE, DELETE and INSERT statements.

ViewSpec = Cols | OF *Type*_id | OF Representation .

The third syntax here is to define the contents of RESTViews.

TriggerDefinition = TRIGGER id (BEFORE|(INSTEAD OF)| AFTER) Event ON id [RefObj] Trigger.

```
Event = INSERT \mid DELETE \mid (UPDATE [OF id \{',' id \}]).
```

 $RefObj = REFERENCING \{ (OLD|NEW)[ROW|TABLE][AS] id \}.$

In this syntax, the default is ROW; TABLE cannot be specified for a BEFORE trigger; OLD cannot be specified for an INSERT trigger; NEW cannot be specified for a DELETE trigger.

Trigger = FOR EACH (ROW|STATEMENT [DEFERRED]) [TriggerCond] (Statement | (BEGIN ATOMIC Statements END)).

```
TriggerCond = WHEN '(' SearchCondition ')'.
```

```
Graph = Node Path {',' Node Path } .
```

Path = { Edge Node } .

Node = '(' GraphItem ')'.

Edge = '-[' GraphItem']->' | '<-[' GraphItem']-'.

There should be no white space within the graph multicharacter tokens ']-' ']->' '-[' '<-['

GraphItem = [id | Node_Value] [GraphLabel] [Document].

GraphLabel = ':' (id | Label_Value) [GraphLabel].

DropStatement = DROP DropObject DropAction .

```
DropObject = ObjectName
```

ORDERING FOR id

TRIGGER id ON id

ROLE id

| TRIGGER id

XMLNAMESPACES (id|DEFAULT) {',' (id|DEFAULT) }

INDEX id^{43} .

DropAction = | RESTRICT | CASCADE.

The default DropAction is RESTRICT.

Rename = SET ObjectName TO id.

7.3 Access Control

```
Grant = GRANT Privileges TO GranteeList [ WITH GRANT OPTION ]

GRANT Role_id { ',' Role_id } TO GranteeList [ WITH ADMIN OPTION ]
```

⁴² The SQL standard specifies that the default should be NO ACTION, but such an option is not available in Pyrrho.

⁴³ Non-SQL, for supporting the MongoDB service.

```
GRANT Level TO user_id.
```

Grant can only be used in single-database connections (section 3.4). For roles see section 5.5. Clearance levels (D to A) can only be applied to users by the database owner (D is the default).

```
Revoke = REVOKE [GRANT OPTION FOR] Privileges FROM GranteeList | REVOKE [ADMIN OPTION FOR] Role_id { ',' Role_id } FROM GranteeList .
```

Revoke can only be used in single-database connections. Revoke withdraws the specified privileges in a cascade, irrespective of the origin of any privileges held by the affected grantees: this is a change to SQL2023 behaviour. (See also sections 5.5 and 7.13.)

```
Privileges = ObjectPrivileges ON ObjectName
```

```
PASSWORD [id] [FOR Role_id] .
```

The Password privilege (Pyrrho specific) is for access to the database using HTTP, and can only be granted by the database owner. If the password field is blank it will be set by the next request from this user. The optional role identifier provides an initial role for access and implies a grant of the role to the user.

ObjectPrivileges = ALL PRIVILEGES | Action { ',' Action } .

```
Action = SELECT [ '(' id { ',' id } ')' ]

| DELETE
| INSERT [ '(' id { ',' id } ')' ]
| UPDATE [ '(' id { ',' id } ')' ]
| REFERENCES [ '(' id { ',' id } ')' ]
| USAGE
| TRIGGER
| EXECUTE
| METADATA
| OWNER.
```

TABLE id

ObjectName =

The owner privilege (Pyrrho-specific) can only be granted by the owner of the object (or the database) and results in a transfer of ownership of that object to a single user or role (not PUBLIC). Ownership always implies grant option for the owner privilege. References here can be to columns, methods, fields or properties depending on the type of object referenced by the objectname (usage is for domains).

```
| DOMAIN id | TYPE id | Routine | VIEW id .

GranteeList = PUBLIC | Grantee { ',' Grantee } .

Grantee = [USER] id | ROLE id .

See section 5.5 for the use of roles in Pyrrho.

Routine = PROCEDURE id [DataTypeList] | FUNCTION id [DataTypeList] | [MethodType ] METHOD id [DataTypeList] | TRIGGER id .

DataTypeList = '('Type, { ',' Type } ')' .
```

7.4 Type

 $Type = \qquad \qquad (StandardType \mid DefinedType \mid Domain_id \mid Type_id \mid CollectionType.$

StandardType = BOOLEAN | CharacterType | FloatType | IntegerType | LobType | NumericType | DateTimeType | IntervalType | XML | PASSWORD | DOCUMENT | DOCARRAY | CHECK.

The last four types are Pyrrho-specific: Password values show as *******, Document is as in http://bsonspec.org, DocArray is for the array variant used in Bson. See also sec 7.6. Documents and DocArrays are transmitted to clients as subtypes of byte[] data, using Bson format. Check is an Rvv cookie transmitted to clients as a string, such cookies are IComparable and can be merged using +. All four types have automatic conversion from strings: Json to Bson for Document and DocArray. Documents are considered equal if corresponding fields match⁴⁴.

 $\label{eq:CharacterType} \begin{subarray}{ll} $\text{CharacterType} = (([NATIONAL] \ CHARACTER) \ | \ CHAR \ | \ NCHAR \ | \ VARCHAR) \ [VARYING] \ ['('int')'] \ [CHARACTER \ SET \ id \] \ Collate \ . \end{subarray}$

All of these are Unicode in Pyrrho⁴⁵.

Collate = [COLLATE id].

There is no need to specify COLLATE UNICODE, since this is the default collation. COLLATE UCS_BASIC is supported but deprecated. Other CultureInfo strings (in double quotes) are supported depending on the current version of the .NET libraries: since Windows 10 any valid BCP-47 language tag can be used. This determines comparison of strings and conversion from dates etc.

FloatType = (FLOAT|REAL|DOUBLE PRECISION) ['('int', 'int')'] .

The names here are regarded as equivalent in Pyrrho⁴⁶.

IntegerType = INT | INTEGER | BIGINT | SMALLINT.

All these integer types are regarded as equivalent in Pyrrho⁴⁷.

LobType = ([NATIONAL] CHARACTER |BINARY) LARGE OBJECT | BLOB | CLOB | NCLOB.

National is ignored, the character large object types are regarded as equivalent to CHAR since they represent unbounded character strings, and of course BINARY LARGE OBJECT is the same as BLOB.

NumericType = (NUMERIC|DECIMAL|DEC) ['('int','int')'].

The names here are regarded as equivalent in Pyrrho⁴⁸.

DateTimeType = (DATE | TIME | TIMESTAMP) ([IntervalField [TO IntervalField]] | ['(' int ')']).

The use of IntervalFields when declaring DateTimeType is an addition to the SQL standard.

44 This is extremely useful though counter-intuitive, as the empty document is "equal" to every other document!

⁴⁵ The SQL standard says that the national character set is implementation-defined. Pyrrho uses Unicode strings of arbitrary length. The length integer is a constraint during query processing, but strings in the physical database are not truncated. Note that the SQL standard does not include keywords TEXT or NVARCHAR found in some systems.

⁴⁶ The SQL standard states at sec 6.1 SR28-30 that the maximum precision of these types is implementation-defined. Internally Pyrrho's maximum precision for a mantissa is 2040 bits and for an exponent, 63 bits.

⁴⁷ The SQL standard states at . sec 6.1 SR28 "The precision of SMALLINT shall be less than or equal to the precision of INTEGER, and the precision of BIGINT shall be greater than or equal to the precision of INTEGER" Internally Pyrrho's precision is 2040 bits. In clients, integer values are generally represented as 64-bit integers. The Pyrrho protocol supplies larger values as strings.

⁴⁸ The SQL standard states at 6.1 SR25 that the maximum precision of these types is implementation-defined. Internally Pyrrho's maximum precision is 2040 bits with a 64-bit maximum for the scale.

```
IntervalType = INTERVAL IntervalField [ TO IntervalField ].
```

IntervalField = YEAR | MONTH | DAY | HOUR | MINUTE | SECOND ['(' int ')'].

DefinedType = (ROW|TABLE) Representation

DataTypeList

Type (ARRAY|SET|MULTISET).

The TABLE alternative here is a Pyrrho extension to SQL2023, corresponding to the difference between a row and a rowset. SET is added to the standard types; and expressions whose type is an array, set or multiset of scalar type are scalars. DataTypeList is an anonymous row type (no column names), also specific to Pyrrho.

7.5 Query or RowSet

```
RowSet = TableReference
| DEFAULT VALUES
|| GET [USING Table_id] .
```

The domain of DEFAULT VALUES and GET must be constrained by the context. The GET syntax here is for the RestView feature of Pyrrho⁴⁹.

```
Insert = INSERT [XMLOption] INTO Table id [Cols] RowSet [Classification].
```

The VALUES keyword is mandatory if you are providing an explicit TableValue (see section 7.7). For example INSERT INTO t VALUES (4,5), or INSERT INTO t (SELECT c,d FROM e). As in 7.2, only the database owner is permitted to provide a classification: otherwise, if the insert succeeds, the classification of the row is determined by the clearance of the current user, and may differ from the classification of other rows in the table. The column list if present names the columns from the table for which values are provided: otherwise values must be provided for all columns.

Update = UPDATE [XMLOption] *Target_*id Assignment [WhereClause] .

Delete = DELETE *Node_*Value | [XMLOption] FROM *Target_*id [WhereClause] .

In these four definitions *Target* can be a table or view.

CursorSpecification = [XMLOption] RowSetExpression.

 $RowSetExpression = RowSetTerm \{(UNION|EXCEPT)[ALL|DISTINCT] RowSetTerm\} \\ [OrderByClause] [FetchFirstClause] .$

DISTINCT is the default and discards duplicates from both operands.

RowSetTerm = RowSetPrimary { INTERSECT [ALL | DISTINCT] RowSetPrimary } .

DISTINCT is the default.

 $RowSetPrimary = SimpleTable \mid \text{'('}\ RowSetExpression')'\ .$

 $Simple Table = RowSet Spec \mid Table Value \mid Match \mid TABLE id.$

 $RowSetSpec = SELECT \ [\ ALL \ | \ DISTINCT \] \ SelectList \ TableExpression \ [FOR \ UPDATE] \ .$

FOR UPDATE is ignored by Pyrrho, and is allowed in the syntax only for compatibility with other DBMS.

⁴⁹ For AS GET url, the url string is supplied in the Metadata syntax. Explicit column names can be specified using the extended ViewSpec in this section. For AS GET USING id the specified USING table gives some data identifying contributing servers including a primary key and the URL of the contribution as the last column. The row type of the Representation should consist of the columns of the USING table (except the last), and the remaining columns must match the contributed data.

```
SelectList = SelectItem { ',' SelectItem } .
SelectItem = [Col '.']'*' | Scalar [AS id ] | RowValue '.' '*' [AS Cols].
Alias =
                [[AS] id [ Cols ]].
The id is an alias for the referenced table, and the column list if present selects columns from it.
TimePeriodSpecification = AS OF Scalar
        | BETWEEN [ASYMMETRIC|SYMMETRIC] Scalar AND Scalar
        | FROM Scalar TO Scalar.
This syntax is slightly more general than in SQL2023.
                '('RowSetExpression ')'.
Subquery =
Subqueries return different sorts of values depending on the context, including simple values (scalars,
structures, arrays, multisets, etc), rows and tables.
                TableReference CROSS JOIN TableFactor
JoinedTable =
        | TableReference NATURAL [JoinType] JOIN TableFactor
        | TableReference[JoinType]JOIN TableReference ((USING '('Cols')')|(ON SearchCondition)) .
                INNER | ( LEFT | RIGHT | FULL ) [OUTER].
JoinType =
SearchCondition = BooleanExpr.
OrderByClause = ORDER BY OrderSpec { ',' OrderSpec } .
OrderSpec = Scalar [ ASC | DESC ] [ NULLS ( FIRST | LAST )].
The default order is ascending, nulls first.
FetchFirstClause = FETCH FIRST [ int ] (ROW|ROWS) ONLY.
XmlColumns = COLUMNS XmlColumn { ',' XmlColumn }.
XmlColumn = id Type [ DEFAULT Scalar ] [ PATH str ].
7.6 Scalar Expressions
Value =
                Scalar | RowValue | TableValue | Treatment .
Treatment =
                TREAT '(' Value AS Type ')'.
The SQL standard requires the target of a TREAT expression to be a structured type. Pyrrho does not.
Scalar =
                Literal
                Scalar BinaryOp Scalar
                '-' Scalar
                 '(' Scalar ')'
                Scalar Collate
                Scalar '[' Scalar ']'
                Scalar AS Type
                ColumnRef
                 VariableRef
                Scalar_Subquery
                (SYSTEM_TIME|Period_id|(PERIOD'('Scalar', 'Scalar')'))
                VALUE
                Scalar '.' Field_id
                Scalar_MethodCall
                NEW Constructor_MethodCall
```

Scalar FunctionCall

```
Document
DocArray
Graph
Xml
(MULTISET |SET|ARRAY) (('['Value { ',' Value } ']')| Table_Subquery)
CASE Value {WHEN Value{','Value} THEN Value } [ELSE Value ] END
CASE {WHEN BooleanExpr THEN Value } [ELSE Value ] END
USER
CURRENT ROLE.
```

The VALUE keyword is used in Check Constraints, A scalar subquery must have exactly one column and return a single value. The explicit list option for multiset and array cannot directly contain table expressions. A scalar MethodCall or FunctionCall does not return a table. Collate if specified applies to an immediately preceding Boolean expression, affecting comparison operands etc. The AS syntax in Scalar AS Type is allowed only in parameter lists and methodcalls.

```
Document = '{' [ keyname ':' DocValue { ',' keyname ':' DocValue }] '}'.
```

Keynames are case-sensitive and should be enclosed in single or double quotes. Fields can be extracted from and added to document nodes using subscript notation (to delete a field update the parent node).

```
DocArray = '[' [ \ DocValue \ \{',' \ DocValue \ \}]']' \ .
```

DocValue = Scalar | doublequotedstring.

To avoid being parsed as a double-quoted string, in a DocValue a double-quoted identifier needs to be part of a larger expression such as a dotted identifier chain.⁵⁰

XmlName = [keyname':']keyname .

This exposed Xml syntax is a Pyrrho extension (and is different from the XML support specified in SQL2023). As above keynames are case-sensitive but for XML they should not be enclosed in double-quotes: the character set is specified in XML standards⁵¹.

```
BinaryOp = '+' | '-' | '*' | '/' | '||' | MultisetOp .

|| is used in array and string concatenation.

VariableRef = { Scope_id '.' } Variable_id .

ColumnRef = [ TableOrAlias_id '.' ] ColRef

| TableOrAlias_id '.' CHECK
```

SECURITY.

The use of the SECURITY and CHECK pseudo-columns is a change to SQL2023 behaviour. CHECK is a row versioning cookie accessible by anyone with select permission for the table.. SECURITY is reserved to the database owner (security administrator) and can be set to a value of type Level (see below).

```
MultisetOp = (MULTISET|SET) (UNION | INTERSECT | EXCEPT) (ALL | DISTINCT).
```

```
Literal = int float string
```

⁵⁰ In Mongo, keynames and strings starting with \$ have special meanings and can be used to refer to values in the curret context (e.g. "\$a.b"). Mongo is available as an option in the source code.

⁵¹ http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml/

```
TRUE | FALSE

| 'X' "' { hexit } "'

| DATE date_string

| TIME time_string

| TIMESTAMP timestamp_string

| INTERVAL ['-'] interval_string IntervalQualifier
```

Strings are enclosed in single quotes. Two single quotes in a string represent one single quote. Hexits are hexadecimal digits 0-9, A-F, a-f and are used for binary objects. Level literal can only be used by the database owner.

Dates, times and intervals use string (single quoted) values and are not locale-dependent. For full details see SQL2023: e.g.

- a date has format like DATE 'yyyy-mm-dd',
- a time has format like TIME 'hh:mm:ss' or TIME 'hh:mm:ss.sss',
- a timestamp is like TIMESTAMP 'yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss.ss',
- an interval is like e.g.
 - o INTERVAL 'yyy' YEAR,
 - o INTERVAL 'yy-mm' YEAR TO MONTH,
 - INTERVAL 'm' MONTH,
 - o INTERVAL 'd hh:mm:ss' DAY(1) TO SECOND,
 - o INTERVAL 'sss.ss' SECOND(3,2) etc.

