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connect

connect

Description

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

- connect(dbms, user, password, server, port, extraSettings, oracleDriver, pathToDriver)
- connect(connectionDetails)
- connect(dbms, connectionString, pathToDriver))
- connect(dbms, connectionString, user, password, pathToDriver)

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| connectionDetails | An object of class connectionDetails as created by the createConnectionDetails function. |
| dbms | The type of DBMS running on the server. Valid values are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "oracle" for Oracle • "postgresql" for PostgreSQL • "redshift" for Amazon Redshift • "sql server" for Microsoft SQL Server • "pdw" for Microsoft Parallel Data Warehouse (PDW) • "netezza" for IBM Netezza • "bigquery" for Google BigQuery • "sqlite" for SQLite • "sqlite extended" for SQLite with extended types (DATE and DATETIME) • "spark" for Spark • "snowflake" for Snowflake |
| user | The user name used to access the server. |
| password | The password for that user. |
| server | The name of the server. |
| port | (optional) The port on the server to connect to. |
| extraSettings | (optional) Additional configuration settings specific to the database provider to configure things as security for SSL. These must follow the format for the JDBC connection for the RDBMS specified in dbms. |
| oracleDriver | Specify which Oracle drive you want to use. Choose between "thin" or "oci". |
| connectionString | The JDBC connection string. If specified, the server, port, extraSettings, and oracleDriver fields are ignored. If user and password are not specified, they are assumed to already be included in the connection string. |
| pathToDriver | Path to a folder containing the JDBC driver JAR files. See downloadJdbcDrivers for instructions on how to download the relevant drivers. |

Details

This function creates a connection to a database.

Value

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

DBMS parameter details

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

- user. The user name used to access the server
- password. The password for that user
- server. This field contains the SID, or host and servicename, SID, or TNSName: '<sid>', '<host>/<sid>', '<host>/<service name>', or '<tnsname>'

- `port`. Specifies the port on the server (default = 1521)
- `extraSettings` The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "(PROTOCOL=tcp)")
- `oracleDriver` The driver to be used. Choose between "thin" or "oci".
- `pathToDriver` The path to the folder containing the Oracle JDBC driver JAR files.

Microsoft SQL Server:

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

Microsoft PDW:

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

PostgreSQL:

- `user`. The user used to log in to the server
- `password`. The password used to log on to the server
- `server`. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>
- `port`. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5432)
- `extraSettings` The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true")
- `pathToDriver` The path to the folder containing the PostgreSQL JDBC driver JAR files.

Redshift:

- `user`. The user used to log in to the server
- `password`. The password used to log on to the server
- `server`. This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>
- `port`. Specifies the port on the server (default = 5439)

- `extraSettings` The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "`ssl=true&sslfactory=com.amazon.redshift.ssl.NonValidatingFactory`")
- `pathToDriver` The path to the folder containing the RedShift JDBC driver JAR files.

Netezza:

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

Impala:

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

SQLite:

- `server`. The path to the SQLite file.

Spark:

- `connectionString`. The connection string (e.g. starting with '`jdbc:spark://my-org.dev.cloud.databricks.com...`').
- `user`. The user name used to access the server.
- `password`. The password for that user.

Snowflake:

- `connectionString`. The connection string (e.g. starting with '`jdbc:snowflake://host[:port]/?[db=database]`').
- `user`. The user name used to access the server.
- `password`. The password for that user.

Windows authentication for SQL Server

To be able to use Windows authentication for SQL Server (and PDW), you have to install the JDBC driver. Download the version 9.2.0 .zip from [Microsoft](#) and extract its contents to a folder. In the extracted folder you will find the file `sqljdbc_9.2/enu/auth/x64/mssql-jdbc_auth-9.2.0.x64.dll` (64-bits) or `sqljdbc_9.2/enu/auth/x86/mssql-jdbc_auth-9.2.0.x86.dll` (32-bits), which needs to be moved to location on the system path, for example to `c:/windows/system32`. If you not have write access to any folder in the system path, you can also specify the path to the folder containing the dll by setting the environmental variable `PATH_TO_AUTH_DLL`, so for example `Sys.setenv("PATH_TO_AUTH_DLL" = "c:/temp")` Note that the environmental variable needs to be set before calling `connect` for the first time.

