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sort_stream_i – Sorting Utility Class

SYNOPSIS

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#include <sm_vas.h> // which includes sort.h
class sort_stream_i {
 public:
   sort_stream_i();
   sort_stream_i(const key_info_t& k, const sort_parm_t& s, uint est_rec_sz=0);
   ~sort_stream_i();
   // initialize the sort_stream
         init(const key_info_t& k, const sort_parm_t& s, uint est_rec_sz=0);
   // close the sort stream (release any resource held)
   void
         finish();
   // put <key, elem> pair into the sort stream
   rc_t put(const cvec_t& key, const cvec_t& elem);
   // fetch next pair in sorted order
   rc_t get_next(vec_t& key, vec_t& elem, bool& eof);
   // detect if the stream is empty
   bool is_empty();
   // detect if the stream is sorted or not
   bool is_sorted()
};
struct key_info_t {
   enum where_t { t_hdr=0, t_body };
   key_type_t type; // key type
   nbox_t universe; // for spatial object only
          derived; // if true, the key must be the only item in rec
   bool
                    // header, and the header will not be copied to
                    // the result record (allow user to store derived
                    // key temporarily for sorting purpose).
   // following applies to file sort only
   where_t where; // where the key resides
   uint4 offset;
                        // offset from the begin
                  // key length
   uint4 len;
   key_info_t() {
     type = t_int;
     where = t_body;
     offset = 0;
     len = sizeof(int);
     derived = FALSE;
};
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DESCRIPTION

Class **sort_stream_i** class is used for sorting a stream of records. After creating an instance of **sort_stream_i**, you can keep putting <key, element> pairs into the stream and will save all the records to a temporary persistent store, sort them and return them in a sorted order via calls to **get_next**. The temporary store is destroyed automatically upon completion.

To create a **sort_stream_i** instance, you need to supply a **key_info_t** parameter, which includes information about the key type See **btree(ssm)** for a description of key types.

A **sort_parm_t** parameter is needed to provide information on the run size, temporary file volume. Besides, estimated record length will help the sort code to allocate the right amount of resources for the sort.

Note that **sort_stream** exists only during the put and fetch, after the last pair is fetched through **get_next()** the stream is destroyed.

ERRORS

TODO.

EXAMPLES

TODO.

VERSION

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