DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT

The DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT package provides an interface comprising a file system-like abstraction backed by one or more Store Providers.

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DBMS DBFS CONTENT Overview

The <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT</code> package provides an interface that connects the Oracle database to the <code>DBFS</code> client-side.

In the server, the <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT</code> package is backed by the <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_SPI</code> package, which includes descriptions but not actual implementations of DBFS stores.

See Also:

- Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for a description of DBMS DBFS CONTENT and the DBFS architecture
- Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for conceptual information about the DBMS DBFS CONTENT package

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Security Model

The DBMS DBFS CONTENT package runs under AUTHID CURRENT USER.

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants

The DBMS DBFS CONTENT package uses various types of constants.

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Path Name Constants and Types

The following constants are useful for declaring paths and item names. Paths are limited to 1024 characters and item names are limited to 256 characters.

Table 67-1 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Path Names

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
NAME_MAX	PLS_INTEGER	256	Maximum length of an absolute path name visible to clients
NAME_T	VARCHAR2 (256)	NAME_MAX	Portable alias for string that can represent component names
PATH_MAX	PLS_INTEGER	1024	Maximum length of any individual component of an absolute path name visible to clients
PATH_T	VARCHAR2(1024)	PATH_MAX	Portable alias for string that can represent path names

ContentID Constants

Stores may expose to the user a unique identifier that represents a particular path item in the store. These identifiers are limited to 128 characters.

Table 67-2 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - ContentID

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
CONTENT_ID_MAX	PLS_INTEGER	128	Maximum length of a store-specific provider-generated contentID that identifies a file-type content item
CONTENT_ID_T	RAW(128)	CONTENT_ID_MAX	Portable alias for raw buffers that can represent contentID values



Path Properties Constants

Every path name in a store is associated with a set of properties. Each property is identified by a string "name", has a string "value" (which might be \mathtt{NULL} if unset or undefined or unsupported by a specific store implementation) and a value "typecode" (a numeric discriminant for the actual type of value held in the "value" string.)

Table 67-3 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Properties

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
PROPNAME_MAX	PLS_INTEGER	32	Maximum length of a property name
PROPNAME_T	VARCHAR2(32)	PROPNAME_MAX	Portable alias for string that can represent property names
PROPVAL_MAX	PLS_INTEGER	1024	Maximum length of the string value of a property
PROPVAL_T	VARCHAR2 (1024)	PATH_MAX	Portable alias for string that can represent property values

Path Name Type Constants

Path items in a store have a item type associated with them. These types represent the kind of entry the item represents in the store.

Table 67-4 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Path Name Types

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
TYPE_FILE	PLS_INTEGER	1	A regular file storing content (a logically linear sequence of bytes accessed as a BLOB
TYPE_DIRECTORY	PLS_INTEGER	2	A container of other path name types, including file types
TYPE_LINK	PLS_INTEGER	3	A symbolic link (that is, an uninterpreted string value associated with a path name). Since symbolic links may represent path names that fall outside the scope of any given store (or even the entire aggregation of stores managed by the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface), or may not even represent path names, clients must be careful in creating symbolic links, and stores must be careful in trying to resolve these links internally.
TYPE_REFERENCE	PLS_INTEGER	4	A hard link which is always a valid path name alias to content
TYPE_SOCKET	PLS_INTEGER	5	UNIX domain socket created using socket interface defined as in socket.h with domain defined as AF_UNIX or AF_LOCAL.



Store Feature Constants

The DBFS content API allows different store providers (and different stores) to describe themselves through a *feature set* (a bitmask indicating which features they support and which ones they do not).

Table 67-5 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Store Features

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
FEATURE_FOLDERS	PLS_INTEGER	1	Set if the store supports folders (or directories) as part of hierarchical path names
FEATURE_FOIAT	PLS_INTEGER	2	Set if implicit folder operations within the store (performed as part of a client-requested operation) runs inside autonomous transactions. In general, the use of autonomous transactions is a compromise between (a) simplicity in the implementation and client-controlled transaction scope for all operations, at the cost of greatly reduced concurrency (FEATURE_FOIAT not set), versus (b) more complex implementation and smaller client-controlled transaction scope, at the benefit of greatly increased concurrency (FEATURE_FOIAT set).
FEATURE_NOWAIT	PLS_INTEGER	4	Set if the store allows nowait gets of path elements. The default behavior is to wait for row locks; if nowait gets are implemented, the get operation raises an ORA-54 exception if the path element is already locked by another transaction.
FEATURE_ACLS	PLS_INTEGER	8	Set if the store supports Access Control Lists (ACLs) and internal authorization or checking based on these ACLs. ACLs are standard properties but a store may do nothing more than store and retrieve the ACLs without interpreting them in any way.
FEATURE_LINKS	PLS_INTEGER	16	Set if the store supports symbolic links, and if certain types of symbolic links (specifically non-absolute path names) can be internally resolved by the store itself
FEATURE_LINK_DEREF	PLS_INTEGER	32	Set if the store supports symbolic links, and if certain types of symbolic links (specifically non-absolute path names) can be internally resolved by the store itself
FEATURE_REFERENCES	PLS_INTEGER	64	Set if the store supports hard links