The SQL2023 standard specifies that intervals cannot have a mixture of year-month and date-second fields.

```
IntervalQualifier = StartField TO EndField

| DateTimeField .

StartField = IntervalField ['(' int ')'] .

EndField = IntervalField | SECOND ['(' int ')'] .

DateTimeField = StartField | SECOND ['(' int [',' int]')'] .
```

The ints here represent precision for the leading field and optionally for seconds the fraction part.

IntervalField = YEAR | MONTH | DAY | HOUR | MINUTE.

7.7 RowSet Expressions

```
TableValue = VALUES '(' Scalar { ',' Scalar } ')' { ',' '(' Scalar { ',' Scalar } ')' } [AS Type_id]

| QueryExpression
| Table_Subquery .

RowValue = [ROW] '(' Scalar { ',' Scalar } ')'
| Scalar .
```

The Scalar option here constructs a row with a single column whose value is the given scalar value.⁵²

 $Table Expression = [From Clause] \ [Where Clause] \ [Group By Clause] \ [Having Clause] \ [Window Clause] \ .$

GroupByClause and HavingClause are used with aggregate functions. WindowClause is used with window functions. From v7 the FromClause can be omitted.

```
FromClause = FROM TableReference { ',' TableReference } .
```

⁵² This syntax is called <row value constructor> in the SQL standard (section 7.1).

```
WhereClause = WHERE BooleanExpr | (CURRENT OF Cursor_id).
GroupByClause = GROUP BY [DISTINCT|ALL] GroupingSet { ',' GroupingSet } .
DISTINCT is the default.
GroupingSet = OrdinaryGroup | GroupingSpec | '(")'.
OrdinaryGroup = ColumnRef [Collate] | '(' ColumnRef [Collate] { ',' ColumnRef [Collate] } ')' .
GroupingSpec = GROUPING SETS '(' GroupingSet { ',' GroupingSet } ')'.
HavingClause = HAVING BooleanExpr.
WindowClause = WINDOW WindowDef { ',' WindowDef } .
Window clauses are only useful with window functions, which are discussed in section 7.7.
WindowDef = id AS '(' WindowDetails ')'.
WindowDetails = [Window_id] [ PartitionClause] [ OrderByClause ] [ WindowFrame ] .
PartitionClause = PARTITION BY OrdinaryGroup.
WindowFrame = (ROWS|RANGE) (WindowStart|WindowBetween) [ Exclusion ] .
WindowStart = ((Scalar | UNBOUNDED) PRECEDING) | (CURRENT ROW).
WindowBetween = BETWEEN WindowBound AND WindowBound.
WindowBound = WindowStart | ((Scalar | UNBOUNDED) FOLLOWING).
Exclusion = EXCLUDE ((CURRENT ROW)|GROUP|TIES|(NO OTHERS)).
TableReference = TableFactor Alias | JoinedTable.
TableFactor =
                Table_id [FOR SYSTEM_TIME [TimePeriodSpecification ]]
                View id
                ROWS '(' int [ ',' int ] ')'
                Table_FunctionCall
                Table_Subquery
                '(' TableReference ')'
                TABLE '(' Scalar ')'
               UNNEST '(' Scalar ')'
               XMLTABLE '(' [XMLOption] xml [PASSING NamedValue {',' NamedValue}]
XmlColumns ')'
               DocArray.
ROWS(..) is a Pyrrho extension (for table and cell logs), and the last option above is also Pyrrho-specific
and allows a specific list of documents to be supplied. The value in UNNEST is normally an array of
rows, but DocArray or Xml values are interpreted in the obvious way.
7.8 Predicates
BooleanExpr = BooleanTerm | BooleanExpr OR BooleanTerm .
```

```
booleanExpi = booleanTerm | booleanExpi ON booleanTerm .
```

 $Boolean Term = Boolean Factor \mid Boolean Term \ AND \ Boolean Factor \ .$

BooleanFactor = [NOT] BooleanTest.

BooleanTest = Predicate | '(' BooleanExpr ')' | Boolean_Value.

Predicate = Any | Between | Comparison | Contains | Every | Exists | In | Like | Member | Null | Of | PeriodBinary | Some | Unique | [ColumnRef '.'] Document_Value .

The use of a Document as a predicate is considered to be an equality condition consisting of a conjunction of equality conditions for its field names and values.

Any = ANY '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Value) ')' FuncOpt.

The qualifier DISTINCT|ALL has no effect for ANY.

Between = Value [NOT] BETWEEN [SYMMETRIC|ASYMMETRIC] Value AND Value .

Comparison = Scalar CompOp Scalar.

CompOp = '=' | '<>' | '<' | '>' | '<=' | '>=' .

 $Contains = PeriodPredicand \ CONTAINS \ (PeriodPredicand \ | \ \textit{DateTime}_Value) \ .$

Every = EVERY '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Value) ')' FuncOpt .

The qualifier DISTINCT ALL has no effect for EVERY.

Exists = EXISTS *Table_*Subquery | XMLEXISTS '(' XmlQuery ')'.

FuncOpt = [FILTER '(' WHERE SearchCondition ')'] [OVER WindowSpec].

The presence of the OVER keyword makes a *window function*. In accordance with SQL2023-02 section 6.10 and 4.16.3. Window functions can only be used in the select list of a QuerySpec or SelectSingle or the order by clause of a simple table query. Thus window functions cannot be used within expressions or as function arguments.

In = RowValue [NOT] |N''| (' Table_Subquery | (Scalar { ', 'Scalar }) ')'.

Like = Scalar [NOT] LIKE Char_Scalar [ESCAPE Char_Scalar].

LIKE_REGEX and SIMILAR can be supported using directives in the source code.

Member = RowValue [NOT] MEMBER OF *Multiset_*Scalar .

Null = Scalar | S[NOT] NULL.

Of = Value IS [NOT] (OF '(' [ONLY] Type $\{','[ONLY] \ Type \} ')' \mid (CONTENT \mid DOCUMENT \mid VALID)$).

Some = SOME'('[DISTINCT|ALL] Table Value)')' FuncOpt.

The qualifier DISTINCT|ALL has no effect for SOME.

Unique = UNIQUE *Table_*Subquery .

PeriodBinary = PeriodPredicand (OVERLAPS | EQUALS | [IMMEDIATELY] (PRECEDES | SUCCEEDS)) PeriodPredicand .

See also Contains above.

PeriodPredicand = { id '.' } id | PERIOD '(' Scalar ',' Scalar ')' .

7.9 SQL Functions

 $FunctionCall = NumericValueFunction \mid StringValueFunction \mid DateTimeFunction \mid GraphFunctions \mid TypeCast \mid HTTPFunction \mid XMLFunction \mid VersioningFunction \mid UserFunctionCall \mid MethodCall \ .$

All FunctionCalls are considered Scalars unless the returned type is TABLE.

 $Numeric Value Function = Absolute Value \mid Avg \mid Ceiling \mid Coalesce \mid Count \mid Exponential \mid Extract \mid Floor \mid Grouping \mid Last \mid Length Expression \mid Maximum \mid Minimum \mid Modulus \mid Natural Logarithm \mid Next \mid Nullif \mid Position \mid Power Function \mid Row Number \mid Schema \mid Square Root \mid Sum \ .$

```
AbsoluteValue = ABS '(' Scalar ')'.
Avg = AVG '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Scalar) ')' FuncOpt.
ALL is the default.
Ceiling = (CEIL|CEILING) '(' Scalar ')'.
Coalesce = COALESCE '(' Scalar {',' Scalar } ')'.
Count = COUNT'(''*')'
        | COUNT '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Scalar) ')' FuncOpt
        | COUNT '(' ColumnRef ')' OVER WindowSpec .
ALL is the default.
Exponential = EXP '(' Scalar ')'.
Extract = EXTRACT '(' ExtractField FROM Value ')'.
ExtractField = YEAR | MONTH | DAY | HOUR | MINUTE | SECOND.
First = FIRST_VALUE '(' ColumnRef ')' OVER WindowSpec .
Floor = FLOOR '(' Scalar ')'.
Grouping = GROUPING '(' ColumnRef { ',' ColumnRef } ')'.
HttpFunction = HTTP '('verb_Value ',' url_Value ',' content_Value ')'.
In the HttpFunction added for Pyrrho v7.01, verb and url are string values, content is a possibly empty
Json Document and the return value is a possibly empty Json Document. (See section 7.4)
Last = LAST_VALUE '(' ColumnRef ')' OVER WindowSpec .
LastData= LAST DATA.
Table/derived-table function added for Pyrrho v7: the log position of the last table change (or 0 if no
relevant tables).
LengthExpression = (CHAR_LENGTH|CHARACTER_LENGTH|OCTET_LENGTH) '(' Scalar ')'.
Maximum = MAX '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Scalar) ')' FuncOpt .
The qualifier DISTINCT|ALL has no effect for MAX.
Minimum = MIN '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Scalar) ')' FuncOpt .
The qualifier DISTINCT|ALL has no effect for MIN.
Modulus = MOD '(' Scalar ', ' Scalar ')'.
NaturalLogarithm = LN' ('Scalar')'.
Next = NEXT ['('ColumnRef')'OVER WindowSpec].
Nullif = NULLIF '(' Scalar ', ' Scalar ')'.
WindowSpec = Window_id | '(' WindowDetails ')'.
WithinGroup = WITHIN GROUP '(' OrderByClause ')'.
Position = POSITION ['('Scalar IN Table Value ')'].
```

```
PowerFunction = POWER '(' Scalar ', ' Scalar ')'.
RowNumber = ROW_NUMBER'(")'OVER WindowSpec.
Schema = SCHEMA '('ObjectName [COLUMN id ]')'.
Added for Pyrrho: returns a number identifying the most recent schema change affecting the specified
object (including any change to this object by another name in another role). Note the sytax of
ObjectName given in sec 7.4 above above uses keyword prefixes such as TABLE. The COLUMN syntax
shown can only be used with tables.
SquareRoot = SQRT'('Scalar')'.
Sum = SUM '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Scalar) ')' FuncOpt.
                    =
                         CURRENT DATE
                                             | CURRENT TIME
DateTimeFunction
                                                                    LOCALTIME
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP | LOCALTIMESTAMP .
StringValueFunction = Substring | XmlAgg.
Normalize= NORMALIZE '(' Scalar ')'.
Substring = SUBSTRING '(' Scalar FROM Scalar [ FOR Scalar] ')'.
XmlAgg = XMLAGG '(' Scalar [ OrderByClause ] ')'.
SetFunction = Cardinality | Collect | Element | Fusion | Intersect | Set .
Collect = COLLECT '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Scalar) ')' FuncOpt .
Fusion = FUSION '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Scalar) ')' FuncOpt .
Intersect = INTERSECTION '(' [DISTINCT|ALL] Value) ')' FuncOpt .
Cardinality = CARDINALITY '(' Scalar ')'.
Element = ELEMENT '(' Scalar ')'.
Set = SET'('Scalar')'.
GraphFunctions = GraphLabels \mid GraphType.
GraphLabels = LABELS '(' Value ')'.
GraphType = TYPE '(' Value ')'.
Typecast = (CAST | XMLCAST) '(' Scalar AS Type ')' | TREAT '(' Scalar AS Sub Type ')' .
VersioningFunction = VERSIONING '('RowSet')'.
Added for Pyrrho v7, returns a CHECK cookie for the versioning state of the rows in the rowSet.
7.10 XML Support
XMLFunction = XMLComment | XMLConcat | XMLDocument | XMLElement | XMLForest |
XMLParse | XMLProc | XMLQuery | XMLText | XMLValidate.
XMLComment = XMLCOMMENT' ('Value')'.
XMLConcat = XMLCONCAT '(' Value {',' Value } ')'.
XMLDocument = XMLDOCUMENT '(' Value ')'.
XMLElement = XMLELEMENT '(' NAME id [ ',' Namespace ] [ ',' AttributeSpec ] [ ',' Value } ')' .
```

```
Namespace = XMLNAMESPACES '(' NamespaceDefault | ( string AS id { ',' string AS id } ) ')'.
```

Name space Default = (DEFAULT string) | (NO DEFAULT).

AttributeSpec = XMLATTRIBUTES '(' NamedValue {',' NamedValue }')'.

NamedValue = Value [AS id].

XMLForest = XMLFOREST '(' [Namespace ','] NamedValue { ',' NamedValue } ')'.

XMLParse = XMLPARSE '(' CONTENT Value ')'.

XMLProc = XMLPI '(' NAME id [',' Value] ')'.

XMLQuery = XMLQUERY '(' Value, xpath xml')'.

This syntax seems to be non-standard in Pyrrho but allows extraction from an xml Value using an XPath expression

XMLText = XMLTEXT'('xml')'.

XMLValidate = XMLVALIDATE'(' (DOCUMENT|CONTENT|SEQUENCE) Value ')'.

7.11 Compliance with the SQL standard

Pyrrho supports many of the features of SQL2023, too many to list here. This section contains notes on known areas where Pyrrho is not compliant: broadly, these affect the type system, the security system, and transaction behaviour. The notes below review some of the concepts in the SQL standard, to identify aspects that are known to be non-compliant.

7.11.1 SQL-sessions

Each SQL-connection⁵³ corresponds to a single SQL-session. An SQL-session has a single user. The name of the current user is established by the operating system before the connection opens, and may match the account that has started the Pyrrho server (the server account). An SQL-session is established for the current user by the HTTP service using a URL specifying a database name and role name, or by an application opening a PyrrhoConnect using a connection string, which must specify a database and may specify a role.

If no database with the specified name is found and the current user is the server account, an empty database is created that is owned by the server account: in that case the database contains no users or roles, and the server account is the owner of the database and of the default role, whose name matches the database name.

There are thus three cases (a) there are no User objects in the database and the user is the server account, (b) the user matches a User in the database, (c) otherwise the user is Guest.

The SQL-connection persists until the connection is closed or the underlying transport is broken. This will terminate the SQL-session. At any point in time, many SQL-sessions may be in progress for the database, and it is possible for many such sessions to have the same current user. A single user can have many SQL-connections in progress at any time.

7.11.2 SQL-transactions

An SQL-session can have at most one SQL-transaction in progress at any time. At the end of an SQL session any transaction in progress is rolled back.

In this section S is any SQL-statement, whether it affects schema, security, or database contents. If there is no transaction in progress at the start of execution of S, an auto-commit transaction is initiated,

⁵³ Pyrrho does not have feature F771 "Connection management" or F321 "User authorization". Pyrrho does have features T331 "Basic roles" and T332 "Extended roles", modified as described below.

otherwise S begins a transaction step in T. If S is found to have a syntax error, an exception occurs, the execution of S does not proceed. and any changes associated with the transaction step are rolled back. If any other kind of exception arises during the execution of S and is not handled, transaction T is rolled back. In both cases, the exception is reported to the client. At the end of the execution of S, if T is an auto-commit transaction, it is committed.

The isolation level for all transactions is SERIALIZABLE and cannot be changed. Changes made by a transaction (including schema changes) are not visible to other transactions until the transaction is committed.

7.11.3 Roles

At any point in the SQL session, there is just one current role. A value for CURRENT_ROLE can be specified in the connection string (or URL). Otherwise, the server will select a suitable value from among the Roles that for which the current user has the USAGE permission. If there is no such role, the CURRENT_ROLE is PUBLIC.

The SET ROLE statement can be used during an SQL-session to change the value of CURRENT_ROLE: it must specify a role for which the user has USAGE permission.

Execution uses definer's role: If the current role R allows an operation on an object O (e.g. a table, a view, a constraint, a procedure, or trigger) defined by role R', then during any computations defined by O, the current role is temporarily set to R'. If O is (or evaluates to) a row or table, access to its columns is again determined by R.

7.11.4 Privileges

If there are no users or roles in the database, there are no privilege descriptors in the database. In this state, provided the current user is the server account, execution proceeds as if they have all privileges on all objects. In this state, the first Role to be created becomes the default role for the database and the definer's role for all user-defined objects in the database and privilege descriptors are added for all privileges, and the first User to be named as a grantee in a grant statement G becomes the database owner and the owner of all of its objects in the database at this point, and a USAGE privilege descriptor is added to the current role (in addition to the permissions granted by G).

At any time thereafter, (a) the database owner has SELECT permission on the log tables and usage permission on the default role, and the default role has SELECT permission on the system tables; (b) if a user-defined database object has no remaining privilege descriptors it is dropped in a cascade⁵⁴.

Grant of SELECT on a table by default allows SELECT on all of its columns. All data types are implicitly PUBLIC i.e. all roles implicitly have the USAGE privilege.