Examples

```
## Not run:
conn <- connect(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost/postgres",
  user = "root",
  password = "xxx"
)
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)

conn <- connect(dbms = "sql server", server = "RNDUSRDHIT06.jnj.com")
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM concept")
disconnect(conn)

conn <- connect(
  dbms = "oracle",
  server = "127.0.0.1/xe",
  user = "system",
  password = "xxx",
  pathToDriver = "c:/temp"
)
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM test_table")
disconnect(conn)

conn <- connect(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  connectionString = "jdbc:postgresql://127.0.0.1:5432/cmd_database"
)
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)

## End(Not run)
```

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createConnectionDetails
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Description

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

- `createConnectionDetails(dbms, user, password, server, port, extraSettings, oracleDriver, pathToDriver)`
- `createConnectionDetails(dbms, connectionString, pathToDriver)`
- `createConnectionDetails(dbms, connectionString, user, password, pathToDriver)`

Arguments

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

- "oracle" for Oracle

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "postgresql" for PostgreSQL • "redshift" for Amazon Redshift • "sql server" for Microsoft SQL Server • "pdw" for Microsoft Parallel Data Warehouse (PDW) • "netezza" for IBM Netezza • "bigquery" for Google BigQuery • "sqlite" for SQLite • "sqlite extended" for SQLite with extended types (DATE and DATETIME) • "spark" for Spark • "snowflake" for Snowflake |
| user | The user name used to access the server. |
| password | The password for that user. |
| server | The name of the server. |
| port | (optional) The port on the server to connect to. |
| extraSettings | (optional) Additional configuration settings specific to the database provider to configure things as security for SSL. These must follow the format for the JDBC connection for the RDBMS specified in dbms. |
| oracleDriver | Specify which Oracle drive you want to use. Choose between "thin" or "oci". |
| connectionString | The JDBC connection string. If specified, the server, port, extraSettings, and oracleDriver fields are ignored. If user and password are not specified, they are assumed to already be included in the connection string. |
| pathToDriver | Path to a folder containing the JDBC driver JAR files. See downloadJdbcDrivers for instructions on how to download the relevant drivers. |

Details

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

Value

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

DBMS parameter details

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

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

Microsoft SQL Server:

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

Microsoft PDW:

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

PostgreSQL:

- **user.** The user used to log in to the server
- **password.** The password used to log on to the server
- **server.** This field contains the host name of the server and the database holding the relevant schemas: <host>/<database>
- **port.** Specifies the port on the server (default = 5432)
- **extraSettings** The configuration settings for the connection (i.e. SSL Settings such as "ssl=true")
- **pathToDriver** The path to the folder containing the PostgreSQL JDBC driver JAR files.

Redshift:

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

Netezza:

- **user.** The user used to log in to the server

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

Impala:

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

SQLite:

- server. The path to the SQLite file.

Spark:

- connectionString. The connection string (e.g. starting with 'jdbc:spark://my-org.dev.cloud.databricks.com...').
- user. The user name used to access the server.
- password. The password for that user.

Snowflake:

- connectionString. The connection string (e.g. starting with 'jdbc:snowflake://host[:port]/?[db=database]').
- user. The user name used to access the server.
- password. The password for that user.

Windows authentication for SQL Server

To be able to use Windows authentication for SQL Server (and PDW), you have to install the JDBC driver. Download the version 9.2.0 .zip from [Microsoft](#) and extract its contents to a folder. In the extracted folder you will find the file sqljdbc_9.2/enu/auth/x64/mssql-jdbc_auth-9.2.0.x64.dll (64-bits) or sqljdbc_9.2/enu/auth/x86/mssql-jdbc_auth-9.2.0.x86.dll (32-bits), which needs to be moved to location on the system path, for example to c:/windows/system32. If you not have write access to any folder in the system path, you can also specify the path to the folder containing the dll by setting the environmental variable PATH_TO_AUTH_DLL, so for example Sys.setenv("PATH_TO_AUTH_DLL" = "c:/temp") Note that the environmental variable needs to be set before calling connect for the first time.