Table 67-5 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Store Features

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
FEATURE_LOCKING	PLS_INTEGER	128	Set if the store supports user-level locks (read-only, write-only, read-write) that can be applied on various items of the store, and if the store uses these lock settings to control various types of access to the locked items. User-level locks are orthogonal to transaction locks and persist beyond the scope of any specific transaction, session, or connection — this implies that the store itself may not be able to clean up after dangling locks, and client-applications need to perform any garbage collection.
FEATURE_LOCK_HIERARC HY	PLS_INTEGER	256	Set if the store allows a user-lock to control access to the entire sub-tree under the locked path name.
FEATURE_LOCK_CONVERT	PLS_INTEGER	512	Set if the store supports upgrade or downgrade of locks from one mode to another
FEATURE_VERSIONING	PLS_INTEGER	1024	Set if the store supports at least a linear versioning and version management. Different versions of the same path name are identified by monotonic version numbers, with a versionnonqualified path name representing the latest version.
FEATURE_VERSION_PATH	PLS_INTEGER	2048	Set if the store supports a hierarchical namespace for different versions of a path name
FEATURE_SOFT_DELETES	PLS_INTEGER	4096	Set if the store supports a "soft-delete", that is, the ability to delete a path name and make it invisible to normal operations, but retain the ability to restore the path name later (as long as it has not been overwritten by a new create operation). The store also supports purging soft-deleted path names (making them truly deleted), and navigation modes that show soft-deleted items.
FEATURE_HASHING	PLS_INTEGER	8192	Set if the store automatically computes and maintains some type of a secure hash of the contents of a path name (typically a TYPE_FILE path).
FEATURE_HASH_LOOKUP	PLS_INTEGER	16384	Set if the store allows "content-based addressing", that is, the ability to locate a content item based, not on its path name, but on its content hash.



Table 67-5 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Store Features

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
FEATURE_FILTERING PLS_INTEGER 32768		Set if the store allows clients to pass a filter function (a PL/SQL function conforming to the signature below) that returns a logical boolean indicating if a given store item satisfies a selection predicate. Stores that support filtering may be able to more efficiently perform item listing, directory navigation, and deletions by embedding the filtering logic inside their implementation. If filtering is not supported, clients can retrieve more items than necessary and perform the filtering checks themselves, albeit less efficiently.	
			A filter predicate is a function with the following signature:
			function filterFunction(path IN VARCHAR2, store_name IN VARCHAR2, opcode IN INTEGER, item_type IN INTEGER, properties IN DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T, content IN BLOB) RETURN INTEGER;
			Any PL/SQL function conforming to this signature can examine the contents and properties of a store item, and determine if the item satisfies the selection criterion for the current operation. Any nonzero return value results in the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface processing the item as part of the current operation; a return value that is zero or NULL results in the item being skipped from processing.
FEATURE_SEARCHING	PLS_INTEGER	65536	Set if the store allows clients to pass a text-search filter query to locate type_file path names based on their content. Stores that support searching may use indexes to accelerate such searches; otherwise, clients need to build their own indexes, or else search a potentially larger set of items to locate the ones of interest for the current search.
FEATURE_ASOF	PLS_INTEGER	131072	Set if the store allows clients to use a flashback timestamp in query operations (non-mutating GETPATH Procedures and LIST Function).

Table 67-5 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Store Features

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
FEATURE_PROVIDER_PROPS	PLS_INTEGER	262144	Set if the store allows per-operation properties (that control the behavior of the store with regard to the current operation, as opposed to properties associated with individual items).
FEATURE_SNAPSHOTS	PLS_INTEGER	524288	Set if the store allows the use of named, read-only snapshots of its contents. It is up to the provider to implement snapshots using any suitable means (including creating immediate copies of the content, or using copy-on-write) and managing dependencies between snapshots and its parent content view.
FEATURE_CLONES	PLS_INTEGER	1048576	Set if the store allows the use of named, writable clones of its contents. It is up to the provider to implement clones using any suitable means (including creating immediate copies of the content, or using copy-on-write) and managing dependencies between clones and its parent content view.
FEATURE_LOCATOR	PLS_INTEGER	2097152	Set if the store allows direct access to file contents through a LOB locator. Stores that internally manipulate the file contents, perhaps by shredding or reassembling them in separate pieces, performing other transformations, and so on, cannot transparently give out a LOB locator to clients. The file contents of these stores should be accessed using the buffer-based interfaces.
FEATURE_CONTENT_ID	PLS_INTEGER	4194304	Set if the store allows a "pathless", contentID-based access to files (there is no notion of a directory, link, or reference in this model)
FEATURE_LAZY_PATH	PLS_INTEGER	8388608	Set if the store allows a lazy binding of a path name to file content elements that are otherwise identified by a contentID; this feature makes sense only in conjunction with FEATURE_CONTENT_ID

Lock Type Constants

Stores that support locking should implement 3 types of locks: $LOCK_READ_ONLY$, $LOCK_WRITE_ONLY$, and $LOCK_READ_WRITE$.

Table 67-6 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Lock Types

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
LOCK_READ_ONLY	PLS_INTEGER	1	Locks as read-only

Table 67-6 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Lock Types

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
LOCK_WRITE_ONLY	PLS_INTEGER	2	Locks as write-only
LOCK_READ_WRITE	PLS_INTEGER	3	Locks as read-write

Standard Property Constants

Standard properties are well-defined, mandatory properties associated with all content path names that all stores should support (in the manner described by the content interface), with some exceptions. For example, a read-only store need not implement a modification_time or creation_time.