Objects including types can be altered or dropped only by their owner (a user).

The REFERENCES privilege is not supported: a role has effectively the same privilege if it has SELECT on the column.

WITH HIERARCHY OPTION is not supported.

Grant to a user of anything other than ownership or role usage is deprecated. Grant of ownership can only be done by the object's owner.

Grant of usage of a role only creates privilege descriptors for the user for the role. The current privileges of the user on any database object are determined by their current role.

Grant to a role of ownership or role usage is deprecated.

7.11.5 Drop statements

NO_ACTION is not allowed.

7.11.6 Integrity Constraints

NO_ACTION is not allowed. DEFERRED defers operation of the constraint to the end of the transaction.

⁵⁴ It is relatively unusual practice to remove the access privilege of an object's creator.

7.11.7 Data Types

There are numerous departures from the SQL standard, see section 7.4.

Predefined types can be subtyped by user defined types.

Predefined data types are considered to be owned by SYSTEM. All roles are considered to have the USAGE privilege on all data types.

7.11.8 Tables

There are effectively only two types of table: base table and derived table. A viewed table is treated as a derived table (resulting from the view definition). A transition table is treated as a derived table. The view syntax has been extended to allow access to remote tables, and such views can specify column types and indexes.

8. Pyrrho Reference

There are five collections of system tables in Pyrrho. The Sys\$ collections contain the current system information set, the Role\$ collection is the schema for the current role, and the Log\$ collection accesses the transaction log. All these collections consist of virtual tables, whose data is constructed as required from the Pyrrho engine's data structures. From version 5.0 it is possible to see uncommitted details in the current transaction, so that "defining positions" in these system tables are no longer Integer but String data: the fields contain the string version of the Integer defining position if it is committed, and otherwise contain a numeric identifier preceded by a single quote.

The fourth kind of system table is for reviewing data operations on an individual table. See section 8.5.

There is a set of six system tables that contains transaction profile information. See section 8.6.

All these tables and their attributes are case-sensitive, and the table-names contain the character \$, so all SQL statements will need to use double-quoted (delimited) identifiers, as in

```
Select * from "Sys$Role" where "Name" like 'Sales%'
```

8.1 Diagnostics

Pyrrho implements basic diagnostics management as defined in SQL2023, with a single diagnostics area. The NOT_FOUND condition is signalled if there is a handler for it (no-data is not regarded as an error in SQL2023).

8.1.1 SQLSTATE

Pyrrho defines the following SQLSTATEs, shown here with the message formats for the invariant culture (these can be localised in the client library).

Pyrrho treats many things as errors that appear in the SQL standard as warnings, and imposes fewer restrictions: see comments below. A large number of error messages below (in category 40) relate to transaction conflicts caused by schema changes.

It is permisable to define, raise and handle other condition codes.

Number	Message Template	ISO	Pyrrho	Comments
00000	Successful completion	у	у	Not an exception
01000	Warning	y	n	
01001	Warning – cursor operation conflict	y	n	Not reported
01002	Warning – disconnect error	y	n	Condition 2E000 raised instead
01003	Warning – null value eliminated in set function	У	У	
01004	Warning – string data, right truncation	y	n	01004 is used for fixed length binary data: see 22001 instead
01005	Warning – insufficient item descriptor areas	У	n	
01006	Warning – privilege not revoked	у	n	Condition 42105 raised instead
01007	Warning – privilege not granted	y	n	Condition 42105 raised instead
01005	Warning – insufficient item descriptor areas	У	n	Cannot occur
01009	Warning – search condition too long for information schema	у	n	Cannot occur
0100A	Warning – query expression too long for information schema	у	n	Cannot occur
0100B	Warning – default value too long for information schema	у	n	Cannot occur
0100C	Warning – result sets returned	у	n	
0100D	Warning – additional result sets returned	у	n	
0100E	Warning – attempt to return too many result parameters	y	у	
0100F	Warning – statement too long for information schema	у	n	Cannot occur

01012	Warning – invalid number of conditions	У	n	Not reported
0102F	Warning – array data, right truncation	У	n	Cannot occur
02000	No data	У	У	Not an exception
02001	No additional result sets returned	У	n	
07000	Dynamic SQL error	У	n	
07001	Using clause does not match dynamic parameter specifications	У	n	
07002	Using clause does not match target specifications	y	n	
07003	Cursor specification cannot be executed	y	n	
07003	Using clause required for dynamic	•	n	
	parameters	у		
07005	Prepared statement not a cursor specification	у	n	
07006	Restricted data type attribute violation	У	n	
07007	Using clause required for result fields	У	n	
07008	Invalid descriptor count	у	n	
07009	Invalid descriptr index	у	n	
0700B	Data type transform function violation	У	n	
0700C	Undefined DATA value	y	n	
0700D	Invalid DATA target	y	n	
0700E	Invalid LEVEL value	y	n	
0700F	Invalid	y	n	
	DATETIME_INTERVAL_CODE	J		
0700G	Invalid pass-through surrogate value	У	n	
0700H	PIPE ROW not during PTF execution	У	n	
08000	Connection exception	У	n	See 2E
08001	SQL-client unable to establish SQL-connection	у	у	
08002	Connection name in use	У	y	
08003	Connection does not exist	У	y	
08004	SQL-Server rejected establishment of SQL-connection	y	у	
08006	Connection failure	У	у	
08007	Connection exception – transaction resolution unknown	y	у	
08C00	Client-side threading violation for reader	n	y	
08C01	Client-side threading violation for	n	V	
	command		У	
08C02	Client-side threading violation for a transaction	n	у	
08C03	An explicit transaction is already active in this thread and connecion	n	y	
08C04	A reader is already open in this thread and connection	n	y	
08C05	Conflict with an open reader in this thread and connection	n	y	
08C06	Cannot change connection properties	n	y	
09000	during a transaction Triggered action exception	y	n	Pyrrho uses a single diagnostics
0A000	Feature not supported	v	n	area
0A000	Feature not supported – multiple server	У		Pyrrho supports multiple serevrs
UAUUI	transactions	У	n	1 yiino supports munipie serevis
0D000	Invalid target type specification	y	y	
0E000	Invalid schema name list specification	y	n	S071 is not supported
0F000	Locator exception	y	n	T561 is not supported
32 000		J		

0001	T			TTC (1:
0F001	Locator exception – invalid	У	n	T561 is not supported
01.000	specification			Candidan 42105 is missed
0L000	Invalid grantor	y	n	Condition 42105 is raised
0M000	Invalid SQL-invoked procedure reference	У	n	T471 is not supported
0P000		• •		Condition 42105 is raised
	Invalid role specification Invalid transform group specification	У	n	
0S000 0T000	Target table disagrees with cursor	У	n	S241 is not supported
01000	specification	У	У	
0U000	Attempt to assign to non-updatable	V	V	
00000	column	У	У	
0V000	Attempt to assign to ordering column	y	n	B031 is not supported
0W000	Prohibited statement encountered	y	n	See 27000
011000	during trigger execution	J		200 27 000
0W001	Trigger error - modify table modified	y	n	See 27001
	by data change delta table	J		
0Z000	Diagnostics exception	y	n	
0Z001	Maximum number of stacked	y	n	Cannot occur
	diagnostics areas exceeded	•		
11000	Prohibited column reference	y	n	
	encountered during trigger execution	·		
21000	Cardinaility violation	y	у	
22000	Data exception	y	y	
22001	String data, right truncation	y	y	
22002	Null value, no indicator parameter	У	n	
22003	Numeric value out of range	У	y	
22004	Null value not allowed	y	y	
22005	Error in assignment	y	У	
22006	Invalid interval format	y	n	
22007	Invalid datetime format: ?	y	У	Diagnostic info added
22008	Datetime field overflow: ?	У	У	Diagnostic info added
22009	Invalid time zone displacement value	У	n	
2200B	Escape character conflict	У	n	
2200C	Invalid use of escape character	У	n	
2200D	Invalid escape octet	У	n	
2200E	Null value in array target	У	n	
2200F	Zero-length character string	У	n	
2200G	Most specific type mismatch	y	У	
2200H 2200J	Sequence generator limit exceeded Nonidentical notations with the same	У	n	
2200 J	name	У	n	
2200K		T 7	n	
2200K	Nonidentical unparsed entities with the same name	У	n	
2200N	Invalid XML content	V	V	
2200P	Interval value out of range	y y	y n	
2200Q	Multiset value overflow	y y	n	Cannot occur
2200S	Invalid XML comment	y	n	Camiot occur
22010	Invalid indicator parameter value	y	n	
22011	Substring error	y	n	
22012	Division by zero	y	y	
22013	Invalid preceding or following size in	y	n	
	window function	J		
22014	Invalid argument for NTILE function	y	n	
22015	Interval field overflow	y	n	
22016	Invalid argument for NTH_VALUE	y	n	
	function	-		
22018	Invalid character value for cast	y	n	
22019	Invalid escape character	y	у	
2201B	Invalid regular expression	y	y	
2201C	Null row not permitted in value	у	y	

2201E	Invalid argument for natural logarithm	y	n	
2201F	Invalid argument for power function	y	n	
2201G	Invalid argument for width bucket	y	n	
	function	-		
2201H	Invalid row version	у	n	
2201M	Namespace ? not defined	у	у	
2201S	Invalid XQuery regular expression	у	n	
2201T	Invalid XQuery option flag	y	n	
2201U	Attempt to replace a zero-length string	у	n	
2201V	Invalid XQuery replacement string	у	n	
2201W	Invalid row count in a fetch first clause	у	n	
2201X	Invalid row count in result offset clause	y	n	
2201Y	Zero-length binary string	y	n	
22020	Invalid period value	y	n	
22021	Character not in repertoire	y	n	
22022	Indicator overflow	y	n	
22023	Invalid parameter value	y	n	
22024	Unterminated C string	y	n	
22025	Invalid escape sequence	y	y	
22026	String data length mismatch	y	n	
22027	Trim error	y	n	
22029	Noncharacter in UCS string		n	
22029 2202D	Null value substituted for mutator	У		
2202D		У	n	
2202E	subject parameter	**	n	
	Array deta right truncation	у	n	
2202F	Array data, right truncation	У	n	
2202G	Invalid repeat argument in a sample	У	n	
220211	clause			
2202H	Invalid sample size	У	n	
2202J	Invalid argument for row pattern	y	b	
220211	navigation operation			
2202K	Skip to non-existent row	У	n	
2202L	Skip to first row of match	У	n	
22030	Duplicate JSON object key value	У	n	
22031	Invalid argument for SQL/JSON	У	n	
	datetime function			
22032	Invalid JSON text	У	n	
22033	Invalid SQL/JSON subscript	У	n	
22034	More than one SQL/JSON item			
22035	No SQL/JSON item	У	n	
22036	Non-numeric SQL/JSON i8tem	У	n	
22037	Non-unique keys in JSON object	У	n	
22038	Singleton SQL/JSON item required	У	n	
22039	SQL/JSON array not found	y	n	
2203A	SQL/JSON member not found	У	n	
2203B	SQL/JSON number not found	У	n	
2203C	SQL/JSON object not found	у	n	
2203D	Too many JSON array elements	у	n	
2203E	Too many JSON object members	y	n	
2203F	SQL/JSON scalar required	у	n	
22041	Invalid RDF format	n	y	OWL type extension to SQL
22042	Unknown schema key	n	v7.01	
22102	Type mismatch on concatenate	n	y	
22103	Multiset element not found	n	y	
22104	Incompatible multisets for union	n	y	
22105	Incompatible multisets for intersection	n	y	
22106	Incompatible multisets for except	n	y	
22107	Exponent expected	n	y	
22108	Type error in aggregation operation	n	y	
22109	Too few arguments	n	y	
			J	

22110	T			
22110	Too many arguments	n	У	
22111	Circular dependency found	n	У	
22201	Unexpected type? for comparison with	n	У	
	Decimal			
22202	Incomparable types	n	У	
22203	Loss of precision on conversion	n	У	
22204	Query expected	n	У	
22205	Null value found in table ?	n	у	
22206	Null value not allowed in column?	n	у	
22207	Row has incorrect length	n	у	
22208	Mixing named and unnamed columns is	n	у	
	not supported		,	
22209	AutoKey is not available for ?	n	у	
22210	Illegal assignment of sensitive value	n	y	
22211	Domain? Check constraint fails	n	y	
22212	Column ? Check constraint fails	n		
22300	Bad document format		У	Document Extension to SQL
		n	у	Document Extension to SQL
23000	Integrity constraint violation	У	У	A C
23001	RESTRICT: ? referenced in ?	У	У	A referenced object cannot be
22101				deleted
23101	Integrity constraint on referencing	n	У	
	table ? (delete)			
23102	Integrity constraint on referencing	n	У	
	table ? (update)			
23103	This record cannot be updated	n	у	usually integrity violation
24000	Invalid cursor state	У	у	
24101	Cursor is not open	n	y	
25000	Invalid transaction state	y	у	
25001	Active SQL-transaction	y	y	
25002	Branch transaction already active	y	n	
25002	Inappropriate access mode for branch	У	n	
23003	transaction	y	11	
25004		**	n	
23004	Inappropriate isolation level for branch	У	n	
25005	transaction			
25005	No active SQL-transaction for branch	У	n	
25006	transaction			
25006	Read-only SQL-transaction	У	n	
25007	Schema and data statement mixing not	У	n	
	supported			
25008	Held cursor requires same isolation	У	n	
	level			
26000	Invalid SQL statement name	У	у	
27000	Triggered data change violation	у	n	
27001	Trigger exception – modify table	y	n	
	modified by data change delta table	,		
28000	Invalid authorization specification	y	у	No role ? in database ?
28101	Unknown grantee kind	n	y	THE TOTAL THE GRAND REPORT TO
28102	Unknown grantee ?		-	
28102	Users can only be added to roles	n	У	
	•	n	у	
28105	Grant of select: entire row is nullable	n	У	
28106	Grant of insert must include all notnull	n	У	
20105	columns			
28107	Grant of insert cannot include generated	n	У	
	column ?			
28108	Grant of update: column? is not	n	У	
	updatable			
2B000	Dependent privilege descriptors still	y	n	
	exist			
2C000	Invalid character set name	y	n	
		-		

2C001	Cannot drop SQL-session default	У	n	
	character vset			
2D000	Invalid transaction termination	y	У	
2E000	Invalid connection name	y	У	
2E104	Database is read-only	n	у	
2E105	Invalid user for database?	n	у	
2E106	This operation requires a single-	n	y	
	database session		•	
2E108	Stop time was specified, so database is	n	у	
	read-only		•	
2E110	Unauthorized HTTP access	n	у	
2E111	User ? can access no columns of table ?	n	y	
2E201	Connection is not open	n	y	See also 080nn
2E202	A reader is already open	n	y	200 4150 0001111
2E202	Unexpected reply	n	y	
2E203	Bad data type ? (internal)	n	-	
2E205	Stream closed	n	У	
2E205 2E206	Internal error: ?		У	
		n	У	
2E208	Badly formatted connection string?	n	У	
2E209	Unexpected element ? in connection	n	У	
25210	string			
2E210	LOCAL database server does not	n	У	
	support distributed or partitioned			
	operation			
2E300	The calling assembly does not have	n	у	
	type?			
2E301	Type? doesn't have a default	n	у	
	constructor			
2E302	Type? doesn't define field?	n	у	
2E303	Types ? and ? do not match	n	y	
2E304	Get rurl should begine with /	n	y	REST service
2E305	No data returned by rurl?	n	y	REST service
2E307	Obtain an up-to-date schema for ? from	n	y	
	Role\$Class		,	
2F000	SQL routine exception	y	n	
2F002	Modifying SQL-data not permitted	y	n	
2F003	Prohibited SQL-statement attempted	y	у	
2F004	Reading SQL-data not permitted	y	n	
2F005	Function executed no return statement	•	n	
2H000	Invalid collation name	У		
30000	Invalid SQL statement identifier	У	y n	
33000	Invalid SQL descriptor name	У		
33000	Error in prepared statement parameters	У	У	
	Invalid cursor name	n	У	
34000		У	У	
35000	Invalid condition number	У	n	
36000	Cursor sensitivity exception	У	n	
36001	Cursor sensitivity exception – request	У	n	
	rejected			
36002	Cursor sensitivity exception – request	У	n	
	failed			
38000	External routine exception	У	n	
38001	External routine – containing SQL not	y	n	
	permitted			
38002	External routing modifying COL data	y	n	
	External routine – modifying SQL-data	y		
	not permitted	y		
38003		y	n	
	not permitted	•		
38003	not permitted External routine – prohiobited SQL- statement attempted	у		
	not permitted External routine – prohiobited SQL- statement attempted External routine – reading SQL-data	•	n	
38003	not permitted External routine – prohiobited SQL- statement attempted	у	n	

