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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

• "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

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 the JDBC driver JAR files. See downloadJdbcDrivers for instructions

on how to download the relevant drivers.

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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=tcps)")
- 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

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- 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 "SS-LKeyStorePwd=*****")
- pathToDriver The path to the folder containing the Impala JDBC driver JAR files.

SQLite:

• server. The path to the SQLIte file

To be able to use Windows authentication for SQL Server (and PDW), you have to install the JDBC driver. Download the .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 ssqljdbc_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.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
conn <- connect(dbms = "postgresql",</pre>
                server = "localhost/postgres",
                user = "root",
                password = "xxx")
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)
conn <- connect(dbms = "sql server", server = "RNDUSRDHIT06.jnj.com")</pre>
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM concept")
disconnect(conn)
conn <- connect(dbms = "oracle",</pre>
                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",</pre>
                connectionString = "jdbc:postgresql://127.0.0.1:5432/cmd_database")
dbGetQuery(conn, "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM person")
disconnect(conn)
## End(Not run)
```

createConnectionDetails

createConnectionDetails

Description

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

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- 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
- "postgresql" for PostgreSQL
- · "redshift" for Amazon Redshift
- "sql server" for Microsoft SQL Server
- "pdw" for Microsoft Parallel Data Warehouse (PDW)
- "netezza" for IBM Netezza

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• "bigquery" for Google BigQuery

• "sqlite" for SQLite

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 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=tcps)")
- 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

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• 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).

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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 "SS-LKeyStorePwd=*****")
- pathToDriver The path to the folder containing the Impala JDBC driver JAR files.

SQLite:

• server. The path to the SQLIte file

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Examples

createZipFile

Compress files and/or folders into a single zip file

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

ecursively.

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.

DatabaseConnectorDriver

Create a DatabaseConnectorDriver object

Description

Create a DatabaseConnectorDriver object

Usage

DatabaseConnectorDriver()

dbAppendTable, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character, data. frame-method Insert rows into a table

Description

The dbAppendTable() method assumes that the table has been created beforehand, e.g. with dbCreateTable(). The default implementation calls sqlAppendTableTemplate() and then dbExecute() with the param argument. Backends compliant to ANSI SQL 99 which use? as a placeholder for prepared queries don't need to override it. Backends with a different SQL syntax which use? as a placeholder for prepared queries can override sqlAppendTable(). Other backends (with different placeholders or with entirely different ways to create tables) need to override the dbAppendTable() method.

Usage

```
## $4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character, data.frame'
dbAppendTable(
   conn,
   name,
   value,
   temporary = FALSE,
   oracleTempSchema = NULL,
   ...,
   row.names = NULL
)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name Name of the table, escaped with dbQuoteIdentifier().

value A data frame of values. The column names must be consistent with those in the

target table in the database.

temporary Should the table created as a temp table?

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be

created.

... Other arguments used by individual methods.

row.names Must be NULL.

Details

The row.names argument is not supported by this method. Process the values with sqlRownamesToColumn() before calling this method.

See Also

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()

```
dbClearResult,DatabaseConnectorResult-method 
 Clear a result set
```

Description

Frees all resources (local and remote) associated with a result set. In some cases (e.g., very large result sets) this can be a critical step to avoid exhausting resources (memory, file descriptors, etc.)

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbClearResult(res, ...)
```

Arguments

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

Value

dbClearResult() returns TRUE, invisibly, for result sets obtained from both dbSendQuery() and dbSendStatement(). An attempt to close an already closed result set issues a warning in both cases.

See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowSAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()

dbColumnInfo,DatabaseConnectorResult-method

*Information about result types**

Description

Produces a data.frame that describes the output of a query. The data.frame should have as many rows as there are output fields in the result set, and each column in the data.frame describes an aspect of the result set field (field name, type, etc.)

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbColumnInfo(res, ...)
```

Arguments

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

Value

dbColumnInfo() returns a data frame with at least two columns "name" and "type" (in that order) (and optional columns that start with a dot). The "name" and "type" columns contain the names and types of the R columns of the data frame that is returned from dbFetch(). The "type" column is of type character and only for information. Do not compute on the "type" column, instead use $dbFetch(res, n = \emptyset)$ to create a zero-row data frame initialized with the correct data types.

An attempt to query columns for a closed result set raises an error.