All standard properties informally use the STD namespace, which clients and stores should avoid using.

Table 67-7 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Standard Properties

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
STD_ACCESS_TIME	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:access _time'	TYPECODE_TIMESTAMP in UTC: The time of last access of a path name's contents
STD_ACL	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:acl'	TYPECODE_VARCHAR2: The access control list (in standard ACL syntax) associated with the path name
STD_CANONICAL_PATH	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:canoni cal_path'	TYPECODE_VARCHAR2: The canonical store-specific path name of an item.
STD_CHANGE_TIME	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:change _time'	TYPECODE_TIMESTAMP in UTC: The time of last change to the metadata of a path name
STD_CHILDREN	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:childr en'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: The number of child directories/folders a directory/ folder path has (this property should be available in providers that support the FEATURE_FOLDERS feature)
STD_CONTENT_TYPE	VARCHAR2 (32)	'std:conten t_type'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: The client-supplied mime-type(s) (in standard RFC syntax) describing the (typically type_file) path name. The content type is not necessarily interpreted by the store.
STD_CREATION_TIME	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:creati on_time'	TYPECODE_TIMESTAMP in UTC: The time at which the item was created (once set, this value never changes for the lifetime of the path name)
STD_DELETED	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:delete d'	TYPECODE_NUMBER as a BOOLEAN: Set to a nonzero number if the path name has been soft-deleted but not yet purged.



Table 67-7 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Standard Properties

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
STD_GUID	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:guid'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: A store-specific unique identifier for a path name. Clients must not depend on the GUID being unique across different stores, but a given (store-name, store-specific-path name) has a stable and unique GUID for its lifetime.
STD_LENGTH	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:length	TYPECODE_NUMBER: The length of the content (BLOB) of a TYPE_FILE/ TYPE_REFERENCE path, or the length of the referent of a TYPE_LINK symbolic link. Directories do not have a well-defined length and stores are free to set this property to zero, NULL, or any other value.
STD_MODIFICATION_TI ME	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:modifi cation_time '	TYPECODE_TIMESTAMP in UTC: The time of last change to the data associated with a path name. Change to the content of a TYPE_FILE/ TYPE_REFERENCE path, the referent of the TYPE_LINK path, and addition or deletion of immediate children in a TYPE_DIRECTORY path, all constitute data changes.
STD_OWNER	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:owner'	TYPECODE_VARCHAR2: A client- supplied (or implicit) owner name for the path name. The owner name may be used (along with the current "principal") for access checks by stores that support ACLs, locking, or both.
STD_PARENT_GUID	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:parent _guid'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: A store-specific unique identifier for the parent of a path name. Clients must not depend on the GUID being unique across different stores, but a given (store-name, store-specific-path name) has a stable and unique GUID for its lifetime. STD_PARENT_GUID (path name) ==
STD_REFERENT	VARCHAR2(32)	'std:refere nt'	STD_GUID (parent (path name)) TYPECODE_VARCHAR2: The content of the symbolic link of a TYPE_LINK path; NULL otherwise. As mentioned, the STD_REFERENT can be an arbitrary string and must not necessarily be interpreted as path name by clients (or such interpretation should be done with great care).

Optional Property Constants

Optional properties are well-defined properties (not mandatory) associated with all content path names that all stores are free to support (but only in the manner described by the DBFS content API).

All optional properties informally use the ${\tt opt}$: namespace, which clients and stores should avoid using.

Table 67-8 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Optional Properties

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
OPT_HASH_TYPE	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:hash_ type'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: The type of hash provided in the opt_hash_value property; see DBMS_CRYPTO for possible options.
OPT_HASH_VALUE	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:hash_ value'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: The hash value of type OPT_HASH_TYPE describing the content of the path name.
OPT_LOCK_COUNT	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:lock_ count'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: The number of (compatible) locks placed on a path name. If different principals are allowed to place compatible (read) locks on a path, the opt_locker must specify all lockers (with repeats so that lock counts can be correctly maintained).
OPT_LOCK_DATA	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:lock_ data'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: The client- supplied user-data associated with a user-lock, uninterpreted by the store.
OPT_LOCKER	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:locke r'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: One or more implicit or client-specified principals that applied a user-lock on a path name.
OPT_LOCK_STATUS	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:lock_ status'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: One of the LOCK_READ_ONLY, LOCK_WRITE_ONLY, LOCK_READ_WRITE values describing the type of lock currently applied on a path name.
OPT_VERSION	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:versi on'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: A sequence number for linear versioning of a path name.
OPT_VERSION_PATH	VARCHAR2(32)	<pre>'opt:versi on_path'</pre>	TYPECODE_NUMBER: A version-path name for hierarchical versioning of a path name.
OPT_CONTENT_ID	VARCHAR2(32)	'opt:conte nt_id'	TYPECODE_NUMBER: A provider-generated store-specific unique contentID in the form of a string for a file content element (that may optionally not be associated with a path; see FEATURE_CONTENT_ID and FEATURE_LAZY_PATH).