Examples

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost/postgres",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)

## End(Not run)
```

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| createZipFile | <i>Compress files and/or folders into a single zip file</i> |
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Description

Compress files and/or folders into a single zip file

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|--|
| zipFile | The path to the zip file to be created. |
| files | The files and/or folders to be included in the zip file. Folders will be included recursively. |
| rootFolder | The root folder. All files will be stored with relative paths relative to this folder. |
| compressionLevel | A number between 1 and 9. 9 compresses best, but it also takes the longest. |

Details

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

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| DatabaseConnectorDriver | <i>Create a DatabaseConnectorDriver object</i> |
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Description

Create a DatabaseConnectorDriver object

Usage

```
DatabaseConnectorDriver()
```

dbConnect, DatabaseConnectorDriver-method

Create a connection to a DBMS

Description

Connect to a database. This function is synonymous with the [connect](#) function. except a dummy driver needs to be specified

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|-----|---|
| drv | The result of the <code>link{DatabaseConnectorDriver}</code> function |
| ... | Other parameters. These are the same as expected by the connect function. |

Value

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

Examples

```
## Not run:
conn <- dbConnect(DatabaseConnectorDriver(),
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost/ohdsi",
  user = "joe",
  password = "secret"
)
querySql(conn, "SELECT * FROM cdm_synpuf.person;")
dbDisconnect(conn)

## End(Not run)
```

dbms

Get the database platform from a connection

Description

The `SqlRender` package provides functions that translate SQL from OHDSI-SQL to a target SQL dialect. These function need the name of the database platform to translate to. The `'dbms'` function returns the dbms for any DBI connection that can be passed along to `SqlRender` translation functions (see example).

Usage

```
dbms(connection)
```

Arguments

connection A DBI (or DatabaseConnector) connection

Value

The name of the database (dbms) used by SqlRender

Examples

```
library(DatabaseConnector)
con <- connect(dbms = "sqlite", server = ":memory:")
dbms(con)
#> [1] "sqlite"
SqlRender::translate("DATEADD(d, 365, dateColumn)", targetDialect = dbms(con))
#> "CAST(STRFTIME('%s', DATETIME(dateColumn, 'unixepoch', (365)||' days')) AS REAL)"
disconnect(con)
```

dbUnloadDriver, DatabaseConnectorDriver-method

Load and unload database drivers

Description

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

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

dbUnloadDriver() is not implemented for modern backends.

Usage

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

Arguments

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

Details

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

Value

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

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

See Also

Other `DBIDriver` generics: [DBIDriver-class](#), [dbCanConnect\(\)](#), [dbConnect\(\)](#), [dbDataType\(\)](#), [dbGetInfo\(\)](#), [dbIsReadOnly\(\)](#), [dbIsValid\(\)](#), [dbListConnections\(\)](#)

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|------------|-----------------------------------|
| disconnect | <i>Disconnect from the server</i> |
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Description

Close the connection to the server.

Usage

```
disconnect(connection)
```

Arguments

connection The connection to the database server.

Examples

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
count <- querySql(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)

## End(Not run)
```

downloadJdbcDrivers *Download DatabaseConnector JDBC Jar files*

Description

Download the DatabaseConnector JDBC drivers from <https://ohdsi.github.io/DatabaseConnectorJars/>

Usage

```
downloadJdbcDrivers(
  dbms,
  pathToDriver = Sys.getenv("DATABASECONNECTOR_JAR_FOLDER"),
  method = "auto",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|--|
| dbms | <p>The type of DBMS to download Jar files for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "postgresql" for PostgreSQL • "redshift" for Amazon Redshift • "sql server", "pdw" or "synapse" for Microsoft SQL Server • "oracle" for Oracle • "spark" for Spark • "snowflake" for Snowflake |
| pathToDriver | <p>The full path to the folder where the JDBC driver .jar files should be downloaded to. By default the value of the environment variable "DATABASECONNECTOR_JAR_FOLDER" is used.</p> |
| method | <p>The method used for downloading files. See ?download.file for details and options.</p> |
| ... | <p>Further arguments passed on to download.file</p> |

Details

The following versions of the JDBC drivers are currently used:

- PostgreSQLV42.2.18
- RedShiftV2.1.0.9
- SQL ServerV8.4.1.zip
- OracleV19.8
- SparkV2.6.21
- SnowflakeV3.13.22

Value

Invisibly returns the destination if the download was successful.

Examples