39004	External routine invocation – null value	y	n	
3B000	not allowed Savepoint exception	y	n	
3B001	Savepoint exception – invalid	y	n	
2D002	specification			
3B002	Too many savepoints	У	n	
3C000	Ambiguous cursor name	У	n	
3D000	Invalid catalog specification	У	У	
3D001	Database ? not open	n	У	
3D005	Requested operation not supported by this edition of Pyrrho	n	У	
3D006	Database ? incorrectly terminated or damaged	n	у	
3D007	Database is not append storage	n	V	Server is append storage version
3D007 3D008	Database is append storage		У	Server is not for append storage
		n	У	Server is not for append storage
3D010	Invalid Password	n	У	
3F000	Invalid schema name	У	n	
40000	Transaction rollback	У	У	
40001	Transaction Serialisation Failure	У	У	
40002	Transaction rollback – integrity	У	n	
	constraint violation			
40003	Transaction rollback - statement	У	У	
	completion unknown	•	•	
40004	Transaction rollback – triggered action	y	n	
	exception	,		
40005	Transaction rollback – new key conflict	n	V	
+0003	with empty query	11	У	
10006				
40006	Transaction conflict: Read constraint	n	У	
	for?			
40007	Transaction conflict: Read conflict for ?	n	У	
40008	Transaction conflict: Read conflict for	n	У	
	table ?			
40009	Transaction conflict: Read conflict for	n	У	
	record?		•	
40010	Object ? has just been dropped	n	У	
40011	Supertype? has just been dropped	n	y	
40012	Table ? has just been dropped	n	y	
40013	Column ? has just been dropped	n	-	
			у	
40014	Record ? has just been deleted	П	У	
40015	Type ? has just been dropped	n	У	
40016	Domain? has just been dropped	n	У	
40017	Index ? has just been dropped	n	У	
40021	Supertype ? has just been changed	n	У	
40022	Another domain? has just been defined	n	У	
40023	Period ? has just been changed	n	У	
40024	Versioning has just been defined	n	У	
40025	Table ? has just been altered	n	у	
40026	Integrity constraint: ? has just been	n	y	
.0020	added		J	
40027	Integrity constraint: ? has just been	n	V	
70027	referenced	11	У	
40020				
40029	Record? has just been updated	n	У	
40030	A conflicting table ? has just been	n	У	
	defined			
40031	A conflicting view ? has just been	n	У	
	defined			
40032	A conflicting object ? has just been	n	У	
	defined			
40033	A conflicting trigger for ? has just been	n	У	
	defined		-	

40034	Table ? has just been renamed	n	у
40035	A conflicting role ? has just been	n	y
	defined		•
40036	A conflicting routine ? has just been	n	у
	defined		•
40037	An ordering now uses function?	n	у
40038	Type ? has just been renamed	n	у
40039	A conflicting method ? for ? has just	n	у
.000	been defined		,
40040	A conflicting period for ? has just been	n	у
.00.0	defined		,
40041	Conflicting metadata for ? has just been	n	у
.00.1	defined		,
40042	A conflicting index for ? has just been	n	у
10012	defined	11	,
40043	Columns of table ? have just been	n	у
40043	changed	11	y
40044	Column ? has just been altered	n	17
40045	A conflicting column ? has just been	n	У
T00T3	defined	11	У
40046	A conflicting check? has just been	n	17
40040	defined	11	У
40047	Target object ? has just been renamed	n	3 7
	A conflicting ordering for ? has just	n	У
40048	been defined	n	У
40049			
40049	Ordering definition conflicts with drop of ?	n	У
10050			
40050	A conflicting namespace change has	n	У
40051	occurred		
40051	Conflict with grant/revoke on?	n	У
40052	Conflicting routine modify for ?	n	У
40053	Domain? has just been used for insert	n	У
40054	Domain? has just been used for update	n	У
40055	An insert conflicts with drop of ?	n	У
40056	An update conflicts with drop of?	n	У
40057	A delete conflicts with drop of?	n	У
40058	An index change conflicts with drop	n	У
400.50	of?		
40059	A constraint change conflicts with drop	n	У
	of?		
40060	A method change conflicts with drop of	n	У
	type?		
40068	Domain ? has just been altered,	n	У
	conflicts with drop		
40069	Method ? has just been changed,	n	y
	conflicts with drop		
40070	A new ordering conflicts with drop of	n	y
	type?		
40071	A period definition conflicts with drop	n	y
	of?		
40072	A versioning change conflicts with drop	n	У
	of period?		
40073	A read conflicts with drop of?	n	y
40074	A delete conflicts with update of ?	n	y
40075	A new reference conflicts with deletion	n	у
	of?		-
40076	A conflicting domain or type? has just	n	у
	been defined		-
40077	A conflicting change on ? has just been	n	у
	done		-

40070	Dood conflict with alter of 2					
40078	Read conflict with alter of?	n	У			
40079	Insert conflict with alter of?	n	У			
40080	Update conflict with alter of?	n	У			
40081	Alter conflicts with drop of ?	n	У			
40082	ETag validation failure	n	y			
40083	Secondary connection conflict on ?	n	У	Remote	connection	snapshots
				differ		
40084	Transaction start conflict	n	у			
40085	An update conflicts with delete of?	n	у			
42000	Syntax error or access rule violation at?	У	у			
42101	Illegal character?	n	у			
42102	Name cannot be null	n	y			
42103	Key must have at least one column	n	y			
42104	Proposed name conflicts with existing	n	y			
	database object (e.g. table already		J			
	exists)					
42105	Access denied ?	n	V			
42107	Table ? undefined		У			
42107	Procedure ? not found	n	У			
		n	У			
42109	Assignment target ? not found	n	У			
42111	The given key is not found in the	n	У			
10110	referenced table					
42112	Column ? not found	n	У			
42113	Multiset operand required, not ?	n	y			
42115	Unexpected object type?? for GRANT	n	У			
42116	Role revoke has ADMIN option not	n	y			
	GRANT					
42117	Privilege revoke has GRANT option	n	y			
	not ADMIN					
42118	Unsupported CREATE ?	n	y			
42119	Domain? not found in database?	n	у			
4211A	Unknown privilege ?	n	у			
42120	Domain or type must be specified for	n	y			
	base column?		,			
42123	NO ACTION is not supported	n	у			
42124	Colon expected	n	y			
42125	Unknown Alter type ?	n	y			
42126	Unknown SET operation	n	-			
42127	-		У			
42127	Table expected	n	У			
	Illegal aggregation operation	n	У			
42129	WHEN expected	n	У			
42131	Invalid POSITION ?	n	У			
42132	Method ? not found in type ?	n	У			
42133	Type ? not found	n	У			
42134	FOR phrase is required	n	У			
42135	Object ? not found	n	У			
42138	Field selector ? not defined for ?	n	У			
42139	:: on non-type	n	У			
42140	:: requires a static method	n	y			
42142	NEW requires a user-defined type	n	y			
	constructor					
42143	? specified more than once	n	у			
42146	OLD specified on insert trigger or	n	y			
	NEW specified on delete trigger		-			
42147	Cannot have two primary keys for	n	у			
	table?		•			
42148	FOR EACH ROW not specified	n	у			
42149	Cannot specify OLD/NEW TABLE for	n	y			
-	before trigger		,			

42150	Malformed SQL input (non-terminated string)	n	y
42151	Bad join condition	n	17
42152	Non-distributable where condition for	n	У
72132	update/delete	11	У
42153	Table ? already exists	n	у
42154	Unimplemented or illegal function?	n	у
42156	Column? is already in table?	n	у
42157	END label? does not match start label?	n	у
42158	? is not the primary key for ?	n	у
42159	? is not a foreign key for ?	n	у
42160	? has no unique constraint	n	у
42161	? expected at ?	n	у
42162	Table period definition for ? has not	n	y
101.50	been defined		
42163	Generated column? cannot be used in a	n	У
10161	contraint		
42164	Table ? has no primary key	n	У
42166	Domain ? already exists	n	У
42167	A routine with name ? and arity ? already exists	n	У
42168	AS GET needs a schema definition	n	у
42169	Ambiguous column name ? needs alias	n	y
42170	Column ? must be aggregated or	n	y
.2170	grouped		J
42171	A table cannot be placed in a column	n	у
42172	Identifier ? already declared in this	n	у
	block		
42173	Method ? not defined	n	У
42174	Unsupported rowset modification	n	У
44000	attempt		
44000	With check option violation	У	У
44001	Domain check? fails for column? in table?	n	У
44002	Table check? fails for table?	n	y
44003	Column check? fails for column? in	n	У
	table ?		,
44004	Column ? in Table ? contains null	n	у
	values, not null cannot be set		•
44005	Column ? in Table ? contains values,	n	y
	generation rule cannot be set		-
HZ000	Remote Database Access error	У	n

8.1.2 Get Diagnostics

From version 4.8, Pyrrho supports the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement, giving useful information for the following keys. When an exception condition is handled in an SQL routine or reported to the client, information from this collection is included in the DatabaseError.

CATALOG_NAME	
CLASS_ORIGIN	This is ISO 9075 for conditions whose class is defined in
	SQL2023
COLUMN_NAME	
COMMAND_FUNCTION	From Table 32 of the SQL standard
COMMAND_FUNCTION_CODE	From Table 32 of the SQL standard
CONDITION_NUMBER	
CONNECTION_NAME	This is the Files part of the connection string
CONSTRAINT_NAME	
CURSOR_NAME	
MESSAGE_LENGTH	Computed from MESSAGE_TEXT
MESSAGE_OCTET_LENGTH	Computed from MESSAGE_TEXT

MESSAGE_TEXT	By default, this is formatted when an exception occurs
RETURNED_SQLSTATE	The condition code
ROUTINE_NAME	
ROW_COUNT	
SERVER_NAME	The host part of the connection string
SUBCLASS_ORIGIN	This is ISO 9075 if the whole condition code is defined in
	SQL2023
TABLE_NAME	
TRANSACTIONS_COMMITTED	The number of transactions committed for this connection
TRANSACTIONS_ROLLED_BACK	The number of rollbacks for this connection
TRIGGER_NAME	
TYPE*	The target type
VALUE*	The value type
WITH*	Additional information for transaction conflicts (version
	5.4)

^{*}Pyrrho specific.

8.2 Sys\$ table collection

Sys\$Audit, Sys\$Role, and Sys\$User list all of the corresponding objects in the current database. The Sys\$ tables are read-only and available only to the database owner: the only way to change anything in a database is by means of the APIs provided e.g. SQL or REST.

8.2.1 Sys\$Audit

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	The location of this access record in the transaction log
User	Char	The name of the accessing user
Table	Char	The defining position of the sensitive or classified object
Timestamp	Int	The time of the access in ticks

Audit records are only for committed sensitive data. Entries come from physical Audit records, and are added immediately on access (do not wait for transaction commit).

8.2.2 Sys\$AuditKey

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Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	The location of the access record in the transaction log
Seq	Int	The ordinal position of the key (0 based)
Col	Char	The defining position of the key column
Key	Char	A string representation of the key value at this position

Key information for audit records comes from the filters used to access a sensitive object. For example, if a record is inserted in a table, there is no applicable filter, the audit record will apply to the whole table, and there will be no key information here.

8.2.3 Sys\$Classification

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	The defining position of this record in the transaction log
Type	Char	The object type
Classification	Char	Readable version of Level as in 7.2
LastTransaction	Char	The most recent transaction for this object

This table contains information for all current objects and data records with classification different from D. The order is not specified. Rows are not included unless the whole row is classified (see Sys\$ClassifiedColumnData). The key in this table is Pos.

8.2.4 Sys\$ClassifiedColumnData

Field	DataTyna	Description
r ieia	DataType	Description

Pos	Char	The defining position of the record in the transaction log
Col	Char	The Column's defining position
Classification	Char	Readable version of Level as in 7.2 for the contents
LastTransaction	Char	The most recent transaction for this record

This table contains information for current records affecting columns whose classification is different from D, excluding records contained in Sys\$Classification. The order is not specified. The key in this table is (Pos,Col).

8.2.5 Sys\$Enforcement

Field	DataType	Description
Name	char	The Table name
Scope	char	Enforcement flags

By default classification is enforced for all operations: there will be entries in this table only for tables with specified enforcement levels. There may also be an entry for the table in Sys\$Classification.

8.2.6 Sys\$Graph

Field	DataType	Description
Uid	char	The uid of the representative node of a graph in the database
Id	char	The id of the representative node of a graph in the database
Type	char	The node type of this node

If a database defines graph data, the database manages a list of the disjoint graphs it contains There is a row in this system table for each of these disjoint graphs, arbitrarily selecting a representative node in each. Pos and Id uniquely identify nodes in the database (though they may be the same string). There is a base table with the same name as the node type, and Id is a primary key for this table. Rows in such a table are TNodes, each giving access to multisets of leaving and arriving TEdges.

The NodeType defines its possible leaving and arriving edge types, and and has a base table whose rows are TEdges, each with a primary key **id** and columns giving access to its **leaving** TNode and **arriving** TNode.

8.2.7 Sys\$Role

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Name	char	The Role identifier
Details	char	A readable description of the intended use of the role

(Pos) and (Name) are keys in this table.

8.2.8 Sys\$RoleUser

Field	DataType	Description
Role	Char	The Role identifier
User	Char	A User identifier allowed to use this role

(Role, User) is the key in this table.

8.2.9 Sys\$ServerConfiguration

Field	DataType	Description
Property	Char	Currently one of AllowDatabaseCreation (true),
		SegmentationBits (35), ValueRowSetLimit (0=no limit),
		IndexLimit (0=no limit)
Value	Char	The value of this configuration setting.

8.2.10 Sys\$User

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Name	Char	The User identifier
SetPassword	Bool	Password will be set on next login. For HTTP authentication this field must be True or False (not null).

Initial Role	Char	The initial Role for the user
Clearance	Char	Readable version of Level as in 7.2

Users are created in the database the first time they are assigned privileges. (There is no CREATE USER in SQL2023.) Users cannot be renamed. (Pos) and (Name) are keys in this table.

8.3 Role\$ table collection

These tables give information about objects seen from the current role.

The Role\$ tables (like all other system tables) are read-only: the only way to change anything in a database is by means of the APIs provided e.g. SQL or REST.

8.3.1 Role\$Class

Field	DataType	Description
Name	Char	The name of a base table or view, with the same name as the class
Key	Char	A comma separated list of the key columns of this object if any
Definition	Char	A C# class definition suitable for receiving rows of this object. See
		also Role\$Java below.

Dots in top-level column names coming from views are automatically replaced by underscores.

8.3.2 Role\$Column

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Table	Char	The current name of the Table or View
Name	Char	The current name of the Column
Seq	Int	The current position in the row (there may be gaps in the sequence
		here due to columns inaccessible from the current role)
Domain	Char	The data type for the Column
DefaultValue	Char	String representation of the default value
NotNull	Boolean	Whether the column has been defined NOT NULL
Generated	Boolean	Whether the column is GENERATED ALWAYS
Update	Char	The update statement for a generated column

(Pos) and (Table, Name) are keys.

8.3.3 Role\$ColumnCheck

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Table	Char	The current name of the Table
Name	Char	The current name of the Column
CheckName	Char	The current identifier for the CHECK (unique per domain)
Select	Char	The QueryExpression used to check the VALUE

(Pos) and (Table, Name, Check Name) are keys

8.3.4 Role\$ColumnPrivilege

Field	DataType	Description
Table	Char	The current name of the table in the current role
Name	Char	The current name of the column in the current role
Grantee	Char	The Grantee name (a Role)
Privilege	Char	The privilege granted

(Table, Name, Grantee) is the key.

8.3.5 Role\$Domain

For further information about domains that are tables, see 8.3.21 and 8.3.7.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object

Name	Char	The current identifier for the DOMAIN. May have forms such
		as CHAR(6), U(5005) if not user-defined (see note below).
DataType	Char	The data type
DataLength	Int	The data length (precision for DECIMAL, REAL, INTEGER)
Scale	Int	The scale (for Numeric type)
StartField	Char	The start field (for Interval type)
EndField	Char	The end field (for Interval type)
DefaultValue	Char	String representation of the default value
Struct	Char	Type string for MULTISET or ARRAY or ROW element
Definer	Char	The owning role

Pyrrho creates a new domain for each new type in the database (e.g. CHAR(6)), and makes a special domain for evaluating generated columns. (Pos) and (Name) are keys.