Property Access Flag Constants

Content interface methods to get or set properties can use combinations of property access flags to fetch properties from different name spaces in a single interface call.

Table 67-9 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Property Access Flags

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
PROP_NONE	PLS_INTEGER	0	None: used when the client is not interested in any properties, and is invoking the content access method for other reasons (path name existence or lockability validation, data access, and so on)
PROP_STD	PLS_INTEGER	1	Mandatory: used when the client is interested in the standard properties; all standard properties are retrieved if this flag is specified.
PROP_OPT	PLS_INTEGER	2	Optional: used when the client is interested in the optional properties; all optional properties are retrieved if this flag is specified.
PROP_USR	PLS_INTEGER	3	User-defined: used when the client is interested in the user-defined properties; all user-defined properties are retrieved if this flag is specified.
PROP_ALL	PLS_INTEGER	PROP_STD + PROP_OPT + PROP_USR ;	All: an alias for the combination of all standard, optional, and user-defined properties
PROP_DATA	PLS_INTEGER	8	Content: used when the client is interested only in data access, and does not care about properties
PROP_SPC	PLS_INTEGER	16	Specific: used when the client is interested in a mix-and-match of different subsets of various property name spaces; the names of the specific properties to fetch are passed into the content interface method call as arguments, and only these property values are fetched and returned to the client. This is useful in cases where there are a very large number of properties potentially accessible, but the client is interested in only a small number of them (and knows the names of these "interesting" properties beforehand). PROP SPC is applicable only to the
			various GETPATH operations. Other operations that specify properties ignore PROP_SPC specifications.



Operation Code Constants

All of the operations in the DBFS content API are represented as abstract opcodes.

Clients can use these opcodes to directly and explicitly by invoking the CHECKACCESS Function to verify if a particular operation can be invoked by a given principal on a particular path name.

Table 67-10 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Operation Codes

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
OP_CREATE	PLS_INTEGER	1	Create a path item
OP_CREATEFILE	PLS_INTEGER	OP_CREAT E	Create a file
OP_CREATELINK	PLS_INTEGER	OP_CREAT E	Create a soft link
OP_CREATEREFERENCE	PLS_INTEGER	OP_CREAT E	Create a reference (hard link)
OP_DELETE	PLS_INTEGER	2	Soft-deletion, purge, and restore operations are all represented by OP_DELETE
OP_DELETEFILE	PLS_INTEGER	OP_DELET E	Delete a file
OP_DELETEDIRECTORY	PLS_INTEGER	OP_DELET E	Delete a directory
OP_RESTORE	PLS_INTEGER	OP_DELET E	Restore a soft-deleted path item
OP_PURGE	PLS_INTEGER	OP_DELET E	Purge a soft-deleted path item
OP_READ	PLS_INTEGER	3	Read from a path item
OP_GET	PLS_INTEGER	OP_READ	Get a path item for either read or update operations
OP_WRITE	PLS_INTEGER	4	Write a path item
OP_PUT	PLS_INTEGER	OP_WRITE	Put (write) to a path item
OP_RENAME	PLS_INTEGER	5	Rename a path item
OP_RENAMEFROM	PLS_INTEGER	OP_RENAM E	Operations performed on the source of a rename
OP_RENAMETO	PLS_INTEGER	OP_RENAM E	Operations performed on the destination of a rename
OP_SETPATH	PLS_INTEGER	OP_RENAM E	Set a path item name
OP_LIST	PLS_INTEGER	6	Perform a path listing
OP_SEARCH	PLS_INTEGER	7	Perform a search
OP_LOCK	PLS_INTEGER	8	Lock a path item
OP_UNLOCK	PLS_INTEGER	9	Unlock a path item



Table 67-10 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Constants - Operation Codes

Constant	Туре	Value	Description
OP_ACL	PLS_INTEGER	10	An implicit operation invoked during an OP_CREATE or OP_PUT that specifies a STD_ACL property; the operation tests to see if the principal is allowed to set or change the ACL of a store item
OP_STORE	PLS_INTEGER	11	A catch-all category for miscellaneous store operations that do not fall under any of the other operational interfaces

Exceptions

DBFS content API operations can raise any one of these top-level exceptions.

Table 67-11 DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Exceptions

Exception	Code	Description
PATH_EXISTS	64000	A specified path name already exists
INVALID_PARENT	64001	Parent of a specified path name does not exist
INVALID_PATH	64002	Specified path name does not exist, or is not valid
UNSUPPORTED_OPERATION	64003	An operation unsupported by a store was invoked
INVALID_ARGUMENTS	64004	An operation was invoked with invalid arguments
INVALID_ACCESS	64005	Access control checks failed for the current operation
LOCK_CONFLICT	64006	Current operation failed lock conflict check
INVALID_STORE	64007	An invalid store name was specified
INVALID_MOUNT	64008	An invalid mount point was specified
INVALID_PROVIDER	64009	An invalid provider-package was specified
READONLY_PATH	64010	A mutating operation was invoked on a read-only mount or store

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Operational Notes

This topic lists operational notes for DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT implementation, path names, and other operations.

- Implementation
- Path Names
- Other DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Operations

Implementation

Since the interconnection of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface and the provider SPI is a 1-to-many pluggable architecture, the interface uses dynamic SQL to invoke methods in the provider SPI, this can lead to runtime errors.



