**Epipog**

**Specification**

**Schema Class Family**

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# 1. Interface

The schema object is the interface definition for setting a schema for a collection. Derived objects are implemented from the interface, depending on their requirement in the database pipeline. This interface is defined in the file Schema.java. This interface defines the methods and interfaces for how a schema is specified and/or dynamically extended for a collection in an Epipog application and the operations that may be performed with the schema object.

## Types

The interface defines the following data types:

public enum BSONType {  
 DOUBLE ("double", (byte)1),  
 STRING ("string", (byte)2),  
 OBJECT ("object", (byte)3),  
 ARRAY ("array", (byte)4),  
 BINDATA ("bindata", (byte)5),  
 UNDEFINED ("undefined", (byte)6),  
 OBJECTID ("objectid", (byte)7),  
 BOOLEAN ("boolean", (byte)8),  
 DATE ("date", (byte)9),  
 NULL ("null", (byte)10),  
 REGEX ("regex", (byte)11),  
 JAVASCRIPT ("javascript", (byte)13),  
 INTEGER ("integer", (byte)16),  
 TIMESTAMP ("timestamp", (byte)17),  
 LONG ("long", (byte)18),  
 // extended (non-bson)  
 FLOAT ("float", (byte)51),  
 DECIMAL ("decimal", (byte)52),  
 SHORT ("short", (byte)53),  
 TIME ("time", (byte)54),  
 URL ("url", (byte)55),  
 CHAR ("char", (byte)56),  
 STRING16 ("string16", (byte)57),  
 STRING32 ("string32”, (byte)58),  
 STRING64 ("string64", (byte)59),   
 STRING128 ("string128", (byte)60),   
 STRING256 ("string256", (byte)61);  
}

This enumerated type are the BSON specification for mapping string representation of data types into integer identifiers. Since the specification does not cover all the data types anticipated by the epipog application, it has been extended (values > 50).

## 1.2 Interface Methods

The interface contains the following non-implemented methods

***Schema***

public void Set( ArrayList< String>) throws DataException;

This method sets a schema for a collection, where the data type defaults to string. This method is generally used on table based collections that once set cannot be changed. If an error occurs, a DataException is thrown.

public void SetI( ArrayList<Pair<String,String>>) throws DataException;

This method sets a schema for a collection, where the data type is in represented as a BSON integer value of the data type. This method is generally used on table based collections that once set cannot be changed. If an error occurs, a DataException is thrown.

public void Extend( ArrayList< String,String>) throws DataException;

This method extends a schema for a collection, where the data type defaults to string. This method is generally used on non-table collections which can be continuously extended. If an error occurs, a DataException is thrown.

public void ExtendI( ArrayList<Pair<String,String>>) throws DataException;

This method extends a schema for a collection, where the data type is in represented as a BSON integer value of the data type. This method is generally used on non-table collections which can be continuously extended. If an error occurs, a DataException is thrown.

public void Type( ArrayList< String>) throws DataException;

This method updates the data types, where the data types are in string representation, of an existing schema. This method is generally used on a semantically linked data. If an error occurs, a DataException is thrown.

public boolean IsDefined( String key );

This method is used to check if the specified key is defined in the schema for the associated collection.

public boolean IsValid( String key, Integer type );

This method is used to check if the specified type is valid for the corresponding key in the schema for the associated collection.

public integer ColumnPos( String key );

This method is used to return the column position (ordinal ordering starting at one) of a key for a table based schema.

public integer NCols();

This method is used to return the number of columns for a table based schema.

public ArrayList<String> Columns();

This method is used to return the column names and order for a table based schema.

public Integer GetType(Integer pos);

This method is used to return the BSON data type value for a column at the specified position for a table based schema.

public void FixedString( Integer length );

This method is used to set the default length of strings (fixed string) for input strings. When not set, strings are variable length.

## Static Methods

The interface has the following static methods:  
  
public static ArrayList<Pair<String,Integer>> SchemaFromString( String schema ) throws DataException;  
  
This method converts a schema in string representation into the internal representation. The string representation must be in the form, where field is the field name and type is a supported data type (e.g., string, date):

field:type,field:type,….

If an error occurs a DataException is thrown. This method is generally used for converting a schema description that comes from a command line or web service interface that is in a string format into the internal format before being used as an argument to a SetI() or ExtendI() method.

# 2 SchemaTable Implementation

This implementation implements the “Schema” interface. They are implemented in the file SchemaTable.java. This implementation implements the methods and interfaces for a table based schema, which cannot be modified once set. This is typically used for collections that used a tabular data store (i.e., RDBMS).

## 2.1 Fields

The implementation defines the following fields, which are only accessible (private/protected) by this class or a derived class:  
  
protected ArrayList<Pair<String,Integer>> keys; // keys in schema

This field are the key names and associated data types, in BSON types, for the schema. The order of the keys also represents the ordinal ordering of the columns in the table-based schema.

## 2.2 Methods

The implementation contains the following methods:

***Constructor***

public SchemaTable();

This constructor instantiates the schema object.

***Schema***

public void Set( ArrayList<String>) throws DataException;

This method sets a schema for a collection, where the data defaults to string. This method is used on table based collections that once set cannot be changed. If an error occurs (e.g., duplicate key, invalid type), a DataException is thrown.

public void SetI( ArrayList<Pair<String,String>>) throws DataException;

This method sets a schema for a collection, where the data type is in represented as a BSON integer value of the data type. This method is used on table based collections that once set cannot be changed. If an error occurs (e.g., duplicate key, invalid type), a DataException is thrown.

public void Extend( ArrayList<String>) throws DataException;

This method is not supported. If it is called, a DataException is thrown.

public void ExtendI( ArrayList<Pair<String,String>>) throws DataException;

This method is not supported. If it is called, a DataException is thrown.

public void Type( ArrayList< String>) throws DataException;

This method updates the data types, where the data types are in string representation, of an existing schema. This method is generally used on a semantically linked data. If an error occurs, a DataException is thrown.

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public integer ColumnPos( String key );

This method is used to return the column position (ordinal ordering starting at one) of the key for the table based schema.

public integer NCols();

This method is used to return the number of columns for a table based schema.

public ArrayList<String> Columns();

This method is used to return the column names and order for a table based schema.

public Integer GetType(Integer pos);

This method is used to return the BSON data type value for a column at the specified position for a table based schema.

public void FixedString( Integer length );

This method is used to set the default length of strings (fixed string) for input strings. When not set, strings are variable length.

# 3 SchemaDynamic Implementation

This implementation extends the “SchemaTable” implementation. They are implemented in the file SchemaDynamic.java. This implementation implements the methods and interfaces for a non-table based schema, which can be continuously extended. This is typically used for collections that used a dynamic schema store (e.g., CSV).

## 3.2 Methods

The implementation contains the following methods:

***Schema***

public void Extend( ArrayList<String>) throws DataException;

This method extends a schema for a collection, where the data defaults to string. This method is used on non-table collections which can be continuously extended. If an error occurs (e.g., duplicate key, invalid type), a DataException is thrown.

public void ExtendI( ArrayList<Pair<String,String>>) throws DataException;

This method extends a schema for a collection, where the data type is in represented as a BSON integer value of the data type. This method is used on non-table collections which can be continuously extended. If an error occurs (e.g., duplicate key, invalid type), a DataException is thrown.