See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowSAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()

```
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 link{DatabaseConnectorDriver} 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

 ${\tt dbCreateTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character,data.frame-method} \\ {\it Create~a~table~in~the~database}$

Description

The default dbCreateTable() method calls sqlCreateTable() and dbExecute(). Backends compliant to ANSI SQL 99 don't need to override it. Backends with a different SQL syntax can override sqlCreateTable(), backends with entirely different ways to create tables need to override this method.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character, data.frame'
dbCreateTable(
   conn,
   name,
   fields,
   oracleTempSchema = NULL,
   ...,
   row.names = NULL,
   temporary = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name Name of the table, escaped with dbQuoteIdentifier().

fields Either a character vector or a data frame.

A named character vector: Names are column names, values are types. Names

are escaped with dbQuoteIdentifier(). Field types are unescaped.

A data frame: field types are generated using dbDataType().

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be

created.

... Other arguments used by individual methods.

row.names Must be NULL.

temporary Should the table created as a temp table?

Details

The row.names argument is not supported by this method. Process the values with sqlRownamesToColumn() before calling this method.

The argument order is different from the sqlCreateTable() method, the latter will be adapted in a later release of DBI.

See Also

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

```
\label{eq:dbDisconnection-method} Disconnect (close) \ a \ connection
```

Description

This closes the connection, discards all pending work, and frees resources (e.g., memory, sockets).

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection'
dbDisconnect(conn)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

Value

```
dbDisconnect() returns TRUE, invisibly.
```

See Also

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

dbExecute, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method

Execute an update statement, query number of rows affected, and then close result set

Description

Executes a statement and returns the number of rows affected. dbExecute() comes with a default implementation (which should work with most backends) that calls dbSendStatement(), then dbGetRowsAffected(), ensuring that the result is always free-d by dbClearResult().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbExecute(conn, statement, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

statement a character string containing SQL.
... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Details

You can also use dbExecute() to call a stored procedure that performs data manipulation or other actions that do not return a result set. To execute a stored procedure that returns a result set use dbGetQuery() instead.

Value

dbExecute() always returns a scalar numeric that specifies the number of rows affected by the statement. An error is raised when issuing a statement over a closed or invalid connection, if the syntax of the statement is invalid, or if the statement is not a non-NA string.

See Also

```
For queries: dbSendQuery() and dbGetQuery().
```

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()

dbExistsTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character-method

Does a table exist?

Description

Returns if a table given by name exists in the database.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbExistsTable(conn, name, database = NULL, schema = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying a DBMS table name.

database Name of the database.

schema Name of the schema.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Value

dbExistsTable() returns a logical scalar, TRUE if the table or view specified by the name argument exists, FALSE otherwise.

This includes temporary tables if supported by the database.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is also raised if name cannot be processed with dbQuoteIdentifier() or if this results in a non-scalar.

See Also

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

dbFetch,DatabaseConnectorResult-method

Fetch records from a previously executed query

Description

Fetch the next n elements (rows) from the result set and return them as a data.frame.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbFetch(res, datesAsString = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

An object inheriting from DBIResult, created by dbSendQuery().

datesAsString Should dates be represented as strings? (instead of Date objects)

Other arguments passed on to methods.

Details

fetch() is provided for compatibility with older DBI clients - for all new code you are strongly encouraged to use dbFetch(). The default implementation for dbFetch() calls fetch() so that it is compatible with existing code. Modern backends should implement for dbFetch() only.

Value

dbFetch() always returns a data.frame with as many rows as records were fetched and as many columns as fields in the result set, even if the result is a single value or has one or zero rows. An attempt to fetch from a closed result set raises an error. If the n argument is not an atomic whole number greater or equal to -1 or Inf, an error is raised, but a subsequent call to dbFetch() with proper n argument succeeds. Calling dbFetch() on a result set from a data manipulation query created by dbSendStatement() can be fetched and return an empty data frame, with a warning.

See Also

Close the result set with dbClearResult() as soon as you finish retrieving the records you want.

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowsAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()

dbGetQuery, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method

Send query, retrieve results and then clear result set

Description

Returns the result of a query as a data frame. dbGetQuery() comes with a default implementation (which should work with most backends) that calls dbSendQuery(), then dbFetch(), ensuring that the result is always free-d by dbClearResult().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection,character'
dbGetQuery(conn, statement, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

statement a character string containing SQL.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Details

This method is for SELECT queries only (incl. other SQL statements that return a SELECT-alike result, e. g. execution of a stored procedure).

To execute a stored procedure that does not return a result set, use dbExecute().

Some backends may support data manipulation statements through this method for compatibility reasons. However, callers are strongly advised to use dbExecute() for data manipulation statements.

Value

dbGetQuery() always returns a data.frame with as many rows as records were fetched and as many columns as fields in the result set, even if the result is a single value or has one or zero rows. An error is raised when issuing a query over a closed or invalid connection, if the syntax of the query is invalid, or if the query is not a non-NA string. If the n argument is not an atomic whole number greater or equal to -1 or Inf, an error is raised, but a subsequent call to dbGetQuery() with proper n argument succeeds.

See Also

For updates: dbSendStatement() and dbExecute().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()

 $\label{lem:dbGetRowCount} \mbox{\tt DatabaseConnectorResult-method} \\ \mbox{\tt The number of rows fetched so far}$

Description

Returns the total number of rows actually fetched with calls to dbFetch() for this result set.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbGetRowCount(res, ...)
```