There are no explicit INIT or FINI methods to indicate when the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface plugs or unplugs a particular provider SPI. Provider SPIs must be willing to auto-initialize themselves at any SPI entry-point.

All operations performed by a store provider are "stateless" in that they are complete operations unto themselves. If state is necessary to be maintained for some reason, then the state must be maintained in data structures such as auxiliary tables that can be queried as needed.

Path Names

All path names used in the provider SPI are store-qualified in pair form (store_name, pathname) where the path name is rooted within the store namespace.

Stores and their providers that support contentID-based access (see FEATURE_CONTENT_ID in Table 67-5) also support a form of addressing that is not based on path names. Content items are identified by an explicit store name, a NULL path name, and possibly a contentID specified as a parameter or by way of the OPT CONTENT ID (see Table 67-8) property.

Not all operations are supported with contentID-based access, and applications should depend only on the simplest create or delete functionality being available.

This table lists other operations and provides links to related discussions.

Other DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Operations

Table 67-12 Other DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Operations

Other Operations	See
Creation	Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on creation operations
Deletion	Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on deletion operations
Get (Retrieve) and Put (Insert)	Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on Get and Put operations
Rename and Move	Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on Rename and Move operations
Directory Navigation and Search	Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on Navigation and Search operations
Locking	Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on Locking operations
Access Check	Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on Access Check operations

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Data Structures

The DBMS DBFS CONTENT package defines RECORD types and TABLE types.

RECORD Types

- FEATURE_T Record Type
- MOUNT_T Record Type
- PATH_ITEM_T Record Type



- PROP ITEM T Record Type
- PROPERTY_T Record Type
- STORE_T Record Type

TABLE Types

- FEATURES T Table Type
- MOUNTS_T Table Type
- PATH ITEMS T Table Type
- PROP_ITEMS_T Table Type
- PROPERTIES_T Table Type
- STORES T Table Type

Usage Notes

There is an approximate correspondence between <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTY_T</code> and <code>PROPERTY_T</code> — the former is a SQL object type that describes the full property tuple, while the latter is a PL/SQL record type that describes only the property value component.

Likewise, there is an approximate correspondence between <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T</code> and <code>PROPERTIES_T</code> — the former is a SQL nested table type, while the latter is a PL/SQL hash table type.

Dynamic SQL calling conventions force the use of SQL types, but PL/SQL code may be implemented more conveniently in terms of the hash-table types.

The DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface provides convenient utility functions to convert between DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T and PROPERTIES_T (see propertiesT2H and propertiesH2T).

Clients can query the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface for the list of available stores, determine which store is to handle access to a given path name, and determine the feature set for the store.

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT FEATURE_T Record Type

This type describes a store mount point and its properties.

Syntax

Fields

Table 67-13 MOUNT T Fields

Field	Description
feature_name	Name of feature
feature_mask	Value used to mask off all other bits other than this feature in the feature value



Table 67-13 (Cont.) MOUNT_T Fields

Field	Description
feature_state	$\ensuremath{^{'YES'}}$ or $\ensuremath{^{'NO'}}$ depending on whether the feature is supported on this store

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT MOUNT_T Record Type

This type describes a store mount point and its properties.

Syntax

Fields

Table 67-14 MOUNT_T Fields

Field	Description
store_name	Name of store
store_id	ID of store
provider_name	Name of the content store
provider_pkg	PL/SQL package name for the content store
provider_id	Unique identifier for the content store
provider_version	Version number for the content store
respos_features	Features supported by this content store
store_guid	Unique ID for this instance of the store
store_mount	Location at which this store instance is mounted
mount_properties	Properties for this mount point (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT PATH_ITEM_T Record Type

A PATH_ITEM_T is a tuple describing a (store, mount) qualified path in a store, with all standard and optional properties associated with it.

mount NAME T, pathname PATH T, VARCHAR2(32), pathtype BLOB, filedata std_access_time TIMESTAMP, VARCHAR2(1024), std acl TIMESTAMP, std change time std_creation_time TIMESTAMP,
std_deleted INTEGER,
std_guid INTEGEP
std_modificat' std children std_modification_time TIMESTAMP, std_owner VARCHAR2(32),
std_parent_guid INTEGER,
std_referent VARCHAR2(1024), VARCHARZ (1024) VARCHARZ (32), VARCHARZ (128), INTEGER, VARCHARZ (128), VARCHARZ (128), opt hash type opt hash value opt lock count opt lock data opt locker INTEGER, INTEGER, opt lock status opt version PATH_T,
CONTENT_ID_T); opt_version_path opt_content_id

Fields

Table 67-15 PATH_ITEM_T Fields

Field	Description
store	Name of store
mount	Location at which instance of store is mounted
pathname	Name of path to item
pathtype	Type of object path (see Table 67-4)
filedata	BLOB locator that can be used to access data in the path item
std_access_time	Time of last access of a pathname's contents
std_acl	Access Control List (in standard ACL syntax)
std_change_time	Time of last change to the metadata of a path name
std_children	Number of child directories or folders a directory or folder path (this property should be available in providers that support the feature_folders feature).
std_content_type	One or more client-supplied mime-types (in standard RFC syntax) describing the path name which is typically of type_file. The content type s not necessarily interpreted by the store.
std_creation_time	Time at which the item was created. Once set, this value remains the same for the lifetime of the path name.
std_deleted	Set to a nonzero number if the path name has been soft-deleted but not yet purged (see Table 67-5)
std_guid	Store-specific unique identifier for a path name. Clients must not depend on the GUID being unique across different stores, but a given <i>store-name</i> , <i>store-specific-pathname</i> has a stable and unique GUID for its lifetime.