8.3.6 Role\$DomainCheck

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
DomainName	char	The current identifier for the DOMAIN
CheckName	Char	The current identifier for the CHECK (unique per domain)
Select	Char	The QueryExpression used to check the VALUE

(Pos) and (DomainName, CheckName) are keys in this table

8.3.7 Role\$EdgeType

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Name	char	The current identifier for the EDGETYPE
LeavingNodeType	Char	The current identifier for the leaving node type
ArrivingNodeType	Char	The current identifier for the arriving node type
IdName	Char	The current identifier for the identity column
LeavingName	Char	The current identifier for the leaving column
ArrivingName	Char	The current identifier for the arriving column

(Pos) is the key in this table. See also table 8.3.20, 8.3.21, and 8.3.26.

8.3.8 Role\$Index

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Table	Char	The current name of the table
Name	Char	The name of the index (see note)
Flags	Int	Sum of values in table below
RefTable	Char	Name of referenced table (or null)
RefIndex	Char	Name of referenced index (or null)
Distinct	Int	Number of distinct values
Adapter	Char	Name of adapter function or method (or null)
Rows	Int	The number of rows in the index

User indexes are not supported in SQL2023. Pyrrho builds indexes automatically for all primary, unique, and foreign keys (there is no CREATE INDEX) in order to enforce integrity and referential constraints. They have names like U(67). (Pos) is the key for this table

Flag	Meaning	
1	Primary Key	
2	Foreign Key	
4	Unique	
8	Descending	
16	Restrict Update	
32	Cascade Update	
64	Set Default Update	

128	Set Null Update
256	Restrict Delete
512	Cascade Delete
1024	Set Default Delete
2048	Set Null Delete

The Restrict flags are currently unused, since RESTRICT is the default and is only overridden if CASCADE or SET NULL has been set.

8.3.9 Role\$IndexKey

Field	DataType	Description
IndexName	Char	The name of the index
TableColumn	Char	The current name of the column
Position	Int	Zero-based column position in the index
Flags	Char	Blank except for Mongo

(IndexName, TableColumn) and (IndexName, Position) are keys in this table.

8.3.10 Role\$Java

Field	DataType	Description
Name	Char	The name of a base table or view, with the same name as the class
Key	Char	A comma separated list of the key columns of this object if any
Definition	Char	A Java class definition suitable for receiving rows of this object.
		See also Role\$Class

Dots in top-level column names coming from views are automatically replaced by underscores.

8.3.11 Role\$Method

Field	DataType	Description
Name	Char	The identifier for the type
Method	Char	The name of the method
MethodType	Char	Instance, Constructor, Static, or Overriding
Definition	Char	The method body
Definer	Char	The owning role

8.3.12 Role\$NodeType

Information about edge types is also in this table.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	Defining position (System key) for this object
Name	Char	The identifier for the node type
IdName	Char	The name of the identifier column (primary index)
LeavingName	Char	The name of the leaving column (foreign key)
LeavingType	Char	The referenced node type for the leaving column
ArrivingName	Char	The name of the arriving column (foreign key)
ArrivingType	Char	The referenced node type for the arriving column

(Pos) is the key in this table.

8.3.13 Role\$Object

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	Defining position (System key) for this object
Type	Char	The type of database object, e.g. Table, Role etc
Name	Char	The current name of the database object in this role
Description	Char	The object description (at creation)
Iri	Char	The object iri if defined (for Domain, at creation)
Metadata	Char	Metadata for the current role

(Pos) and (Type, Name) are keys in this table. For the available Metadata flags see section 7.2 (page 51 at the last count). The value of the Password metadata (if present) is obscured.

8.3.14 Role\$Parameter

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the procedure or method
Seq	Int	The ordinal of the parameter
Name	Char	The name of the parameter
Type	Char	The name of the paremeter's type
Mode	Char	In or None, Out, InOut, Result

(Pos, Seq) is the key in this table.

8.3.15 Role\$PrimaryKey

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the table or type
Table	Char	The current name of the table
Ordinal	Int	The position of the column in the primary key
Column	Char	The current name of the column

(Pos,Ordinal) and (Table, Ordinal) are keys in this table.

8.3.16 Role\$Privilege

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the object
ObjectType	Char	The kind of object for which the privilege is granted
Name	Char	The name of the object for which the privilege is granted: for
		columns, methods etc this may have form id.id
Grantee	Char	The Grantee name
Privilege	Char	The privilege granted
Definer	Char	The owning role of the granted object

(Pos, Name, Grantee) is the key in this table. Tables can have delete permission in this table, but Select, Insert and Update apply to columns.

8.3.17 Role\$Procedure

Field	DataType	Description	
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object	
Name	Char	The current name of the Procedure or Function	
Returns	Char	The return type (Null for a Procedure)	
Definition	Char	The string containing the current procedure or function definition	
Inverse	Char	The name of the inverse function if any	
Monotonic	Boolean	Whether the function has been declared monotonic	
Definer	Char	The owning role (body will run as this role)	

The Definition starts from the beginning of the parameter list. (Pos) is the key in this table. For the signature information, see 8.3.14.

8.3.18 Role\$Python

Field	DataType	Description
Name	Char	The name of a base table or view, with the same name as the class
Key	Char	A comma separated list of the key columns of this object if any
Definition	Char	A Python class definition suitable for receiving rows of this object. See also Role\$Class

8.3.19 Role\$SQL

Field DataType	Description
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Name	Char	The name of a base table or view
Key	Char	A comma separated list of the key columns of this object if any
Definition	Char	A table definition and schema key suitable for inclusion in a RESTView definition

8.3.20 Role\$Subobject

Field	DataType	Description
Type	Char	The type of database object, e.g. Table, Role etc
Name	Char	The current name of the database object
Seq	Int	The ordinal position of the column
Column	Char	The name of the column
Output	Char	Metadata
Description	Char	Metadata
Iri	Char	Metadata

The primary key in this table is (Type, Name, Seq). For the available Metadata flags see section 7.2 (page 51 or thereabouts). TableColumns are found in the Role\$Object table: the Role\$Subobject table is for columns in views and the tables returned from functions.

8.3.21 Role\$Table

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Name	Char	The name of the Table
Columns	Int	The number of columns
Rows	Int	The number of rows
Triggers	Int	The number of triggers
CheckConstraints	Int	The number of Table check constraints
RowIri	Char	The Iri type constraint for rows if defined

(Pos) and (Name) are keys in this table.

8.3.22 Role\$TableCheck

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
TableName	Char	The current identifier for the Table
CheckName	Char	The identifier for the CHECK (unique per table)
Select	Char	The QueryExpression used to check the VALUE

(Pos) and (TableName, CheckName) are keys in this table

8.3.23 Role\$TablePeriod

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
TableName	Char	The current name of the table
Period Name	Char	The name of the Period (e.g. SYSTEM_TIME)
PeriodStartColumn	Char	The name of the system time period start column
PeriodEndColumn	Char	The name of the system time period end column
Versioning	Boolean	Whether period versioning has been specified

8.3.24 Role\$Trigger

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the trigger
Name	Char	The name of the Trigger
Flags	Char	Before/After, Insert/Delete/Update
TableName	Char	The current name of the table concerned
Definer	Char	The definer role for the Trigger

(Pos) and (Name) are keys in this table. Use Log\$Trigger to see the defining code.

8.3.25 Role\$TriggerUpdateColumn

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the trigger
Name	Char	The name of the Trigger
ColumnName	Char	Column for Update

(Pos) and (Name, ColumnName) are keys in this table

8.3.26 Role\$Type

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
Name	Char	The identifier for the type
Supertype	Char	The name of the supertype
OrderFunc	Char	The name of the ordering function if specified
OrderCategory	Char	The string representation of the order category (see 9.2.8)
Subtypes	Char	The number of subtypes of this type
Definer	Char	The owning role
Graph	Char	NodeType or EdgeType if appropriate.

(Pos) and (Name) are keys in this table.

8.3.27 Role\$View

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current object
View	Char	The current VIEW identifier
Select	Char	The current corresponding query expression if any
Struct	Char	The structure type (OF)
Using	Char	The name of the GET USING table if any
Definer	Char	The owning role

(Pos) and (View) are keys in this table. See also the Role\$Object table for metadata.

8.4 Log\$ table collection

These tables give access to records in the transaction log. They retain their system key (defining position) throughout their lifetime, but all other details including their name are subject to modification by later entries in the transaction log. In particular, Types can later become NodeTypes or EdgeTypes as a result of Metadata.

The Log\$ tables identify all objects by (long) integer values, shown in the Sys\$ tables as Pos, and in the Log\$ tables as DefPos (the defining position of the object, i.e. the log entry which records the creation of the object).

Tables in this collection are read-only. They are publicly available in the personal edition (with the recommended firewall configuration, see section 3, this means available on the local subnet or local machine). They are always available to the database owner.

8.4.1 Log\$

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Desc	char	A semi-readable version of the log information
Type	Char	The type of log entry (see table below)
Affects	Char	The object affected*
Transaction	Char	The transaction this record belongs to

^{*}Affects is a single defining position added to this table for convenience (it is not actually in the log file). For log entries that cause cascading changes, there is no attempt to provide details of the consequential

actions, which occurred at the time the log entry was laid down and will occur again when the database loads

Type	Further information in	Comments
Alter	Log\$Alter	Alter column properties
AlterRowIri		The state of the s
Authenitcate	Log\$Authenticate	
Change	Log\$Change	Rename object
Check	Log\$Check	,
Checkpoint	812	
Column	Log\$Column	
ColumnPath	81333	
Curated		
Delete	Log\$Delete	
DeleteRefernce1		
Domain	Log\$Domain	
Drop	Log\$Drop	
Edit	Log\$Edit	Alter domain properties
Grant	Log\$Grant	The committee of the co
Index	Log\$Index, Log\$IndexKey	
Metadata	Log\$Metadata	
Method	Log\$TypeMethod	
Method	Log\$TypeMethod	
Modify	Log\$Modify	Alter proc/func/method
Namespace	Doganiouny	The programe, method
Ordering	Log\$Ordering	
Partition	20g4 ordering	
Partitioned		
PDateType	Log\$DateType	
PeriodDef	Log\$PeriodDef	
PImportTransaction	Log\$Transaction	no longer supported
PPeriodDef	Log\$TablePeriod	S. A. F.
PProcedure	Log\$Procedure	
PRecord1	Log\$Record, Log\$RecordField	
Procedure/Function	Log\$Procedure	
PTemporalView	Log\$TemporalView	no longer supported
PTransaction2	Log\$TransactionParticipant	no longer supported
PType1	Log\$Type	lie tenger suppersu
Record	Log\$Record, Log\$RecordField	
Reference1		
RestView		See View
Revoke	Log\$Revoke	
Role	Log\$Role	
Table	Log\$Table, Log\$Column	
Transaction	Log\$Transaction	
Trigger	Log\$Trigger,	
00**	Log\$TriggerUpdateColumn	
TriggeredAction	<u> </u>	
Type	Log\$Type	See also Domain
Update	Log\$Update, Log\$RecordField	
User	Log\$User	
Versioning	Log\$Versioning	
View	Log\$View	
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8.4.2 Log\$Check

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	Field	DataType	Description
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Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Ref	Char	The object (table, column etc)referred to
ColRef	Char	The column referred to (Check2) or -1
Name	Char	The original name of the constraint (possibly system supplied)
Check	Char	The source code for the check condition

8.4.3 Log\$Classification

This table contains all log entries for database objects that change the classification. For Records see Log\$Update.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Obj	Char	The defining position of the object affected
Classification	Char	D to A

8.4.4 Log\$Clearance

This table contains all log entries that change the clearance of users.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
User	Char	The defining position of the user affected
Clearance	Char	D to A

8.4.5 Log\$Column

This table also provides information for the subclasses of Column such as Column3 and Alter3. The details represent a snapshot of this column when this log entry is installed.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Defpos	Char	The defining position of the column (will be different for Alter)
Table	Char	The defining position of the table
Name	Char	The name of the column in this log entry
Seq	Int	The ordinal position of the column
Domain	Char	The specified domain
Default	Char	The string if specified for a default value
NotNull	Boolean	Whether the column must have a non-null value
Generated	Boolean	Whether GENERATED ALWAYS
Update	Char	The update assignment rule for a generated column
Flags	GraphFlags	Extra information for columns in node and edge types
RefIndex	Char	The defining position of a simply-referenced index
ТоТуре	Char	The defining position of a simply-referenced node type

8.4.6 Log\$DateType

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Name	Char	The original name for the date type domain
Kind	Char	The base type of the date type (e.g. INTERVAL)
StartField	Char	The start field for the date type
EndField	Char	The end field for the date type

8.4.7 Log\$Delete

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the delete operation
DelPos	Char	The defining Pos for the record

8.4.8 Log\$Domain

This table also provides details for Edit, Type, and DateType log entries.

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Field	DataType	Description	ı

Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Kind	Char	Domain, Edit, or Type
Name	Char	The name of the domain or type
DataType	Int	Describes the data type
DataLength	Int	Length of the data type
Scale	Int	Scale factor for numerics
Charset	Char	Character set identifier
Collate	Char	The collation identifier
Default	Char	String representation of default value
StructDef	Char	Domain reference for MULTISET or ARRAY element, or
		Table reference for ROW or TYPE element

8.4.9 Log\$Drop

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
DelPos	Char	The defining position of the object being deleted

8.4.10 Log\$Enforcement

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the Alter Domain operation
Table	Char	The defining position of the table
Flags	Int	Enforcemnt flags (read,insert,update,delete) see 9.2.7

8.4.11 Log\$Grant

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Privilege	Int	Describes the privilege granted see 9.2.7
Object	Char	The object for which the grant is made
Grantee	Char	The object gaining the privilege

8.4.12 Log\$Index

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Name	Char	The name of the index (system generated, e.g. U(nnn))
Table	Char	The table on which this index is defined
Flags	Char	Describes this index, see 9.2.5
Reference	Char	Identifies the referenced index
Adapter	Char	Identifies the adapter function if any

8.4.13 Log\$IndexKey

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
ColNo	Int	The ordinal position of the column in the key
Column	Char	Identifies the key column by defining position

8.4.14 Log\$Metadata

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
DefPos	Char	The defining position of the database object
Name	Char	The new name of the object as viewed from this role
Description	Char	The object description for this role
Flags	Char	Metadata flags (e.g. Attribute, Entity)
RefPos	Char	The defining position referred to (if any)

Detail	Char	Web metadata for this role (The value of the PASSWORD
		property if present is hidden by stars).

This table will not include NODETYPE and EDGETYPE metadata. See Log\$Type.

8.4.15 Log\$Modify

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
DefPos	Char	The defining position of the proc/func/method being modified
Name	Char	The new name of the object; or update assignments for Column; for View, one of Name, Query, Update, Insert, Delete
Body	Char	The modified source code of the proc/func; for View Name, the new name

8.4.16 Log\$Ordering

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
TypeDefPos	Char	The defining position of the type being ordered
FuncDefPos	Char	The defining position of the function or method
OrderFlags	Int	The ordering category flags (see 9.2.8)

8.4.17 Log\$Procedure

This table also provides information for Methods.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Name	Char	The original name of the procedure
Arity	Int	Number of parameters
RetDefPos	Char	The defining position of the return type
Proc	Char	The original source code of the proc/func (including the formal
		params)

8.4.18 Log\$Record

This table also provides information for Updates.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Table	Char	The defining position of the table for the insert
SubType	Char	The defining position of the subtype if specified
Classification	Char	D to A

8.4.19 Log\$RecordField

This table also provides information for Updates.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the current log entry
ColRef	Char	Identifies the column
Data	Char	String version of the data*

^{*} As interpreted using the Domain that applied at the time.