Arguments

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

Value

dbGetRowCount() returns a scalar number (integer or numeric), the number of rows fetched so far. After calling dbSendQuery(), the row count is initially zero. After a call to dbFetch() without limit, the row count matches the total number of rows returned. Fetching a limited number of rows increases the number of rows by the number of rows returned, even if fetching past the end of the result set. For queries with an empty result set, zero is returned even after fetching. For data manipulation statements issued with dbSendStatement(), zero is returned before and after calling dbFetch(). Attempting to get the row count for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

See Also

```
Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowsAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()
```

```
\label{lem:dbGetRowsAffected} {\it DatabaseConnectorResult-method} \\ {\it The number of rows affected}
```

Description

This method returns the number of rows that were added, deleted, or updated by a data manipulation statement.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbGetRowsAffected(res, ...)
```

Arguments

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

Value

dbGetRowsAffected() returns a scalar number (integer or numeric), the number of rows affected by a data manipulation statement issued with dbSendStatement(). The value is available directly after the call and does not change after calling dbFetch(). For queries issued with dbSendQuery(), zero is returned before and after the call to dbFetch(). Attempting to get the rows affected for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

See Also

```
Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()
```

dbGetStatement,DatabaseConnectorResult-method

Get the statement associated with a result set

Description

Returns the statement that was passed to dbSendQuery() or dbSendStatement().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbGetStatement(res, ...)
```

Arguments

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

Value

dbGetStatement() returns a string, the query used in either dbSendQuery() or dbSendStatement(). Attempting to query the statement for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

See Also

```
Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowSAffected(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()
```

dbHasCompleted, DatabaseConnectorResult-method Completion status

Description

This method returns if the operation has completed. A SELECT query is completed if all rows have been fetched. A data manipulation statement is always completed.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorResult'
dbHasCompleted(res, ...)
```

Arguments

res An object inheriting from DBIResult.
... Other arguments passed on to methods.

Value

dbHasCompleted() returns a logical scalar. For a query initiated by dbSendQuery() with non-empty result set, dbHasCompleted() returns FALSE initially and TRUE after calling dbFetch() without limit. For a query initiated by dbSendStatement(), dbHasCompleted() always returns TRUE. Attempting to query completion status for a result set cleared with dbClearResult() gives an error.

See Also

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowsAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()

```
dbIsValid, DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection-method

Is this DBMS object still valid?
```

Description

This generic tests whether a database object is still valid (i.e. it hasn't been disconnected or cleared).

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection'
dbIsValid(dbObj, ...)
```

Arguments

db0bj An object inheriting from DBIObject, i.e. DBIDriver, DBIConnection, or a DBIResult

... Other arguments to methods.

Value

dbIsValid() returns a logical scalar, TRUE if the object specified by dbObj is valid, FALSE otherwise. A DBIConnection object is initially valid, and becomes invalid after disconnecting with dbDisconnect(). For an invalid connection object (e.g., for some drivers if the object is saved to a file and then restored), the method also returns FALSE. A DBIResult object is valid after a call to dbSendQuery(), and stays valid even after all rows have been fetched; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. A DBIResult object is also valid after a call to dbSendStatement(), and stays valid after querying the number of rows affected; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. If the connection to the database system is dropped (e.g., due to connectivity problems, server failure, etc.), dbIsValid() should return FALSE. This is not tested automatically.