```
## Not run:
downloadJdbcDrivers("redshift")

## End(Not run)
```

```
dropEmulatedTempTables
```

Drop all emulated temp tables.

Description

On some DBMSs, like Oracle and BigQuery, DatabaseConnector through SqlRender emulates temp tables in a schema provided by the user. Ideally, these tables are deleted by the application / R script creating them, but for various reasons orphan temp tables may remain. This function drops all emulated temp tables created in this session only.

Usage

```
dropEmulatedTempTables(
  connection,
  tempEmulationSchema = getOption("sqlRenderTempEmulationSchema")
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| tempEmulationSchema | Some database platforms like Oracle and Impala do not truly support temp tables. To emulate temp tables, provide a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be created. |

Value

Invisibly returns the list of deleted emulated temp tables.

```
executeSql
```

Execute SQL code

Description

This function executes SQL consisting of one or more statements.

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be executed |
| profile | When true, each separate statement is written to file prior to sending to the server, and the time taken to execute a statement is displayed. |
| progressBar | When true, a progress bar is shown based on the statements in the SQL code. |
| reportOverallTime | When true, the function will display the overall time taken to execute all statements. |
| errorReportFile | The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReportSql.txt' in the current working directory. |
| runAsBatch | When true the SQL statements are sent to the server as a single batch, and executed there. This will be faster if you have many small SQL statements, but there will be no progress bar, and no per-statement error messages. If the database platform does not support batched updates the query is executed without batching. |

Details

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

Examples

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah",
  schema = "cdm_v4"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
executeSql(conn, "CREATE TABLE x (k INT); CREATE TABLE y (k INT);")
disconnect(conn)

## End(Not run)
```

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| existsTable | <i>Does the table exist?</i> |
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Description

Checks whether a table exists. Accounts for surrounding escape characters. Case insensitive.

Usage

```
existsTable(connection, databaseSchema, tableName)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| databaseSchema | The name of the database schema. See details for platform-specific details. |
| tableName | The name of the table to check. |

Details

The databaseSchema argument is interpreted differently according to the different platforms: SQL Server and PDW: The databaseSchema schema should specify both the database and the schema, e.g. 'my_database.dbo'. Impala: the databaseSchema should specify the database. Oracle: The databaseSchema should specify the Oracle 'user'. All other : The databaseSchema should specify the schema.

Value

A logical value indicating whether the table exists.

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| getAvailableJavaHeapSpace |
| <i>Get available Java heap space</i> |

Description

For debugging purposes: get the available Java heap space.

Usage

```
getAvailableJavaHeapSpace()
```

Value

The Java heap space (in bytes).

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| getTableNames | <i>List all tables in a database schema.</i> |
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Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

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

Details

The `databaseSchema` argument is interpreted differently according to the different platforms: SQL Server and PDW: The `databaseSchema` schema should specify both the database and the schema, e.g. `'my_database.dbo'`. Impala: the `databaseSchema` should specify the database. Oracle: The `databaseSchema` should specify the Oracle `'user'`. All other : The `databaseSchema` should specify the schema.

Value

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

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| insertTable | <i>Insert a table on the server</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|

Description

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

Usage

```
insertTable(
  connection,
  databaseSchema = NULL,
  tableName,
  data,
  dropTableIfExists = TRUE,
  createTable = TRUE,
  tempTable = FALSE,
  oracleTempSchema = NULL,
  tempEmulationSchema = getOption("sqlRenderTempEmulationSchema"),
  bulkLoad = Sys.getenv("DATABASE_CONNECTOR_BULK_UPLOAD"),
```

```

    useMppBulkLoad = Sys.getenv("USE_MPP_BULK_LOAD"),
    progressBar = FALSE,
    camelCaseToSnakeCase = FALSE
  )