Table 67-15 (Cont.) PATH_ITEM_T Fields

Field	Description
std_modification_time	Time of last change to the data associated with a path name. Changes to the content of a type_file or type_reference path, the referent of the type_link path, and addition or deletion of immediate children in a type_directory path, all constitute data changes.
std_owner	Client-supplied (or implicit) owner name for the path name
std_parent_guid	Store-specific unique identifier for the parent of a path name. Clients must not depend on the GUID being unique across different stores, but a given <i>store-name</i> , <i>store-specific-pathname</i> has a stable and unique GUID for its lifetime.
	<pre>std_parent_guid(pathname) == std_guid(parent(pathname))</pre>
std_referent	Content of the symbolic link of a type_link path, otherwise NULL. As mentioned before, the std_referent can be an arbitrary string and must not necessarily be interpreted as pathname by clients (or such interpretation should be done with great care).
opt_hash_type	Type of hash provided in the opt_hash_value property (see DBMS_CRYPTO for possible options)
opt_hash_value	Hash value of type <code>opt_hash_type</code> describing the content of the path name
opt_lock_count	Number of compatible locks placed on a path name. If different principals are allowed to place compatible (read) locks on a path, the opt_locker must specify all lockers with repeats so that lock counts can be correctly maintained.
opt_lock_data	Client-supplied user-data associated with a user-lock, uninterpreted by the store
opt_locker	One or more implicit or client-specified principals that applied a user-lock on a path name
opt_lock_status	One of the <code>lock_read_only</code> , <code>lock_write_only</code> , <code>lock_read_write</code> values describing the type of lock currently applied on a path name
opt_version	Sequence number for linear versioning of a path name
opt_version_path	Version path name for hierarchical versioning of a path name
opt_content_id	Stringified provider-generated store-specific unique contentID for a file element (that may optionally not be associated with a path (see FEATURE_CONTENT_ID and FEATURE_LAZY_PATH in Table 67-5)

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT PROP_ITEM_T Record Type

A PROP_ITEM_T is a tuple describing a (store, mount) qualified path in a store, with all user-defined properties associated with it, expanded out into individual (name, value, type) tuples.

```
TYPE prop_item_t IS RECORD (
store NAME_T,
mount NAME_T,
pathname PATH_T,
property_name PROPNAME_T,
```



Fields

Table 67-16 PROP_ITEM_T Fields

Field	Description
store	Name of store
mount	Location at which instance of store is mounted
pathname	Name of path to item
property_name	Name of the property
property_value	Value of the property
property_type	PL/SQL typecode for the property value

PROPERTY_T Record Type

This type describes a single (value, typecode) property value tuple; the property name is implied.

See PROPERTIES_T Table Type for more information.

Syntax

```
TYPE property_t IS RECORD (
   propvalue PROPVAL_T,
   typecode INTEGER);
```

Fields

Table 67-17 PROPERTY_T Fields

Field	Description
propvalue	Value of property
typecode	Typecode

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT STORE_T Record Type

This type describes a store registered with and managed by the DBMS DBFS CONTENT interface.

```
TYPE store_t IS RECORD (
store_name VARCHAR2(32),
store_id NUMBER,
provider_name VARCHAR2(32),
provider_pkg VARCHAR2(32),
provider_id NUMBER,
provider_version VARCHAR2(32),
store_features INTEGER,
store_guid NUMBER);
```



Fields

Table 67-18 STORET_T Fields

Field	Description
store_name	Name of store
store_name	ID of store
provider_name	Name of the content store
provider_pkg	PL/SQL package name for the content store
provider_id	Unique identifier for the content store
provider_version	Version number for the content store
respos_features	Features supported by this content store
store_guid	Unique ID for this instance of the store

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT FEATURES_T Table Type

A table type of FEATURE_T Record Type.

Syntax

TYPE features_t IS TABLE OF feature_t;

Related Topics

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT FEATURE_T Record Type
 This type describes a store mount point and its properties.

MOUNTS_T Table Type

A table type of MOUNT T Record Type.

Syntax

TYPE mounts t IS TABLE OF mount t;

Related Topics

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT MOUNT_T Record Type
 This type describes a store mount point and its properties.

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT PATH_ITEMS_T Table Type

A table type of PATH_ITEM_T Record Type

Syntax

TYPE path_items_t IS TABLE OF path_item_t;

Related Topics

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT PATH_ITEM_T Record Type
 A PATH_ITEM_T is a tuple describing a (store, mount) qualified path in a store, with all standard and optional properties associated with it.

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT PROP_ITEMS_T Table Type

A table type of PATH_ITEM_T Record Type.

Syntax

TYPE prop items t IS TABLE OF prop item t;

Related Topics

DBMS DBFS CONTENT PATH ITEM T Record Type

A PATH_ITEM_T is a tuple describing a (store, mount) qualified path in a store, with all standard and optional properties associated with it.