See Also

```
Other DBIDriver generics: DBIDriver-class, dbCanConnect(), dbConnect(), dbDataType(), dbDriver(), dbGetInfo(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbListConnections()

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowSAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()
```

```
dbIsValid, DatabaseConnectorJdbcConnection-method 
Is this DBMS object still valid?
```

Description

This generic tests whether a database object is still valid (i.e. it hasn't been disconnected or cleared).

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorJdbcConnection'
dbIsValid(dbObj, ...)
```

Arguments

db0bj An object inheriting from DBIObject, i.e. DBIDriver, DBIConnection, or a DBIResult
... Other arguments to methods.

Value

dbIsValid() returns a logical scalar, TRUE if the object specified by dbObj is valid, FALSE otherwise. A DBIConnection object is initially valid, and becomes invalid after disconnecting with dbDisconnect(). For an invalid connection object (e.g., for some drivers if the object is saved to a file and then restored), the method also returns FALSE. A DBIResult object is valid after a call to dbSendQuery(), and stays valid even after all rows have been fetched; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. A DBIResult object is also valid after a call to dbSendStatement(),

and stays valid after querying the number of rows affected; only clearing it with dbClearResult() invalidates it. If the connection to the database system is dropped (e.g., due to connectivity problems, server failure, etc.), dbIsValid() should return FALSE. This is not tested automatically.

See Also

```
Other DBIDriver generics: DBIDriver-class, dbCanConnect(), dbConnect(), dbDataType(), dbDriver(), dbGetInfo(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbListConnections()
```

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowsAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()

```
{\it dbListFields}, {\it DatabaseConnectorConnection}, {\it character-method} \\ {\it List field names of a remote table}
```

Description

List field names of a remote table

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection,character'
dbListFields(conn, name, database = NULL, schema = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name a character string with the name of the remote table.

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Value

dbListFields() returns a character vector that enumerates all fields in the table in the correct order. This also works for temporary tables if supported by the database. The returned names are suitable for quoting with dbQuoteIdentifier(). If the table does not exist, an error is raised. Invalid types for the name argument (e.g., character of length not equal to one, or numeric) lead to an error. An error is also raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection.

See Also

```
dbColumnInfo() to get the type of the fields.
```

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

```
dbListTables, DatabaseConnectorConnection-method

List remote tables
```

Description

Returns the unquoted names of remote tables accessible through this connection. This should include views and temporary objects, but not all database backends (in particular **RMariaDB** and **RMySQL**) support this.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection'
dbListTables(conn, database = NULL, schema = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Value

dbListTables() returns a character vector that enumerates all tables and views in the database. Tables added with dbWriteTable() are part of the list. As soon a table is removed from the database, it is also removed from the list of database tables.

The same applies to temporary tables if supported by the database.

The returned names are suitable for quoting with dbQuoteIdentifier(). An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection.

See Also

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

 $\label{lem:connection} {\it Quote identifiers} \\ Quote identifiers$

Description

Call this method to generate a string that is suitable for use in a query as a column or table name, to make sure that you generate valid SQL and protect against SQL injection attacks. The inverse operation is dbUnquoteIdentifier().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character' dbQuoteIdentifier(conn, x, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

x A character vector, SQL or Id object to quote as identifier.

Other arguments passed on to methods.

Value

dbQuoteIdentifier() returns an object that can be coerced to character, of the same length as the input. For an empty character vector this function returns a length-0 object. The names of the input argument are preserved in the output. When passing the returned object again to dbQuoteIdentifier() as x argument, it is returned unchanged. Passing objects of class SQL should also return them unchanged. (For backends it may be most convenient to return SQL objects to achieve this behavior, but this is not required.)

An error is raised if the input contains NA, but not for an empty string.

See Also

```
Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowsAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbQuoteString(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()
```

```
dbQuoteString,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character-method

Quote literal strings
```

Description

Call this method to generate a string that is suitable for use in a query as a string literal, to make sure that you generate valid SQL and protect against SQL injection attacks.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character' dbQuoteString(conn, x, ...)
```

Arguments

```
    conn
    A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().
    x
    A character vector to quote as string.
    ...
    Other arguments passed on to methods.
```

Value

dbQuoteString() returns an object that can be coerced to character, of the same length as the input. For an empty character vector this function returns a length-0 object.