```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| databaseSchema | (Optional) The name of the database schema where the table should be located. |
| tableName | The name of the table where the data should be inserted. |
| data | The data frame containing the data to be inserted. |
| dropTableIfExists | Drop the table if the table already exists before writing? |
| createTable | Create a new table? If false, will append to existing table. |
| tempTable | Should the table created as a temp table? |
| oracleTempSchema | DEPRECATED: use tempEmulationSchema instead. |
| tempEmulationSchema | Some database platforms like Oracle and Impala do not truly support temp tables. To emulate temp tables, provide a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be created. |
| bulkLoad | If using Redshift, PDW, Hive or Postgres, use more performant bulk loading techniques. Does not work for temp tables (except for HIVE). See Details for requirements for the various platforms. |
| useMppBulkLoad | DEPRECATED. Use bulkLoad instead. |
| progressBar | Show a progress bar when uploading? |
| camelCaseToSnakeCase | If TRUE, the data frame column names are assumed to use camelCase and are converted to snake_case before uploading. |

Details

This function sends the data in a data frame to a table on the server. Either a new table is created, or the data is appended to an existing table. NA values are inserted as null values in the database.

Bulk uploading:

Redshift: The MPP bulk loading relies upon the CloudyR S3 library to test a connection to an S3 bucket using AWS S3 credentials. Credentials are configured directly into the System Environment using the following keys: Sys.setenv("AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID" = "some_access_key_id", "AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY" = "some_secret_access_key", "AWS_DEFAULT_REGION" = "some_aws_region", "AWS_BUCKET_NAME" = "some_bucket_name", "AWS_OBJECT_KEY" = "some_object_key", "AWS_SSE_TYPE" = "server_side_encryption_type").

PDW: The MPP bulk loading relies upon the client having a Windows OS and the DWLoader exe installed, and the following permissions granted: –Grant BULK Load permissions - needed at a server level USE master; GRANT ADMINISTER BULK OPERATIONS TO user; –Grant Staging database permissions - we will use the user db. USE scratch; EXEC sp_addrolemember 'db_ddladmin', user; Set the R environment variable DWLOADER_PATH to the location of the binary.

PostgreSQL: Uses the 'pg' executable to upload. Set the POSTGRES_PATH environment variable to the Postgres binary path, e.g. 'C:/Program Files/PostgreSQL/11/bin'.

Examples

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "mysql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
data <- data.frame(x = c(1, 2, 3), y = c("a", "b", "c"))
insertTable(conn, "my_schema", "my_table", data)
disconnect(conn)

## bulk data insert with Redshift or PDW
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "redshift",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah",
  schema = "cdm_v5"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
data <- data.frame(x = c(1, 2, 3), y = c("a", "b", "c"))
insertTable(
  connection = connection,
  databaseSchema = "scratch",
  tableName = "somedata",
  data = data,
  dropTableIfExists = TRUE,
  createTable = TRUE,
  tempTable = FALSE,
  bulkLoad = TRUE
) # or, Sys.setenv("DATABASE_CONNECTOR_BULK_UPLOAD" = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

isSqlReservedWord

Test a character vector of SQL names for SQL reserved words

Description

This function checks a character vector against a predefined list of reserved SQL words.

Usage

```
isSqlReservedWord(sqlNames, warn = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------|---|
| sqlNames | A character vector containing table or field names to check. |
| warn | (logical) Should a warn be thrown if invalid SQL names are found? |

Value

A logical vector with length equal to sqlNames that is TRUE for each name that is reserved and FALSE otherwise

| | |
|-------------|---|
| jdbcDrivers | <i>How to download and use JDBC drivers for the various data platforms.</i> |
|-------------|---|

Description

Below are instructions for downloading JDBC drivers for the various data platforms. Once downloaded use the pathToDriver argument in the [connect](#) or [createConnectionDetails](#) functions to point to the driver. Alternatively, you can set the 'DATABASECONNECTOR_JAR_FOLDER' environmental variable, for example in your .Renv file (recommended).

SQL Server, Oracle, PostgreSQL, PDW, Snowflake, Spark RedShift, Azure Synapse

Use the [downloadJdbcDrivers](#) function to download these drivers from the OHDSI GitHub pages.

Netezza

Read the instructions [here](#) on how to obtain the Netezza JDBC driver.

BigQuery

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

Impala

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

SQLite

For SQLite we actually don't use a JDBC driver. Instead, we use the RSQLite package, which can be installed using `install.packages("RSQLite")`.

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| lowLevelExecuteSql | <i>Execute SQL code</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|

Description

This function executes a single SQL statement.

Usage

```
lowLevelExecuteSql(connection, sql)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be executed |

| | |
|------------------|---|
| lowLevelQuerySql | <i>Low level function for retrieving data to a data frame</i> |
|------------------|---|

Description

This is the equivalent of the [querySql](#) function, except no error report is written when an error occurs.