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT PROPERTIES_T Table Type

This is a name-indexed hash table of property tuples. The implicit hash-table association between the index and the value allows the client to build up the full DBMS DBFS CONTENT PROPERTY T tuples for a PROPERTIES T.

Syntax

TYPE properties t IS TABLE OF property t INDEX BY propname t;

STORES_T Table Type

This type describes a store registered with and managed by the DBMS DBFS CONTENT interface.

Syntax

TYPE stores_t IS TABLE OF store_t;

Summary of DBMS DBFS CONTENT Subprograms

This table lists and describes the subprograms used in the DBMS DBFS CONTENT Package.

Table 67-19 DBMS DBFS CONTENT Package Subprograms

Subprogram	Description
CHECKACCESS Function	Reports if the user (principal) can perform the specified operation on the given path
CHECKSPI Functions and Procedures	Checks if a user-provided package implements all of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_SPI subprograms with the proper signatures, and reports on the conformance.
CREATEDIRECTORY Procedures	Creates a directory
CREATEFILE Procedures	Creates a file
CREATELINK Procedures	Creates a new reference to the source file system element
CREATEREFERENCE Procedures	Creates a physical link to an already existing file system element
DECODEFEATURES Function	Given a feature bit set integer value, returns a <code>FEATURES_T</code> table of the feature bits as <code>FEATURE_T</code> records
DELETECONTENT Procedure	Deletes the file specified by the given contentID



Table 67-19 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Package Subprograms

Subprogram	Description
DELETEDIRECTORY Procedure	Deletes a directory
DELETEFILE Procedure	Deletes a file
FEATURENAME Function	Given a feature bit, returns a VARCHAR2 of that feature's name
FLUSHSTATS Function	Flushes DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT statistics to disk
GETDEFAULTACL Procedure	Returns the ACL parameter of the default context
GETDEFAULTASOF Procedure	Returns the asof parameter of the default context
GETTDEFAULTCONTEXT Procedure	Returns the default context
GETDEFAULTOWNER Procedure	Returns the owner parameter of the default context
GETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL Procedure	Returns the principal parameter of the default context
GETFEATURESBYMOUNT Function	Returns features of a store by mount point
GETFEATURESBYNAME Function	Returns features of a store by store name
GETFEATURESBYPATH Function	Returns features of a store by path
GETPATHBYMOUNTID Function	Returns the full absolute path name
GETPATH Procedures	Returns existing path items (such as files and directories)
GETPATHBYSTOREID Function	If the underlying GUID is found in the underlying store, returns the store-qualified path name
GETPATHNOWAIT Procedures	Implies that the operation is for an update, and, if implemented, allows providers to return an exception ($ORA-00054$) rather than wait for row locks.
GETSTOREBYMOUNT Function	Returns a store by way of its mount point
GETSTOREBYNAME Function	Returns a store by way of its name
GETSTOREBYPATH Function	Returns a store by way of its path
GETSTATS Procedure	Returns information about DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT statistics collection
GETTRACE Function	Returns whether or not <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT</code> tracing is turned on
GETVERSION Function	Returns the version of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface in a standardized format associated with a store
LIST Function	Lists the path items in the specified path meeting the specified filter and other criteria
LISTALLCONTENT Function	Lists all path items in all mounts
LISTALLPROPERTIES Function	Returns a table of all properties for all path items in all mounts
LISTMOUNTS Function	Lists all available mount points, their backing stores, and the store features
LISTSTORES Function	Lists all available stores and their features
LOCKPATH Procedure	Applies user-level locks to the given valid path name
MOUNTSTORE Procedure	Mounts a previously registered store and binds it to the mount point
NORMALIZEPATH Functions	Converts a store-specific or full-absolute path name into normalized form



Table 67-19 (Cont.) DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT Package Subprograms

Subprogram	Description
PROPANY Functions	Provides constructors that take one of a variety of types and return a PROPERTY_T
PROPERTIESH2T Function	Converts a PROPERTY_T hash to a DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T table
PROPERTIEST2H Function	Converts a DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T table to a PROPERTY_T hash
PROPNUMBER Function	Is a constructor that takes a NUMBER and returns a PROPERTY_T
PROPRAW Function	Is a constructor that takes a RAW and returns a PROPERTY_T
PROPTIMESTAMP Function	Is a constructor that takes a TIMESTAMP and returns a PROPERTY_T
PROPVARCHAR2 Function	Is a constructor that takes a VARCAHR2 and returns a PROPERTY_T
PURGEALL Procedure	Purges all soft-deleted entries matching the path and optional filter criteria
PURGEPATH Procedure	Purges any soft-deleted versions of the given path item
PUTPATH Procedures	Creates a new path item
REGISTERSTORE Procedure	Registers a new store
RENAMEPATH Procedures	Renames or moves a path
RESTOREALL Procedure	Restores all soft-deleted path items meeting the path and filter criteria
RESTOREPATH Procedure	Restores all soft-deleted path items that match the given path and filter criteria
SETDEFAULTACL Procedure	Sets the ACL parameter of the default context
SETDEFAULTASOF Procedure	Sets the "as of" parameter of the default context
SETDEFAULTCONTEXT Procedure	Sets the default context
SETDEFAULTOWNER Procedure	Sets the "owner" parameter of the default context
SETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL Procedure	Sets the "principal" parameter of the default context
SETPATH Procedures	Assigns a path name to a path item represented by contentID
SETSTATS Procedure	Enables and disables statistics collection
SETTRACE Procedure	Sets DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT tracing on or off
SPACEUSAGE Procedure	Queries file system space usage statistics
TRACE Procedure	Returns a CLOB that contains the evaluation results
TRACEENABLED Function	Determines if the current trace "severity" set by the SETTRACE Procedure is at least as high as the given trace level
UNLOCKPATH Procedure	Unlocks path items that were previously locked with the LOCKPATH Procedure
UNMOUNTSTORE Procedure	Unmounts a registered store
UNREGISTERSTORE Procedure	Unregisters a store