When passing the returned object again to dbQuoteString() as x argument, it is returned unchanged. Passing objects of class SQL should also return them unchanged. (For backends it may be most convenient to return SQL objects to achieve this behavior, but this is not required.)

See Also

```
Other DBIResult generics: DBIResult-class, dbBind(), dbClearResult(), dbColumnInfo(), dbFetch(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetRowCount(), dbGetRowsAffected(), dbGetStatement(), dbHasCompleted(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbQuoteIdentifier(), dbQuoteLiteral(), dbUnquoteIdentifier()
```

```
dbReadTable, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method

Copy data frames from database tables
```

Description

Reads a database table to a data frame, optionally converting a column to row names and converting the column names to valid R identifiers.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbReadTable(
   conn,
   name,
   database = NULL,
   schema = NULL,
   oracleTempSchema = NULL,
   ...
)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying the unquoted DBMS table name, or the result of a

call to dbQuoteIdentifier().

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be

created.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Value

dbReadTable() returns a data frame that contains the complete data from the remote table, effectively the result of calling dbGetQuery() with SELECT * FROM < name>. An error is raised if the table does not exist. An empty table is returned as a data frame with zero rows.

The presence of rownames depends on the row.names argument, see sqlColumnToRownames() for details:

- If FALSE or NULL, the returned data frame doesn't have row names.
- If TRUE, a column named "row_names" is converted to row names, an error is raised if no such column exists.
- If NA, a column named "row_names" is converted to row names if it exists, otherwise no translation occurs.
- If a string, this specifies the name of the column in the remote table that contains the row names, an error is raised if no such column exists.

The default is row.names = FALSE.

If the database supports identifiers with special characters, the columns in the returned data frame are converted to valid R identifiers if the check names argument is TRUE, If check names = FALSE, the returned table has non-syntactic column names without quotes.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is raised if name cannot be processed with <code>dbQuoteIdentifier()</code> or if this results in a non-scalar. Unsupported values for row.names and check.names (non-scalars, unsupported data types, NA for check.names) also raise an error.

See Also

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

dbRemoveTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character-method

Remove a table from the database

Description

Remove a remote table (e.g., created by dbWriteTable()) from the database.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbRemoveTable(
   conn,
   name,
   database = NULL,
   schema = NULL,
   oracleTempSchema = NULL,
   ...
}
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying a DBMS table name.

database Name of the database. schema Name of the schema.

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be

created

. . . Other parameters passed on to methods.

Value

dbRemoveTable() returns TRUE, invisibly. If the table does not exist, an error is raised. An attempt to remove a view with this function may result in an error.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is also raised if name cannot be processed with dbQuoteIdentifier() or if this results in a non-scalar.

See Also

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()
```

dbSendQuery,DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection,character-method

Execute a query on a given database connection

Description

The dbSendQuery() method only submits and synchronously executes the SQL query to the database engine. It does *not* extract any records — for that you need to use the dbFetch() method, and then you must call dbClearResult() when you finish fetching the records you need. For interactive use, you should almost always prefer dbGetQuery().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorDbiConnection,character'
dbSendQuery(conn, statement, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

statement a character string containing SQL.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Details

This method is for SELECT queries only. Some backends may support data manipulation queries through this method for compatibility reasons. However, callers are strongly encouraged to use dbSendStatement() for data manipulation statements.

The query is submitted to the database server and the DBMS executes it, possibly generating vast amounts of data. Where these data live is driver-specific: some drivers may choose to leave the output on the server and transfer them piecemeal to R, others may transfer all the data to the client – but not necessarily to the memory that R manages. See individual drivers' dbSendQuery() documentation for details.

Value

dbSendQuery() returns an S4 object that inherits from DBIResult. The result set can be used with dbFetch() to extract records. Once you have finished using a result, make sure to clear it with dbClearResult(). An error is raised when issuing a query over a closed or invalid connection, or if the query is not a non-NA string. An error is also raised if the syntax of the query is invalid and all query parameters are given (by passing the params argument) or the immediate argument is set to TRUE.

See Also