8.4.20 Log\$Revoke

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Privilege	Int	Identifies the privilege being revoked
Object	Char	The object to which the privilege relates
Grantee	Char	The grantee from whom the privilege is being withdrawn

8.4.21 Log\$Role

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Name	Char	The Name of the role
Details	Char	The description of the intended use of the role

8.4.22 Log\$TablePeriod

This table records details of period type definitions.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for this log entry
Table	Char	The defining position of the table
PeriodName	Char	Thye original name of the period (or SYSTEM_TIME)
Versioning	Boolean	Whether system versioning is specified
StartColumn	Char	The defining position of the system time period start column
EndColumn	Char	The defining position of the system time period end column

8.4.23 Log\$Transaction

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
NRecs	Int	The number of log entries following
Time	TimeStamp	A timestamp
User	Char	Identifies the current user
Role	Char	Identifies the current role

8.4.24 Log\$Trigger

The table records trigger definitions.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Name	Char	The original name of the trigger
Flags	Char	Before/After, Insert/Delete/Update
Table	Char	The identifier of the table concerned
OldRow	Char	Referencing identifier for old row
NewRow	Char	Referencing identifier for new row
OldTable	Char	Referencing identifier for old table
NewTable	Char	Referencing identifier from new table
Def	Char	The original code for the trigger including WHEN if defined

8.4.25 Log\$TriggerUpdateColumn

This table provides details for trigger definitions.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the trigger
Column	Char	Column for Update

8.4.26 Log\$TriggeredAction

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Trigger	Char	Identifies the defining position of the trigger that is starting
Transaction	Char	The transaction in which this action occurs

Entries of this type in the log show a change of responsibility from the user and role starting the transaction to the defining user and owning role of the trigger.

8.4.27 Log\$Type

Field	DataType	Description
Field	DataType	Description

Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the Domain log entry
Name	Char	The name of the type
SuperType	Char	Identifies the defining log entry for the supertype
Graph	Char	NodeType or EdgeType if appropriate (see also Log\$EdgeType)
Transaction	Char	The transaction in which this action occurs

The type name is given in the Log\$Domain table. The list of methods is in the Log\$TypeMethod table. The list of members is in the Log\$Table table. The method bodies are in the Log\$Modify table.

8.4.30 Log\$TypeMethod

This table records method declarations.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) identifying this method
Type	Char	Identifies the defining log entry for the type
MethodType	Int	See coding below
Name	Char	The original name of the method
Transaction	Char	The transaction this log entry belongs to

Value	MethodType
0	Instance
1	Overriding
2	Static
3	Constructor

Method bodies are given in the Log\$Modify table.

8.4.31 Log\$Update

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
DefPos	Char	Identifies the defining log entry for the record
Table	Char	Identifies the table for the update
SubType	Char	Identifies the subtype if any
Classification	Char	D to A
Transaction	Char	The transaction this log entry belongs to

8.4.32 Log\$User

This table records the first occurrence of a user identity in the database.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Name	Char	The name of the user
Transaction	Char	The transaction this log entry belongs to

8.4.3 Log\$View

This table records view definitions.

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Char	System key (position information) for the log entry
Name	Char	The original name of the View
Select	Char	The original query expression defining the view
Struct	Char	The defining position of the structure tpe (OF) if any
Using	Char	The defining position of the GET USING table if any
Transaction	Char	The transaction this log entry belongs to

8.5 Table and Cell Logs

In auditing databases (section 3.5), it is convenient to be able to review all insert, update, and delete operations for a specific table, or for a specific cell. Pyrrho provides table and cell log facilities to do this, provisionally referred to as ROWS(nnnn) and ROWS(rrr,ccc) where nnnn is the numeric identifier of the table in question, rrr the defining position of the desired row, and ccc that of the desired column.

8.5.1 A Table Log

Pyrrho provides a table log facility, provisionally referred to as ROWS(nnnn) where nnnn is the numeric identifier of the table in question. ROWS(nnnn) is a table with the following fields:

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Int	System key (position information) for the log entry
Action	Char	"Insert","Update", or "Delete"*
Transaction	Int	The transaction this log entry belongs to
ccccc	Cell	The value specified for the column with identifier ccccc

^{*}Entries from cascading updates and deletes are not included in this table.

This feature allows data to be recovered even where columns have been removed (by ALTER TABLE or even DROP TABLE).

8.5.2 A Cell Log

Pyrrho provides a cell log facility, provisionally referred to as ROWS(rrr,ccc) where rrr is the defining position of the row containing the cell, and ccc the defining position of the column in question. ROWS(rrr,ccc) is a table with the following fields:

Field	DataType	Description
Pos	Int	System key (position information) for the log entry
Value	Cell	The value
StartTransaction	Int	The transaction responsible for placing this value
StartTimestamp	Timestamp	The timestamp for the StartTransaction
EndTransaction	Int	The transaction responsible for replacing this value
EndTimestamp	Timestamp	The timestamp for the EndTransaction

This feature allows data to be recovered even where the row and/or even the column or table has been removed (by DELETE, or ALTER TABLE, or DROP TABLE).

8.6 Transaction Profiling

From version 4.2, Pyrrho can profile transactions, and this is useful for troubleshooting transaction conflicts. Profiling has a negligible effect on performance and memory use. Profiling can be enabled for all databases, or in the configuration of individual databases.

The purpose of gathering or storing profile information is to understand and monitor the causes of transaction conflicts. Performance tuning and database design should seek to minimise failed transactions during normal operation. It is inevitable that an unusual operation, such as changing the schema or making an update affecting all rows of a table, will be hard to commit during heavy traffic, because a conflicting transaction will probably occur in the meantime.

Except for the Silverlight edition, when profiling is turned off or on for a database called *name* profiling information is destructively saved as or if available loaded from an XML document with name *name*.xml. Thus a database administrator can carefully take a database offline by throttling, and then turning off profiling to record a snapshot before shutting down a server, and in this way a full profile of normal operations can be maintained. This level of completeness for profile information will not be achieved if the database server is simply killed.

If profiling is enabled, any transaction conflict exception will report its profile id (see section 8.7.1). The system profile table will contain the number of successful and failed transactions recorded for this profile based on the available information from recorded periods of full profiling (or since the time profiling was enabled for the server).

If profiling is turned on, the tables described in this section enable inspection of the real-time state of the profile information, always excluding any information about transactions in progress. The profile viewer described in section 4.6 obtains profile information from these tables or from the XML document, and also groups profiles with similar pattern (for example where everything is the same apart from the number of affected rows).

8.6.1 **Profile\$**

This table records the transaction profiles for the database.

Id	Int	The transaction profile identity
Occurrences	Int	The number of times this profile has occurred
Fails	Int	The number of failures recorded for this profile
Schema	Boolean	Whether this transaction includes schema changes

Further details for this profile are contained in the following tables.

8.6.2 Profile\$ReadConstraint

Field	DataType	Description
Id	Int	The transaction profile identity
Table	String	The current name of the table
ColPos	Char	The defining position of a read column whose update is blocked
ReadCol	String	The current name of a read column whose update is blocked

8.6.3 Profile\$Record

Field	DataType	Description
Id	Int	The transaction profile identity
Table	String	The current name of the table
Rid	Char	The record profile identity
Recs	Int	The number of records altered with this profile

8.6.4 Profile\$RecordColumn

This table records the columns containing added or updated data in a record profile

Field	DataType	Description	
Id	Int	The transaction profile identity	
Table	String	The current name of the table	
Rid	Char	The record profile identity	
ColPos	Char	The defining position of an affected column	
RecCol	String	The current name of an affected column	

8.6.5 Profile\$Table

This table records the profile of delete operations for a specific table as well as providing information about update blocking.

Id	Int	The transaction profile identity
Table	String	The current name of the table
BlockAny	Boolean	This profile blocks on any concurrent update of the table
Dels	Int	The number of deletions in a transaction
Index	Char	The defining position of an index with specific records
Pos	Char	The defining position of the table
ReadRecs	Int	The number of specific records whose update is blocked
Schema	Boolean	Whether the profile changes the table schema

If BlockAny is true, Index and ReadRecs will be 0; and if there are Profile\$ReadColumn entries blocking is limited to these columns.

8.7 Pyrrho Class Library Reference

Any application using Pyrrho should include PyrrhoLink.dl,. The API is designed to be similar to ADO.Net.

Except where noted, all of these dlls define (export) the following classes, which are described in the following subsections:

SQL2023 API:

Class	Subclass of	Description
Date		Data type used for dates.
PyrrhoArray		
PyrrhoColumn		Helps to describe the columns of a table or structured
		type
PyrrhoConnect	System.Data.IDbConnection	Establishes a connection with a Pyrrho DBMS server,
		and provides additional methods and properties.
PyrrhoDocument		This class allows editing of embedded Documents (in
		the sense of MongoDB)
PyrrhoInterval		This class is used to represent a time interval
PyrrhoRow		Data type used for ROW fields in a database table, a
		column of type ROW can be added to the table.
		(SQL2023)

Exceptions:

Class	Subclass of	Description
DatabaseError	System.Exception	Used for "user" exceptions, e.g. a specified table or column does not exist, an attempt is made to create a table or column that already exists, incorrect SQL etc. The message property gives a readable explanation. see section 8.1.
TransactionConflict	DatabaseError	The action attempted has conflicted with a concurrent transaction, e.g. two users have attempted to update the same cell in a table. The changes proposed by the current transaction have been rolled back, because the database contents have been changed by the other transaction.

Class	Subclass of	Description
PyrrhoTable		
PyrrhoTable <t></t>	PyrrhoTable	

PHP support:

Class	Subclass of	Description
ScriptConnect		Provided for PHP support (section 6.7)
ScriptReader		Provided for PHP support (section 6.7)

8.7.1 AutoKeyAttribute

Class definitions obtained from Role\$Class may have fields marked [AutoKey].

Attribute form	Explanation
[AutoKey]	An integer or string key field that can be left as null for a new row
	so that it can be filled in by the server

8.7.2 DatabaseError

The methods and properties of DatabaseError are:

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Method or Property	Explanation	

Dictionary <string,string> info</string,string>	Information placed in the error: the keys specified in the SQL
	standard are CLASS_ORIGIN, SUBCLASS_ORIGIN,
	CONSTRAINT_CATALOG, CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA,
	CONSTRAINT_NAME, CATALOG_NAME, SCHEMA_NAME,
	TABLE_NAME, COLUMN_NAME, CURSOR_NAME,
	MESSAGE_TEXT. Pyrrho adds PROFILE_ID if profiling is
	enabled.
String Message	The reason for the exception (inherited from Exception): this can be
	localised as described in section 3.8.
String SQLSTATE	The signal sent from the DBMS: usually a five character string
	beginning with a digit such as "2N000". Many of these codes are
	defined in the SQL standard.

8.7.3 Date

The methods and properties of Date are:

Method or Property	Explanation
DateTime date	The underlying DateTime value
Date(DateTime d)	Constructor.
string ToString()	Overridden: Formats the date using DateTime.ToShortDate() which
	is locale-specific

8.7.4 DocArray

Property	Explanation
DocArray(string s)	Create a DocArray from JSON.
C[] Extract <c>(params string[] p)</c>	Extract instances of C from a DocArray. C must have a public parameterless constructor. P is a path of fields in the documents of the array.
List <object> fields</object>	A document array consists of an array of documents

8.7.5 Document

PyrrhoConnect.Get/Post/Put/Delete can be used for whole Documents and BSON, Json and XML formats are supported. This class can be used to access fields within Documents and to convert to and from Json and XML Note: this class remembers the connection to the database if any, and all these changes are transacted in the database unless the Document is detached or the connection is closed.

Method or Property	Explanation
bool Contains(string k)	Tests if there is a field k in the top level of the document
Document()	Constructor: a new empty Document
Document(object)	Constructor: reflection is used to build a Document based on the public fields of the given parameter
Document(string)	Constructor: the string should be JSON.
C[] Extract <c>(params string[])</c>	Reflection busing class C is used recursively to extract instances of C from this document, starting at a place indicated by the given path of keys.
List <keyvaluepair<string,object> fields</keyvaluepair<string,object>	The content of the Document (accessed using ths[])
object this[string]	Access a field of the document.
string ToString()	Convert a document to Json

8.7.6 DocumentException

This subclass of Exception is used to report parsing errors in Document parameters.

8.7.7 ExcludeAttribute

Mark a public field of a Versioned class with the [Exclude] attribute to avoid its use in Put/Post.

8.7.8 FieldAttribute

Class definitions obtained from Role\$Class have some fields marked [Field..]

Attribute form	Explanation
[Field(PyrrhoDbType t)]	Pyrrho's data type is t
[Field(PyrrhoDbType t,string i]	Pyrrho's data type is t, domain info i
[Field(PyrrhoDbType t,	Pyrrho's data type is t, domain info i, cookie st of dependent field
string i,long st)]	type (e.g. array element type)
[Field(PyrrhoDbType t,long d,	Pyrrho's data type is t, domain cookie d, domain info i
string i]	
[Field(PyrrhoDbType t,long d,	Pyrrho's data type is t, domain cookie d, domain info i, cookie st of
string i,long st)]	dependent field type (e.g. array element type)

8.7.9 PyrrhoArray

Method or Property	Explanation
PyrrhoArray(object[])	
object[] data	The values of the array or multiset. Note that the ordering of multiset
	values is non-deterministic and not significant.

8.7.10 PyrrhoColumn

The methods and properties of PyrrhoColumn are:

Method or Property	Explanation
bool AllowDBNull	Whether the column can contain a null value
string Caption	The name of the column
long domain	Pyrrho's domain cookie
string desc	Pyrrho's description of the domain
bool ReadOnly	Whether the column is read-only

8.7.11 PyrrhoCommand

PyrrhoCommand implements IDbCommand or imitates it.

From version 5.4, thread-safety is enforced for client-side programming. PyrrhoCommand cannot be shared among threads because methods of the IDbCommand class might be used in another thread to modify the command. PyrrhoConnect can be shared among threads, but there can be at most one command active at any time per connection. As a result, methods such as ExecuteReader will block until the connection is available.

Method or Property	Explanation
string CommandText	The SQL statement for the Command
IDbDataParameter	The returned object is a PyrrhoParameter.
CreateParameter()	
PyrrhoReader ExecuteReader()	Initiates a database SELECT and returns a reader for the returned data
	(as in IDataReader). Will block until the connection is available.
PyrrhoReader	Initiates a database SELECT and returns a reader for the returned data
ExecuteReaderCrypt()	(as in IDataReader). The results are not encrypted. Will block until
	the connection is available.
object ExecuteScalar()	Initiates a database SELECT for a single value. Will block until the
	connection is available.
object ExecuteScalarCrypt()	Initiates a database SELECT for a single value. Will block until the
	connection is available.
int ExecuteNonQuery(params	Initiates some other sort of Sql statement and returns the number of
Versioned[])	rows affected. If the transaction automcommits, the given versioned
	objects have versions updated if affected. Will block until the
	connection is available.
Int ExecuteNonQueryCrypt()	Initiates some other sort of Sql statement and returns the number of
	rows affected. Will block until the connection is available.

8.7.12 PyrrhoConnect

PyrrhoConnect imitates the IDbConnection interface from ADO.NET and supplies some additional functionality. Additional methods described here provide a RESTful interface*: Get, Post, Put and Delete.

From version 5.4, thread-safety is enforced for client-side programming. Although the PyrrhoConnect can be shared among threads, there can be at most one transaction and/or command active at any time per connection, and transactions, commands, and readers cannot be shared with other threads. As a result, methods such as BeginTransaction will block until the connection is available.

From v7 the Prepare and Execute methods of the connection manage and use a set of named SQL statements with ? as placeholders for zero or more Literal values. The Execute method provides these SQL literals as actual parameters for each such placeholder. The named statements are available in the PyrrhoConnect instance that defined them.