Usage

```
lowLevelQuerySql(
  connection,
  query,
  datesAsString = FALSE,
  integerAsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorIntegerAsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| query | The SQL statement to retrieve the data |
| datesAsString | Logical: Should dates be imported as character vectors, or should they be converted to R's date format? |
| integerAsNumeric | Logical: should 32-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 32-bit integers will be represented using R's native Integer class. |
| integer64AsNumeric | Logical: should 64-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 64-bit integers will be represented using <code>bit64::integer64</code> . |

Details

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

Value

A data frame containing the data retrieved from the server

lowLevelQuerySqlToAndromeda

Low level function for retrieving data to a local Andromeda object

Description

This is the equivalent of the [querySqlToAndromeda](#) function, except no error report is written when an error occurs.

Usage

```
lowLevelQuerySqlToAndromeda(
  connection,
  query,
  andromeda,
  andromedaTableName,
  datesAsString = FALSE,
  integerAsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorIntegerAsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| query | The SQL statement to retrieve the data |
| andromeda | An open Andromeda object, for example as created using andromeda . |
| andromedaTableName | The name of the table in the local Andromeda object where the results of the query will be stored. |
| datesAsString | Should dates be imported as character vectors, or should they be converted to R's date format? |
| integerAsNumeric | Logical: should 32-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 32-bit integers will be represented using R's native Integer class. |
| integer64AsNumeric | Logical: should 64-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 64-bit integers will be represented using <code>bit64::integer64</code> . |

Details

Retrieves data from the database server and stores it in a local Andromeda object. This allows very large data sets to be retrieved without running out of memory. Null values in the database are converted to NA values in R. If a table with the same name already exists in the local Andromeda object it is replaced.

Value

Invisibly returns the andromeda. The Andromeda object will have a table added with the query results.

| | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| querySql | <i>Retrieve data to a data.frame</i> |
|----------|--------------------------------------|

Description

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

Usage

```
querySql(
  connection,
  sql,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE,
  integerAsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorIntegerAsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be send. |
| errorReportFile | The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReportSql.txt' in the current working directory. |
| snakeCaseToCamelCase | If true, field names are assumed to use snake_case, and are converted to camel-Case. |
| integerAsNumeric | Logical: should 32-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 32-bit integers will be represented using R's native Integer class. |
| integer64AsNumeric | Logical: should 64-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 64-bit integers will be represented using bit64::integer64. |

Details

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

Value

A data frame.

Examples

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
```



```

    user = "root",
    password = "blah",
    schema = "cdm_v4"
  )
  conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
  count <- querySql(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
  disconnect(conn)

## End(Not run)

```

querySqlToAndromeda *Retrieves data to a local Andromeda object*

Description

This function sends SQL to the server, and returns the results in a local Andromeda object

Usage

```

querySqlToAndromeda(
  connection,
  sql,
  andromeda,
  andromedaTableName,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE,
  integerAsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorIntegerAsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE)
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be sent. |
| andromeda | An open connection to a Andromeda object, for example as created using andromeda . |
| andromedaTableName | The name of the table in the local Andromeda object where the results of the query will be stored. |
| errorReportFile | The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReportSql.txt' in the current working directory. |
| snakeCaseToCamelCase | If true, field names are assumed to use snake_case, and are converted to camel-Case. |
| integerAsNumeric | Logical: should 32-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 32-bit integers will be represented using R's native Integer class. |
| integer64AsNumeric | Logical: should 64-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 64-bit integers will be represented using bit64::integer64. |

Details

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

Value

Invisibly returns the andromeda. The Andromeda object will have a table added with the query results.

Examples