```
For updates: dbSendStatement() and dbExecute().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbCreate
```

dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(),
dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(),
dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()

 $\label{lem:connection} {\it db} {\it SendQuery}, {\it DatabaseConnectorJdbcConnection}, {\it character-method} \\ {\it Execute~a~query~on~a~given~database~connection}$

Description

The dbSendQuery() method only submits and synchronously executes the SQL query to the database engine. It does *not* extract any records — for that you need to use the dbFetch() method, and then you must call dbClearResult() when you finish fetching the records you need. For interactive use, you should almost always prefer dbGetQuery().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorJdbcConnection,character'
dbSendQuery(conn, statement, ...)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

statement a character string containing SQL.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

Details

This method is for SELECT queries only. Some backends may support data manipulation queries through this method for compatibility reasons. However, callers are strongly encouraged to use dbSendStatement() for data manipulation statements.

The query is submitted to the database server and the DBMS executes it, possibly generating vast amounts of data. Where these data live is driver-specific: some drivers may choose to leave the output on the server and transfer them piecemeal to R, others may transfer all the data to the client - but not necessarily to the memory that R manages. See individual drivers' dbSendQuery() documentation for details.

Value

dbSendQuery() returns an S4 object that inherits from DBIResult. The result set can be used with dbFetch() to extract records. Once you have finished using a result, make sure to clear it with dbClearResult(). An error is raised when issuing a query over a closed or invalid connection, or if the query is not a non-NA string. An error is also raised if the syntax of the query is invalid and all query parameters are given (by passing the params argument) or the immediate argument is set to TRUE.

See Also

For updates: dbSendStatement() and dbExecute().

Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendStatement(), dbWriteTable()

dbSendStatement, DatabaseConnectorConnection, character-method

Execute a data manipulation statement on a given database connec-

Description

The dbSendStatement() method only submits and synchronously executes the SQL data manipulation statement (e.g., UPDATE, DELETE, INSERT INTO, DROP TABLE, ...) to the database engine. To query the number of affected rows, call dbGetRowsAffected() on the returned result object. You must also call dbClearResult() after that. For interactive use, you should almost always prefer dbExecute().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection, character'
dbSendStatement(conn, statement, ...)
```

Arguments

statement

A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect(). conn a character string containing SQL.

Other parameters passed on to methods.

Details

dbSendStatement() comes with a default implementation that simply forwards to dbSendQuery(), to support backends that only implement the latter.

Value

dbSendStatement() returns an S4 object that inherits from DBIResult. The result set can be used with dbGetRowsAffected() to determine the number of rows affected by the query. Once you have finished using a result, make sure to clear it with dbClearResult(). An error is raised when issuing a statement over a closed or invalid connection, or if the statement is not a non-NA string. An error is also raised if the syntax of the query is invalid and all query parameters are given (by passing the params argument) or the immediate argument is set to TRUE.

See Also

```
For queries: dbSendQuery() and dbGetQuery().
```

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbWriteTable()
```

```
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 an 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()
Other DBIDriver generics: DBIDriver-class, dbCanConnect(), dbConnect(), dbDataType(), dbGetInfo(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListConnections()
```

dbWriteTable,DatabaseConnectorConnection,character,data.frame-method

Copy data frames to database tables

Description

Writes, overwrites or appends a data frame to a database table, optionally converting row names to a column and specifying SQL data types for fields. New code should prefer dbCreateTable() and dbAppendTable().

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DatabaseConnectorConnection,character,data.frame'
dbWriteTable(
   conn,
   name,
   value,
   overwrite = FALSE,
   append = FALSE,
   temporary = FALSE,
   oracleTempSchema = NULL,
   ...
)
```

Arguments

conn A DBIConnection object, as returned by dbConnect().

name A character string specifying the unquoted DBMS table name, or the result of a

call to dbQuoteIdentifier().

value a data.frame (or coercible to data.frame).
overwrite Overwrite an existing table (if exists)?

append Append to existing table?

temporary Should the table created as a temp table?

oracleTempSchema

Specifically for Oracle, a schema with write privileges where temp tables can be

created.

... Other parameters passed on to methods.

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Value

dbWriteTable() returns TRUE, invisibly. If the table exists, and both append and overwrite arguments are unset, or append = TRUE and the data frame with the new data has different column names, an error is raised; the remote table remains unchanged.

An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection. An error is also raised if name cannot be processed with dbQuoteIdentifier() or if this results in a non-scalar. Invalid values for the additional arguments row.names, overwrite, append, field.types, and temporary (non-scalars, unsupported data types, NA, incompatible values, duplicate or missing names, incompatible columns) also raise an error.