Method or Property	Explanation
int Act(string sql)	Convenient shortcut to construct a PyrrhoCommand and call
	ExecuteNonQuery on it. Will blobk until the connection is available.
Activity activity	<pre>(AndroidOSP) Set only. Set the Activity into PyrrhoConnect.This must be done before the connection is opened. E.g. in Activity.OnCreate(bundle) use code such as</pre>
	Note that mydb (without the osp extension) needs to be an AndroidAsset to be copied to the device.
PyrrhoTransaction	Start a new isolated transaction (like IDbTransaction). Will block
BeginTransaction()	until the connection is available. [In Java, PyrrhoJC.Connection does this automatically if autoCommit has been set false.]
bool Check(string ch) bool Check(string ch, string rc)	Check to see if a given Versioned check string is still current, i.e. the row has not been modified by a later transaction. (See sec 5.2.3 and 8.8.21). The second version shown also tests the readCheck. (There is no need to perform a check unless the Versioned data is from a previous transaction.)
void Close()	Close the channel to the database engine
string ConnectionString	Get the connection string for the connection
PyrrhoCommand PyrrhoCommand	Create an object for carrying out an Sql command (as in
CreateCommand()	IDbCommand).
void Delete(Versioned ob)	Delete the row corresponding to this object.* Will block until the connection is available.
int Execute (string name, params string[] actuals) PyrrhoReader ExecuteReader (string name, params string[] actuals)	Execute the named prepared statement with the given actual parameters (given as SQL Literals). (For the more familiar ExecuteReader and ExecuteNonQuery, see PyrrhoCommand, sec 8.7.11). See Prepare() below.
E[] FindAll <e>()</e>	Retrieve all Versioned entities of a given type.* Will block until the connection is available.
E FindOne <e>(params IComparable[] w)</e>	Retrieve a single entity of a given Versioned type E with key fields w.* The Role\$Class table generates classes that provide a static With method that uses this generic function.
E[] FindWith <e>(string w)</e>	Retrieve a set of Versioned entities satisfying a given condition. w is a comma-separated set of conditions of form <i>field=value</i> . Field names are case sensitive and values are in SQL format (single quotes on strings are optional in the absence of ambiguity).* Will block until the connection is available.
E[] Get <e>(string rurl)</e>	The rurl should be a partial REST url (the portion following the Role component), that targets a class E in the client application.* Will
	blobk until the connection is available.
string[] GetFileNames	

void Open()	Open the channel to the database engine
void Post(Versioned ob)	The object should be a new row for a base table.* If autoKey is set
	key field(s) containing default values (0,"" etc) in ob are overwritten
	with suitable new value(s). Will block until the connection is
	available.
void Prepare(string name, string	Prepare a named statement. The sql can contain? placeholders for
sql)	actual parameters, which are supplied as SQL fragments in Execute.
	Prepared statements are local to the current PyrrhoConnect. The
	Prepare function should not be called within a transaction.
void Prepare(string e, string s,	Prepare a rule to avoid conflicts in graph input: edge type e from
string d, string n)	source node type s to defination node type d should use edge type n.
void Put(Versioned ob)	The object should be an updated version of an entity retrieved from
	or committed to the database.* Will block until the connection is
	available.
PyrrhoConnect(string cs)	Create a new PyrrhoConnect with the given connection string.
	Documentation about the connection string is in section 6.3.
void ResetReader()	Repositions the IDataReader to just before the start of the data
void SetRole(string s)	Set the session role for the connection
E[] Update <e> (Document w,</e>	Specifies a Document update operation on a Versioned class
Document u)	containing documents. Documents matching w are updated according
	to the operations in u, and the set of modified objects is returned. (See
	8.8.4)* Will block until the connection is available.
DatabaseError[] Warnings	Warnings for the most recent operation on the connection

^{*} The Find.., Get, Put, Post, Delete and Update methods assume that the Version subclasses corresponding to the relevant database tables have been installed in the application, for example using the sources provided by the Role\$Class system table (sec 8.4.1), so that the base table name matches the class name. These methods use .NET Reflection machinery to access public fields in the supplied object. If you add other public fields and properties to these classes, consider marking them with the [Exclude] attribute.

8.7.13 PyrrhoDbType

DbType in System.Data is used for DbParameters and is rather specific for SQL Server. Pyrrho's version of this is as follows:

Value	DomainAttribute
	provided?
DBNull	
Integer	
Decimal	
String	
Timestamp	
Blob	yes
Row	yes
Array	yes
Real	
Bool	
Interval	yes
Time	
Date	yes
UDType	yes
Multiset	yes
Xml	
Document	

8.7.14 PyrrhoInterval

The methods and properties of PyrrhoInterval are:

Method or Property	Explanation
int years	The years part of the time interval

int months	The months part of the time interval
long ticks	The ticks part of the time interval
static long TicksPerSecond	Gets the constant number of ticks per second
static string ToString()	Formats the above data as e.g. (0yr,3mo,567493820000ti)

8.7.15 PyrrhoParameter

This class is Pyrrho's implementation of IDbDataParameter and IDataParameter. The only change introduced is that the native field type is publicly accessible. See PyrrhoDbType in 8.8.9 above.

8.7.16 PyrrhoParameterCollection

This is Pyrrho's implementation of DbParameterColection.

8.7.17 PyrrhoReader

This class is Pyrrho's implementation of IDataReader. The only additional members of PyrrhoReader are:

Method or Property	Explanation
string DataSubtypeName(int i)	Returns the domain or type name of the actual type of the ith column
	in the current row. (Usually this will be the same as DataTypeName.)
string Description(int i)	Returns the description metadata of the ith column
T GetEntity <t>()</t>	Used in strongly-typed PyrrhoReaders (as in ExecuteTable <t>)</t>
string Output(int i)	Returns the output flag of the ith column
string Url(int i)	Returns the web metadata url of the ith column

8.7.18 PyrrhoRow

PyrrhoRow is used only when required for values of structured types. The methods and properties of PyrrhoRow are:

Method or Property	Explanation
CellValue[] row	The values of the fields
int state	0=Original, 1=Current, 2=Proposed
PyrrhoTable schema	The table that specifies the row structure

8.7.19 PyrrhoTable

A PyrrhoTable is constructed internally by every invocation of ExecuteReader. As in ADO.NET DataTable there are properties called Rows and Columns, and an array of PrimaryKey columns.

8.7.20 PyrrhoTransaction

This class imitates IDbTransaction, but provides an extra method: CommitAndReport()

Method or Property		perty	Explanation
int	Commit	(params	Commit the transaction and optionally fill in version information for
Versioned[])		_	a set of objects. Returns the number of records affected by deferred
			triggers.
bool Conflict			Gets whether a conflicting transaction has been committed since the
			start of this transaction. (Requires a round trip to the transaction
			master server.) If Conflict is true, a subsequent Commit will fail, but
			the transaction is not closed.
void R	ollback()		Roll back the transaction

8.7.21 Versioned

Versioned is the base class for Pyrrho's entities as generated by Role\$Class, and supports the REST additions to PyrrhoConnect. Subclasses of Versioned model records in the database, and all fields are marked nullable in order to support the POST operation.

Field	Explanation	
PyrrhoConnect conn	A copy of the PyrrhoConnect used to create this	

string version	The value is the latest row version validator for the entity, which is	
	a string returned by the server. Do not modify this field.	
string entity	A validator to check that the query used to retrieve the data would	
	still return the same results. Do not modify this field.	

Method	Explanation	
void Delete()	Advises conn that this object is to be deleted: invokes triggers as	
	side effects.	
void Get()	Overwrites this with the latest version from conn	
void Put()	Advises conn that this object is to be updated: invokes triggers as	
	side effects.	

8.7.22 WebCtlr

This class is from the AWebSvr library. Derived classes (e.g. XXController) should provide one of more of the standard HTTP methods GetXX, PutXX, PostXX, DeleteXX according to one or both of the following templates:

public static string VERBXX(WebSvc ws,Document d)
public static string VERBXX(WebSvc ws,params object data)

The value returned should be the response string for sending to the client.

Field	Explanation
virtual bool AllowAnonymous()	Can be overridden by a subclass. The default implementation
-	returns false, but anonymous logins are always allowed if no
	login page is supplied (Pages/Login.htm or Pages/Login.html).

8.7.23 WebSvc

This class is from the AWebSvr library. Your custom web server/service instance(s) will indirectly be subclasses of this class, so will have access to its protected fields and methods documented here. Controllers should be added in a static method, e.g. in Main()

Derived classes typically organise a connection to the DBMS being used. The connection can be for the

service or for the request, and so should be set up in an override of the Open method.

Field	Explanation
static void Add(WebCtlr wc)	Install a controller for the service.
virtual bool Authenticated()	Override this to discriminate between users. By default
	the request will be allowed to proceed if
	AllowAnonymous is set on the controller or there is no
	login page. Get user identities etc from the context.
virtual void Close()	Can be overridden to release request-specific resources.
System.Net.HttpListenerContext context	Gives access to the current request details.
dict controllers	The controllers for the service. Make sure you add
	controller to this dictionary.
static	The controllers defined for the service.
System.Collections.Generic.Dictionary	
<string,webctlr> controllers</string,webctlr>	
string GetData()	Extracts the HTTP data supplied with the request: a
	URL component beginning with { will be converted to a
	Document.
virtual void Log(string verb, System.Uri	Write a log entry for the current controller method. The
u, string postData)	default implementation appends this information to
	Log.txt together with the user identity and timestamp.
virtual void Open	Can be overridden by a subclass, e.g. to choose a
(System.Net.HttpListenerContext cx)	database connection for the current request. The default
	implementation does nothing.
Serve()	Calls the requested method using the above templates.
	Don't call this method directly.

8.7.24 WebSvr

This class is from the AWebSvr library. Your custom web server should be a subclass of WebSvr, and WebSvr is a subclass of WebSvc. It defines the URL prefixes (including hostnames and port numbers) for the service. If your service is multi-threaded, you can override the Factory method to returning a new instance of your WebSvc subclass. Finally, call either of the two Server methods to start the service loop.

Field	Explanation
virtual WebSvc Factory ()	Can be overridden by a subclass to create a new
	service instance. The default implementation returns
	this (for a single-threaded server).
<pre>void Server(params string[] prefixes)</pre>	Starts the server listening of a set of HTTP prefixes
	(up to the appName), with anonymous authentication.
void	Starts the server listening of a set of HTTP prefixes
Server(System.Net.AuthenticationSchemes	(up to the appName), with the given authentication
au, params string[] prefixes)	scheme(s).

8.8 The Pyrrho protocol

The "Pyrrho protocol" defines the binary traffic between the client and server. (Note that this is different from the "PyrrhoDb protocol" mentioned in section 6.13, which is actually implemented on the client side by class PyrrhoWebRequest in file PyrrhoDbClient.cs).

In the following discussion, into are coded in 4 octets as signed 32-bit quantities, most significant octet first, and longs are 8 octets. A String is always coded in UTF8 invariant-culture Unicode, prefixed by an int giving the number of octets in the string data.

Localisation is handled by the client library.

8.8.1 Low level-communication

As soon as the TCP connection to the server is established, the server sends a long to the client. This is a nonce used for encrypting the connection string.

Client replies with octet 0x0.

Since version 1.0, the low-level communication uses asynchronous buffering, with the help of the class AsyncStream. All communication between client and server uses 2048-octet buffers, which normally contain in the first two octets (octets 0 and 1) the count of valid bytes that follow in the buffer (i.e. this count is in range 0..2046.)

Since version 2.0, this mechanism has been modified to provide better support for exceptions reported by the server during transmission of data (e.g. during PutRow()). If the count appears to be 2047, the buffer contains an exception record instead, in which the next two octets (octets 2 and 3) the count of octets used to transmit the exception details. On the server side, this exception mechanism is supported by AsyncStream.StartException(). On the client side, there is a corresponding AsyncStream.GetException().

The following protocol bytes are supported (enumeration PyrrhoBase.Protocol).

Protocol Name	Byte
Authority	13
BeginTransaction	6
Check	42
CheckConflict	32
ClientAnswer	81
CloseConnection	9
CloseReader	5
Commit	7
CommitAndReport	43
CommitAndReport1	77
CommitAndReportTrace	75
CommitAndReportTrace1	78
CommitTrace	74
Delete	48

DetachDatabase	15
Execute	55
ExecuteNonQuery	2
ExecuteNonQueryCrypt	39
ExecuteNonQueryTrace	73
ExecuteReader	21
ExecuteReaderCrypt	28
Get	33
Get1	47
Get2	56
GetFileNames	10
GetInfo	54
Mark	23
Prepare	11
Post	45
Put	46
ReaderData	16
ResetReader	14
Rollback	8
TypeInfo	19

The following response bytes are defined (enumeration PyrrhoBase.Responses)

Acknowledged	0
ReaderData	10
Done	11
Schema	13
CellData	14
NoData	15
Files	18
Prepare	55
Primary	60
Begin	62
TransactionReport	65
Warning	67
PostReport	68
Columns	71
Schema1	72
DoneTrace	76
TransactionReportTrace	77
Entity	79
AskClient	80

8.8.2 Sending the connection string

For .NET implementation, the user name is supplied by the operating system (not by the user). Not all fields in the connection string are sent to the server: provider: host and port are already used in establishing the connection to the serverr. For the reference for the connection string, see section 6.3.

All traffic in this section is encrypted including the protocol octets. Recall that the encryption algorithms in PyrrhoLink.dll and OSPLink.dll are different. Note that Locale is handled by thse dlls and not sent to the server.

Connecting	Octet	Further data	Description
Octet	value		
Base	29		unused
BaseServer	31		unused
Coordinator	30		unused
Done	24		signals end of the connection string data
Files	22	String	a comma-separated list of databases*
Host	26		

Length	33		
Modify	32	true or false	Allow modification (default true for the first
			database in the connection)
Password	20		
Port			
Provider			
Role	23	String	the Role for the connection
Stop	25	String	the stop time
User	21		

^{*}The Files keyword is now a misnomer as only one database is permitted per connection.

On successful completion of this phase, non-encrypted communication resumes, and the server responds as follows:

Response Octet	Octet value	Further data	Description
Primary	60		Preserved for compatibility

8.8.3 Protocol details

Normal traffic consists of client requests and server replies, using formats described in the following subsections (braces { } indicate repetition prefixed by an int count):

Protocol Octet	Further data	Description	Response Octet†	Further data	Description
Authority	String	Session role name	Done		
BeginTransaction					
Check	String		Valid		
			Invalid		
CheckConflict				int	1 if transaction conflict has occurred
CloseConnection					
CloseReader					
Commit			Done		
CommitAndRepor t	{check}		Transaction Report	int, {check}	Updates the check information
Delete	int, string	Schema key, entity	Done		
DetachDatabase	String	Database name	Done		
Execute	{String}	Preoared statement	Schema	schema, int	Reader opened, number of records affected
		name, actual params	Done	int	number of records affected
ExecuteNonQuery	String	SQL statement	Done	int	number of records affected
ExecuteReader	String		Schema	schema	
			Done		if not a select statement
ExecuteReaderCry	String	Encrypted	Schema	schema	
pt		SQL	Done		if not a select statement
Get	String	rurl	Schema	schema	
			Done		no data
Get1	long,	Schema key,	Schema	schema	
	String	rurl	Done		no data
Get2	String	rurl	Schema1	long, schema	Schema key, schema
			Done		No data
GetFileNames			Files	{string}	Names of databases in folder

GetInfo	String	typeName	Columns	{column}	Details for a structured type
Mark					Allows error recovery (uses TRANSACTION_ACT IVE)
Prepare	2 Strings	name, SQL parametrised statement	Done		
Post	int, sql	Schema key, insert stmt	Entity	{column, cell}	changed columns if any followed by entity/
Put	int, string, row	Schema key, entity, values data		string	version
ResetReader			Done		
Rollback			Done		
ReaderData		Verb, url, Jsondata	ReaderData	{cell}	cells*
Rest	String, url, String	Data type name	Done		
TypeInfo	String			string	Type definition in xml

[†] Octet 0x84 (Warning) may precede any reply, followed by string, {string} for signal and parameters.

8.8.4 Schema

The Schema reply consists of 0xb if the table is empty. Otherwise it consists of 0xd, followed by the number of columns, the name of the table, and then for each column, the caption and type data as described below (sec 8.9.8).

8.8.5 Column

A Columns reply consists of the number of columns, followed by the caption for the column and a type. The caption is a String. The type information consists of a type name followed by an int constructed as follows:

Mask	Description	
0x00f	Base Data Type (see below)	
0x0f0	0 if not a primary key column, otherwise primary key ordinal+1	
0x100	Not Null	
0x200	Generated Always	
0x400	Reverse order (internal)	

8.8.6 Cell

The number of columns was provided beforehand, so a row consists of CellData for each of the columns.

CellData may be optionally preceded by octet 3 and a row version validator string and/or octet 4 and a readCheck string. Them octet 0 if the column contains null, octet 1 followed by the cell value if the value type matches the column's typecode (followed by the value), octet 2 otherwise (followed by subtypename and value).

Typecode	Data Type	Value format
0	null	0 for null
1	Integer	String
2	Numeric	String
3	String (also used for XML)	String
4	Timestamp	long: ticks

[§] In explicit transactions instead of Commit use CommitAndReport to update entity information.

^{*} A single large cell may take more than one physical block. Otherwise, the ReaderData call returns the number of cells that will fit into a physical block, which may include data from subsequent rows if any.

5	Blob	{ Octet }
6	NestedRow	{ Field }
7	Array or multiset	ARRAY { Cell }
8	Real	String
9	Boolean	int
10	Interval	3 longs: years, months, ticks
11	Time	long: ticks
12	Type or Field	String, Cell
13	Date	long: ticks
14	Table	Schema { Cell }
15	Multiset	MULTISET {Cell }

8.8.7 Type

Type information is given as an XML string.