```
## Not run:
andromeda <- Andromeda::andromeda()
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah",
  schema = "cdm_v4"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
querySqlToAndromeda(
  connection = conn,
  sql = "SELECT * FROM person;",
  andromeda = andromeda,
  andromedaTableName = "foo"
)
disconnect(conn)

andromeda$foo

## End(Not run)
```

renderTranslateExecuteSql

Render, translate, execute SQL code

Description

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

Usage

```
renderTranslateExecuteSql(
  connection,
  sql,
  profile = FALSE,
  progressBar = TRUE,
  reportOverallTime = TRUE,
```

```

    errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
    runAsBatch = FALSE,
    oracleTempSchema = NULL,
    tempEmulationSchema = getOption("sqlRenderTempEmulationSchema"),
    ...
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be executed |
| profile | When true, each separate statement is written to file prior to sending to the server, and the time taken to execute a statement is displayed. |
| progressBar | When true, a progress bar is shown based on the statements in the SQL code. |
| reportOverallTime | When true, the function will display the overall time taken to execute all statements. |
| errorReportFile | The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReportSql.txt' in the current working directory. |
| runAsBatch | When true the SQL statements are sent to the server as a single batch, and executed there. This will be faster if you have many small SQL statements, but there will be no progress bar, and no per-statement error messages. If the database platform does not support batched updates the query is executed as ordinarily. |
| oracleTempSchema | DEPRECATED: use tempEmulationSchema instead. |
| tempEmulationSchema | Some database platforms like Oracle and Impala do not truly support temp tables. To emulate temp tables, provide a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be created. |
| ... | Parameters that will be used to render the SQL. |

Details

This function calls the render and translate functions in the SqlRender package before calling [executeSql](#).

Examples

```

## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah",
  schema = "cdm_v4"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
renderTranslateExecuteSql(connection,
  sql = "SELECT * INTO #temp FROM @schema.person;",
  schema = "cdm_synpuf"
)

```

```
disconnect(conn)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

```
renderTranslateQueryApplyBatched
```

Render, translate, and perform process to batches of data.

Description

This function renders, and translates SQL, sends it to the server, processes the data in batches with a call back function. Note that this function should perform a row-wise operation. This is designed to work with massive data that won't fit in to memory.

The batch sizes are determined by the java virtual machine and will depend on the data.

Usage

```
renderTranslateQueryApplyBatched(
  connection,
  sql,
  fun,
  args = list(),
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE,
  tempEmulationSchema = getOption("sqlRenderTempEmulationSchema"),
  integerAsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorIntegerAsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be send. |
| fun | Function to apply to batch. Must take data.frame and integer position as parameters. |
| args | List of arguments to be passed to function call. |
| errorReportFile | The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReportSql.txt' in the current working directory. |
| snakeCaseToCamelCase | If true, field names are assumed to use snake_case, and are converted to camel-Case. |
| tempEmulationSchema | Some database platforms like Oracle and Impala do not truly support temp tables. To emulate temp tables, provide a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be created. |
| integerAsNumeric | Logical: should 32-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 32-bit integers will be represented using R's native Integer class. |

```
integer64AsNumeric
    Logical: should 64-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If
    FALSE 64-bit integers will be represented using bit64::integer64.
...
    Parameters that will be used to render the SQL.
```

Details

This function calls the render and translate functions in the SqlRender package before calling [querySql](#).

Value

Invisibly returns a list of outputs from each call to the provided function.

Examples

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah",
  schema = "cdm_v4"
)
connection <- connect(connectionDetails)

# First example: write data to a large CSV file:
filepath <- "myBigFile.csv"
writeBatchesToCsv <- function(data, position, ...) {
  write.csv(data, filepath, append = position != 1)
  return(NULL)
}
renderTranslateQueryApplyBatched(connection,
  "SELECT * FROM @schema.person;",
  schema = "cdm_synpuf",
  fun = writeBatchesToCsv
)