See Also

```
Other DBIConnection generics: DBIConnection-class, dbAppendTable(), dbCreateTable(), dbDataType(), dbDisconnect(), dbExecute(), dbExistsTable(), dbGetException(), dbGetInfo(), dbGetQuery(), dbIsReadOnly(), dbIsValid(), dbListFields(), dbListObjects(), dbListResults(), dbListTables(), dbReadTable(), dbRemoveTable(), dbSendQuery(), dbSendStatement()
```

disconnect

Disconnect from the server

Description

Close the connection to the server.

Usage

```
disconnect(connection)
```

Arguments

connection

The connection to the database server.

Examples

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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

The type of DBMS to download Jar files for.

- "postgresql" for PostgreSQL
- "redshift" for Amazon Redshift
- "sql server" or "pdw" for Microsoft SQL Server
- · "oracle" for Oracle

pathToDriver

The full path to the folder where the JDBC driver .jar files should be downloaded to. By default the value of the environment variable "DATABASECONNEC-

TOR_JAR_FOLDER" is used.

method

The method used for downloading files. See ?download.file for details and

options.

... Further arguments passed on to download.file

Details

The following versions of the JDBC drivers are currently used:

- PostgreSQLV42.2.18
- RedShiftV1.2.27.1051
- SQL ServerV8.4.1.zip
- OracleV19.8

Value

Invisibly returns the destination if the download was successful.

Examples

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

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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 state-

ments.

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 exe-

cuted 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 batch-

ing.

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.

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Examples

getTableNames

List all tables in a database schema.

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.
```

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'. PostgreSQL and Redshift: The databaseSchema should specify the schema. Oracle: The databaseSchema should specify the Oracle 'user'. MySql and Impala: The databaseSchema should specify the database.

databaseSchema The name of the database schema. See details for platform-specific details.

Value

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

insertTable 37

insertTable Insert a table on the server

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.

Should the table created as a temp table? tempTable

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.

Show a progress bar when uploading? progressBar

camelCaseToSnakeCase

If TRUE, the data frame column names are assumed to use camelCase and are converted to snake_case before uploading.

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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

```
connectionDetails <- createConnectionDetails(dbms = "mysql",</pre>
                                               server = "localhost",
                                               user = "root",
                                               password = "blah")
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)</pre>
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",</pre>
                                               server = "localhost",
                                               user = "root",
                                               password = "blah",
                                               schema = "cdm_v5")
conn <- connect(connectionDetails)</pre>
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 39

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	How to download and use JDBC drivers for the various data plat-
	forms.

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 .Renviron file (recommended).

SQL Server, Oracle, PostgreSQL, PDW, RedShift

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.

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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").

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 Low level function for retrieving data to a data frame

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,
  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, our should they be con-

verted to R's date format?

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 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 database

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,
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

connection The connection to the database server.

query The SQL statement to retrieve the data

andromeda An open connection to a Andromeda database, for example as created using

andromeda.

 $and {\tt romedaTableName}$

The name of the table in the local Andromeda database where the results of the

query will be stored.

datesAsString Should dates be imported as character vectors, our should they be converted to

R's date format?

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 database 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 database it is replaced.

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Value

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

querySql

Retrieve data to a data.frame

Description

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

Usage

```
querySql(
  connection,
  sql,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE,
  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.

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

querySqlToAndromeda

Retrieves data to a local Andromeda database

Description

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

Usage

```
querySqlToAndromeda(
  connection,
  sql,
  andromeda,
  andromedaTableName,
  errorReportFile = file.path(getwd(), "errorReportSql.txt"),
  snakeCaseToCamelCase = FALSE,
  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 database, for example as created using

andromeda

andromedaTableName

The name of the table in the local Andromeda database 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.

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 database. 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 database it is replaced.

Value

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

Examples

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 state-

ments.

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 exe-

cuted 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

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"),
  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.

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

render Translate Query Sql To Andromed a

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"),
  integer64AsNumeric = getOption("databaseConnectorInteger64AsNumeric", default = TRUE),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

connection The connection to the database server.

sql The SQL to be send.

andromeda An open connection to a Andromeda database, for example as created using

andromeda.

andromedaTableName

The name of the table in the local Andromeda database 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-

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.

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 database will have a table added with the query results.

Examples

 $show, {\tt DatabaseConnectorConnection-method} \\ Show\ an\ Object$

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 'DatabaseConnectorConnection'
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 is 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.

```
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 is 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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