8.8.8 Exceptions

These are exception replies during the normal traffic sequence. Since version 2.0, these are reported in a special exception block, as follows. If the count appears to be 2047, the buffer contains an exception record instead, in which the next two octets (octets 2 and 3) contain the count of octets used to transmit the exception details.

Server Octet	Further data	Description
0xc	String, Strings, StringPairs*	Database Exception
0x11	String	Transaction Conflict
0x10	String	Other exception

^{*} added in version 4.8 for diagnostics information.

8.8.9 JsonData

Structured data is returned in JSON format in the API and by the Pyrrho's HTTP service. For the RESTView implementation, an additional field is added to the Json document returned by the HTTP service for every aggregation function in each row, containing the Register contents accumulated during computation of that function for that row. These extra fields enable the aggregation of such results from a number of remote servers by the REST USING feature described in this document. It is hoped that other DBMS will support this extension.

The extra fields have names of form \$#nnn (a dollar sign, a number sign, and a deminal integer string). The number nnn distinguishes the aggregation function in the SQL request that generated this number: these are assigned in ascending order from left to right, and should be the same for each row of the data returned.

The value of the extra field is a Json document depends on the kind of aggregation function containing a sequence of fields with decimal integer names 0, 1, etc and optional values in the following order:

- The value of COUNT
- The string value accumulated by the function if any (e.g. XMLAGG)
- One of the following:
 - o The value of MAX, MIN, FIRST, LAST, ARRAY
 - o A document containing numbered fields for a multiset value (e.g. INTERSECT)
 - o The value of a typed SUM (used in several functions e.g. AVG)
- A sum of squares (e.g. STDDEV_POP)

The Register class contains other fields that are used for window functions; but window functions are not aggregation functions and so these fields are not used for JsonData.

9. Pyrrho Database File Format

The Pyrrho database file begins with a key (777) and version number (e.g. 50) encoded using Pyrrho's integer format 9.1.1. The rest of the file consists of a sequence of variable length records, whose type is given by the opening byte, and whose contents are variable length. Each record is made up of a set of data fields: some have fixed format, and some have variable format. The record committed by a transaction are placed together, prefaced by a PTransaction record that declares the user and role for the commit and the number of following records in the commit; and all of the record in the commit contain a reference to this PTransaction record.

Once any data has been written to the file it stays unchanged at the position it was written (append storage). Database files larger than 32GB are physically divided into 32GB segments. The data is continued logically from one file to the next without any additional formatting.

9.1 Data Formats

Byte and Unicode are the only predefined formats. It is assumed that all data files are dealt with by the operating system as a sequence of bytes. In particular, Pyrrho has its own way of encoding integers, floats etc, which are described below.

Pyrrho constructs a small set of data types from these, as follows:

Code	Data Type	Format as
1	Time	1 Integer (UTC ticks)
2	Interval	3 Integers (year,month, ticks)
3	Integer	1 byte (bytelength), bytelength bytes: see 9.1.1
4	Numeric	2 Integers (mantissa, scale: see 9.1.2)
5	String	1 Integer (bytelength), bytelength UTF-8 bytes
6	Date	1 Integer (UTC ticks)
7	TimeStamp	1 Integer (UTC ticks)
8	Boolean	1 byte: T=1,F=0
9	DomainRef	Structured: 2 Integers (typedefpos,els), els variants: see 9.1.3
		Otherwise: 1 Integer (domaindefpos)
10	Blob	1 Integer (bytelength), bytelength bytes
11	Row	2 Integers (typedefpos,cols), cols pairs(coldefpos,variant: see 9.1.3)
12	Multiset	2 Integers (typedefpos,els), els variants: see 9.1.3
13	Array	2 Integers (typedefpos,els), els variants: see 9.1.3
14	Password	A more secure type of string (write-only)

9.1.1 Integer format

Zero is encoded as 0 bytes. An integer that fits in a signed byte is encoded as 1 byte (i.e. -127.. 127). Otherwise integers are encoded in unsigned bytes (radix 256), using as many as are required to ensure the first byte has a sign bit (0x80) if and only if the integer is negative.

Unless otherwise specified, unbounded precision is used for integer arithmetic. A string representation is used if required to return a very large integer value to the client.

9.1.2 Numeric and Real format

Numeric format has one Integer for the mantissa, and 1 for the scale. If these are m and s respectively, then the value of the decimal is $m*10^{-s}$. This format is used for both numeric/decimal and real quantities.

Unless constrained by precision specifications, addition and multiplication of numeric quantities uses 2040-bit precision, while division uses a default precision of 13 decimal digits. If greater precision is required for division, it can be specified. It should be obvious that there are resource implications to using very large precision values.

9.1.3 Variant format

This consists of

• a 1-byte code for the data type (the code in the above table 9.1),

- if this byte is 9 (DomainRef), the defining position of the type
- data in the corresponding format.

9.1.4 Array and Multiset format

Two Integers (9.1.1), namely the defining position of the element type, the number of elements n, followed by n items in the specified format.

9.1.5 Row and User Defined Type format

Two Integers (9.1.1), namely the defining position of the row type, the number of non-null fields n, then for each, an Integer (9.1.1) for the defining position of the field (a column), and an element of that type.

9.1.6 Blob format

An Integer (9.1.1), namely the number of bytes n, followed by n bytes.

9.1.7 Boolean format

1 byte (1 for true, 0 for false).

9.1.8 Char and XML format

An Integer (9.1.1), namely the number of bytes n of actual data, followed by n bytes in UTF8 encoding. (The fieldsize is not used).

9.1.9 Date and TimeSpan formats

An Integer (9.1.1) namely the number of ticks in the date or timespan.

9.1.10 Interval format

Three Integers (9.1.1), namely years, months, and ticks.

9.2 Record formats

The record formats are as follows (note that many are now deprecated for all new transaction data as indicated below)::

Code	Record type	Format as 1 byte for Code and then
	Physical	1 integer (transaction id)
0	EndOfFile	4 bytes (validation). Not used with append storage.
1	Table	1 string (name), Physical
2	Role	2 strings (name, details), Physical
3	Column	1 integer (table id), 1 string (name), 2 integer (position, domain id), Physical. <i>Deprecated – see Column3</i>
4	Record (Insert)	1 integer (table id), Fields (see 9.2.2), Physical
5	Update	2 integers (replaced record id, other fields: see 9.2.3), Record
6	Change	1 integer (object id), Table (no longer used)
7	Alter	1 integer (prev), Column.Deprecated – see Alter3
8	Drop	1 integer (object id), Physical
9	Checkpoint	(no data), Physical
10	Delete	1 integer (record id), Physical Note: deprecated: use Delete1 instead
11	Edit	1 integer (replaced domain id), Domain
12	Index	1 string (name), 2 integers (table id, ncols), ncols integers (± column id), 2 integers (flags, reference, see 9.2.5), Physical. Negative column id indicates reverse ordering
13	Modify	1 integer (replaced id), 2 strings (name, body), Physical
14	Domain	1 string (name), 3 integers (dataType: see 9.2.1, dataLength, scale), 3 strings (charset, collate, default), 1 integer (element domain or table id), Physical
15	Check	1 integer (object id), 2 string (name, check source), Physical

 $^{^{55}}$ From file format 52, arity is no longer used and is given as 0. Procedure and method names are no longer modified by adding \$arity. The source field supplies the signature.

59	DeleteReference1	Reference1
60	Authenticate	1 string (password), 1 int (defrole), User deprecated
61	RestView	1 integer (struct), View. The URL is provided in metadata as the desc field.
62	TriggeredAction	1 integer (trigger defpos) introducing an embedded set of changes
63	RestView1	Name,password,RestView deprecated: provide any credentials in URL
64	Metadata3	refpos, Metadata2
65	RestView2	usingtable, RestView
66	Audit	3 integers (user, table, ticks) {integer}{string} (cols,keys), Physical
67	Clearance	1 integers (user), Label (clearance, see 9.2.13), Physical
68	Classify	2 integers (object), Label (classification, see 9.2.13), Physical
69	Enforcement	2 integers (table, flags see 9.2.7 Privilege below), Physical
70	Record3	Label (classification, see 9.2.13), Record2
71	Update1	Label (classification, see 9.2.13), Update
72	Delete1	1 integer (table), Delete
73	Drop1	1 integer (dropAction), Drop
74	RefAction	2 integers (defpos,flags) Physical
75	Post	Not serialised. For building transacted REST requests
76	NodeType	Type1
77	EdgeType	Type2
78	EditType	1 integer (under), Type

9.2.1 DataType

Code	DataType
11	ARRAY
26	BLOB
27	BOOLEAN
37	CHAR
40	CLOB
65	CURSOR
67	DATE
135	INTEGER
152 (was 137)	INTERVAL
168	MULTISET
171	CHAR
172	CLOB
177	NULL
179	NUMERIC
203 (also 199)	REAL
218	PASSWORD
257	TIME
258	TIMESTAMP
267	TYPE
356	XML

These codes are used only in the PDomain record. The numbers 137 and 199 are supported as an attempt at backward compatibility.

9.2.2 Drop Action

Code	Drop Action
3	Cascade
2	Default
1	Null
0	Restrict (default)

9.2.3 Fields information

The sequence of fields defining a record is formatted as 1 integer (nfields), nfields x (1 integer (column id), 1 variant (value)) see 9.1.3. Fields not defined by a record are not supplied.

9.2.4 Update information

The Update record contains in the base class (Record) part the fields that are updated. The other fields integer identifies the most recent previous Record or Update record with field information that remains current. The replaced record id is the original record that subsequent updates have altered.

9.2.5 Index flags

The reference field is the id of a reference index.

Flag	Meaning		
0	NoType		
1	Primary Key		
2	Foreign Key		
4	Unique		
8	Descending (all key columns) Deprecated		
16	Restrict Update		
32	Cascade Update		
64	Set Default Update		
128	Set Null Update Deprecated		
256	Restrict Delete		
512	Cascade Delete		
1024	Set Default Delete		
2048	Set Null Delete		
4096	TemporalKey Deprecated		

Not all flags are permitted or required: Restrict is a default, and Set Null is not permitted.

9.2.6 Method type

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Value		Meaning
0		Instance
1		Overriding
2		Static
3		Constructor

9.2.7 Privilege flags

Flag	Meaning	Flag	Meaning
0x1	Select	0x400	Grant Option for Select
0x2	Insert	0x800	Grant Option for Insert
0x4	Delete	0x1000	Grant Option for Delete
0x8	Update	0x2000	Grant Option for Update
0x10	References	0x4000	Grant Option for References
0x20	Execute	0x8000	Grant Option for Execute
0x40	Owner	0x10000	Grant Option for Owner
0x80	Role	0x20000	Admin Option for Role
0x100	Usage	0x40000	Grant Option for Usage
0x200	Handler	0x80000	Grant Option for Handler

9.2.8 Trigger type

Flag	Meaning	
1	Insert	
2	Update	
4	Delete	

8	Before
16	After
32	Each row
64	Instead
128	Each statement
256	Deferred

9.2.9 Ordering type

Flag	Meaning	
0	None	
1	Equals	
2	Full	
4	Relative	
8	Map	
16	State	

9.2.10 Interval fields

Flag	Meaning	
0	SECOND	
1	MINUTE	
2	HOUR	
3	DAY	
4	MONTH	
5	YEAR	

9.2.11 Metadata flags

Flag	Meaning
0x0	Unspecified
0x1	ENTITY
0x2	ATTRIBUTE
0x4	PIE
0x8	SERIES
0x10	POINTS
0x20	X
0x40	Y
0x80	HISTOGRAM
0x100	LINE
0x200	CAPTION
0x400	CAPPED
0x800	USEPOWEROF2SIZES
0x1000	BACKGROUND
0x2000	DROPDUPS
0x4000	LEGEND
0x8000	URL
0x10000	MIME
0x20000	SQLAGENT
0x40000	USER
0x80000	PASSWORD
0x100000	IRI
0x200000	ETAG
0x400000	MILLI

In XML output, column values that are attributes appear as attributes of the row element rather than child elements. In HTML output from a table, a chart is generated if the table is a pie, series, or points, one column has x and at least one column has y, histogram or line. Some of the deprecated entries here were for MongoDB. Url, mime, sqlagent, etag. milli, user and password are for RESTViews: user and

password should really be handled some other way, but for now passwords are obscured by asterisks in system tables.

9.2.12 GenerationRule

Flag	Meaning	
0	No	
1	Generated AS expression	
2	Generated AS ROW START	
3	Generated as ROW NEXT	
4	Generated AS ROW END	

9.2.13 Mandatory Access Control Label

There are two formats depending on whether the label is in the cache. The record begins with an Integer flag, and determines the format of what follows.

Flag	Rest of Record	
0	1 Integer (defining position of the Label in the transaction log)	
1	2 Integers (minLevel, maxLevel) {id} (groups) {id} (references)	

9.2.14 Graph Flags

Special columns for NodeType and EdgeType are always of type CHAR, and their values are unique in the database.

Flag	Mnemonic	Default Name	Meaning
0	None		Not a special graph column
1	IdCol	ID	Node/Edge identity column
2	LeaveCol	LEAVING	Edge Leaving column
4	ArriveCol	ARRIVING	Edge Arriving column
8	SetValue		Value is a set of node identifiers

10. Troubleshooting

This section reviews a number of circumstances in which a database can become unusable. The safeguards that cause a database to be marked unusable are there to protect business operations as far as practicable against hardware errors or malicious activity.

Databases should not become unusable during normal operation. Any performance issue of this sort should be notified immediately to malcolm@pyrrhodb.com, so that this issue can be resolved.

Suggested additions to this section will be very welcome. The following checklist is intended for use where a correctly installed Pyrrho installation ceases to work.

Symptom	Possible causes	Section
Application crashes or malfunctions	The PyrrhoLink.dll it uses needs to be updated to match	10.7
	the PyrrhoSvr	
A database will not load	The database file may have been removed, renamed, or	10.1-3
	damaged	
An application reports an invalid	A user has updated the database schema and the	10.5
schema key	Role\$Class, Role\$Java or Role\$Python system table	
	should be used to regenerate the database class.	
A user can no longer access or	The user may be accessing the data from another user's	10.4
modify data	account, or from an environment that reports the user	
	name differently	
	The user's (or role's) permissions have been modified	5.5

10.1 Destruction and restoration

It is fundamental to database design that transactions are durable once committed, with results that can only be changed by subsequent transactions. There are some interventions at the operating system level that violate this principle, which are possible even with Pyrrho.

- Destruction of the entire database through deletion of the database file, formatting or disposing
 of the storage media etc.
- Restoration of a database from a backup copy

These actions will result in some or all work recorded in the database to be lost. Resotration from backup can restore transactions up to the time of the backup, but transactions committed after the last backup will be permanently lost.

There are other interventions that can make the database temporarily inaccessible: such as stopping the server, or altering access permissions on the file or the network. These are not regarded as changing the durability of the transaction. The notes in this section assume that such matters can be resolved in the usual ways, such as restoring the accessibility of the database file, restoring network connectivity, etc.

Some hardware failures can cause a single transaction being committed at the time of the failure to be lost (section 10.2).

10.2 Hardware failure during commit

If a hardware failure occurs during the commit phase of a transaction, the client or application will be told that the connection has been broken but may not know whether the transaction commit was completed before communication with the server was broken.

When the database is reloaded, it is very likely that either (a) the transaction will have been forgotten (rolled back) or (b) the transaction will be found in its entirety. If a part of the transaction data was actually written to physical media, then recovery is required.

10.3 Alternative names for a database file

The database name can be the pathname of the file. Databases can be renamed in this version of Pyrrho, provided the connection strings in all applications are modified to reflect the change.

10.4 User identity and database migration

It is deliberately made difficult in Pyrrho for a user to pretend to be someone else: the user's name is supplied by the operating system. If a database file is installed in a new context, or a user's identity is changed, it may be difficult for an application to have the correct user identity for contacting the database.

Unless the database has withdrawn privileges from the system role, the server account can be used to access the database.

If any user identity in the database is still available, and has suitable admin privileges, it can be used to grant permissions to the new user identities.

Otherwise, use investigation of the log files to find out the user identities configured in the database, and temporarily install a user identity that is recognised by the database (preferably that of the database owner) and grant the permissions that the new user identities require.

10.5 API Dependency on database history

Section 6.4 discussed the API for object-oriented access to the database. It is important to remember that the class definitions (for C#, Java, or Python) used by this API must match the database schema. Each class and structured type has a schema key and this must match the position in the database file of the last schema change affecting the class or type.

Following such a change (or reconstruction of the database by another user) the affected schema keys must be updated in the application program.

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