# Second example: write data to Andromeda
# (Alternative to querySqlToAndromeda if some local computation needs to be applied)
bigResults <- Andromeda::andromeda()
writeBatchesToAndromeda <- function(data, position, ...) {
  data$p <- EmpiricalCalibration::computeTraditionalP(data$logRr, data$logSeRr)
  if (position == 1) {
    bigResults$rrs <- data
  } else {
    Andromeda::appendToTable(bigResults$rrs, data)
  }
  return(NULL)
}
sql <- "SELECT target_id, comparator_id, log_rr, log_se_rr FROM @schema.my_results;"
renderTranslateQueryApplyBatched(connection,
  sql,
  fun = writeBatchesToAndromeda,
  schema = "my_results",
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = TRUE
```

```

)

disconnect(connection)

## End(Not run)

```

```
renderTranslateQuerySql
```

Render, translate, and query to data.frame

Description

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

Usage

```

renderTranslateQuerySql(
  connection,
  sql,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE,
  oracleTempSchema = NULL,
  tempEmulationSchema = getOption("sqlRenderTempEmulationSchema"),
  integerAsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorIntegerAsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be send. |
| errorReportFile | The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReportSql.txt' in the current working directory. |
| snakeCaseToCamelCase | If true, field names are assumed to use snake_case, and are converted to camel-Case. |
| oracleTempSchema | DEPRECATED: use tempEmulationSchema instead. |
| tempEmulationSchema | Some database platforms like Oracle and Impala do not truly support temp tables. To emulate temp tables, provide a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be created. |
| integerAsNumeric | Logical: should 32-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 32-bit integers will be represented using R's native Integer class. |

```
integer64AsNumeric
    Logical: should 64-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If
    FALSE 64-bit integers will be represented using bit64::integer64.
...
    Parameters that will be used to render the SQL.
```

Details

This function calls the render and translate functions in the SqlRender package before calling [querySql](#).

Value

A data frame.

Examples

```
## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah",
  schema = "cdm_v4"
)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
persons <- renderTranslatequerySql(conn,
  sql = "SELECT TOP 10 * FROM @schema.person",
  schema = "cdm_synpuf"
)
disconnect(conn)

## End(Not run)
```

renderTranslateQuerySqlToAndromeda

Render, translate, and query to local Andromeda

Description

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

Usage

```
renderTranslateQuerySqlToAndromeda(
  connection,
  sql,
  andromeda,
  andromedaTableName,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE,
  oracleTempSchema = NULL,
  tempEmulationSchema = getOption("sqlRenderTempEmulationSchema"),
```

```

integerAsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorIntegerAsNumeric", default = TRUE),
integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE),
...
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| connection | The connection to the database server. |
| sql | The SQL to be send. |
| andromeda | An open Andromeda object, for example as created using andromeda . |
| andromedaTableName | The name of the table in the local Andromeda object where the results of the query will be stored. |
| errorReportFile | The file where an error report will be written if an error occurs. Defaults to 'errorReportSql.txt' in the current working directory. |
| snakeCaseToCamelCase | If true, field names are assumed to use snake_case, and are converted to camel-Case. |
| oracleTempSchema | DEPRECATED: use tempEmulationSchema instead. |
| tempEmulationSchema | Some database platforms like Oracle and Impala do not truly support temp tables. To emulate temp tables, provide a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be created. |
| integerAsNumeric | Logical: should 32-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 32-bit integers will be represented using R's native Integer class. |
| integer64AsNumeric | Logical: should 64-bit integers be converted to numeric (double) values? If FALSE 64-bit integers will be represented using bit64::integer64. |
| ... | Parameters that will be used to render the SQL. |

Details

This function calls the render and translate functions in the SqlRender package before calling [querySqlToAndromeda](#).

Value

Invisibly returns the andromeda. The Andromeda object will have a table added with the query results.

Examples

```

## Not run:
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(
  dbms = "postgresql",
  server = "localhost",
  user = "root",
  password = "blah",
  schema = "cdm_v4"
)

```



```

)
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)
renderTranslatequerySqlToAndromeda(conn,
  sql = "SELECT * FROM @schema.person",
  schema = "cdm_synpuf",
  andromeda = andromeda,
  andromedaTableName = "foo"
)
disconnect(conn)

andromeda$foo

## End(Not run)

```

show, DatabaseConnectorDriver-method
Show an Object

Description

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

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

Usage

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

Arguments

object Any R object

Details

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

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

Value

show returns an invisible NULL.

See Also

[showMethods](#) prints all the methods for one or more functions.

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