CHECKACCESS Function

This function reports if the user (principal) can perform the specified operation on the given path. This enables verifying the validity of an operation without attempting to perform the operation. If CHECKACCESS returns 0, then the subprogram invoked to implement that operation should fail with an error.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CHECKACCESS (
   path IN VARCHAR2,
   pathtype IN INTEGER,
   operation IN VARCHAR2,
   principal IN VARCHAR2,
   store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL)
   RETURN BOOLEAN;
```

Parameters

Table 67-20 CHECKACCESS Procedure Parameters

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Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to check for access
pathtype	Type of object path represents (see Table 67-4)
operation	Operation to be checked (see Table 67-8)
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made
store_name	Name of store

Usage Notes

Whether or not the user invokes this function, a store that supports access control internally performs these checks to guarantee security.

CHECKSPI Functions and Procedures

Given the name of a putative <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_SPI</code> conforming package, this function or procedure checks whether the package implements all of the provider subprograms with the proper signatures, and reports on the conformance.

```
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.CHECKSPI (
 package_name IN
                                VARCHAR2)
 RETURN CLOB;
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.CHECKSPI (
  schema_name IN
                               VARCHAR2,
 package_name
                 IN
                               VARCHAR2)
 return clob;
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.CHECKSPI (
  package_name IN
                               VARCHAR2,
                  IN OUT NOCOPY CLOB);
  chk
```



```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CHECKSPI (
schema_name in VARCHAR2,
package_name in VARCHAR2,
chk in out nocopy CLOB);
```

Table 67-21 CHECKSPI Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
package_name	Name of package
schema_name	Name of schema
chk	CLOB that contains the evaluation results

Usage Notes

- The functional form returns a cached temporary LOB of session duration with the results of the analysis. The caller is expected to manage the lifetime of this LOB, as needed.
- The procedural form generates the results of the analysis into the chk LOB parameter; if the value passed in is NULL, the results are written to the foreground trace file provided that DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface tracing is enabled. If neither tracing is enabled nor a valid LOB passed in, the checker does not provide any useful indication of the analysis (other than raise exceptions if it encounters a serious error).
- If schema_name is NULL, standard name resolution rules (current schema, private synonym, public synonym) are used to try and locate a suitable package to analyze.

CREATEDIRECTORY Procedures

This procedure creates a directory.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CREATEDIRECTORY (
path IN VARCHAR2,
properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T,
prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT PROP_STD,
recurse IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CREATEDIRECTORY (
path IN VARCHAR2,
properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES_T,
prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT PROP_STD,
recurse IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Table 67-22 CREATEDIRECTORY Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to the directory

Table 67-22 (Cont.) CREATEDIRECTORY Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
properties	One or more properties and their values to be set, returned, or both, depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
prop_flags	Determines which properties are set, returned, or both. Default is PROP_STD. Specify properties to be returned by setting PROP_SPC (see Table 67-9), and providing an instance of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type with properties whose values are of interest.
recurse	If 0, do not execute recursively; otherwise, recursively create the directories above the given directory
store_name	Name of store
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made

CREATEFILE Procedures

This procedure creates a file.

Syntax

Table 67-23 CREATEFILE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to the file
properties	One or more properties and their values to be set, returned, or both, depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
content	BLOB holding data with which to populate the file (optional)

Table 67-23 (Cont.) CREATEFILE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
prop_flags	Determines which properties are set, returned, or both. Default is PROP_STD. Specify properties to be returned by setting prop_spec, and providing an instance of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type with properties whose values are of interest.
store_name	Name of store
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made

CREATELINK Procedures

This procedure creates a new link element srcPath with the value of dstPath. The value of dstPath is not validated or interpreted in any way by this procedure. This is analogous to a UNIX file system symbolic link.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CREATELINK (
srcPath IN VARCHAR2,
dstPath IN VARCHAR2,
properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T,
prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT PROP_STD,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CREATELINK (
srcPath IN VARCHAR2,
dstPath IN VARCHAR2,
properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES_T,
prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT PROP_STD,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Table 67-24 CREATELINK Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
srcPath	File system entry to create.
dstPath	Value to associate with srcPath.
properties	One or more properties and their values to be set, returned depending, or both, on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
prop_flags	Determines which properties are set, returned, or both. Default is PROP_STD. Specify properties to be returned by setting prop_spec, and providing an instance of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type with properties whose values are of interest.
store_name	Name of store
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made

CREATEREFERENCE Procedures

This procedure creates a physical link, srcPath, to an already existing file system element, dstPath (such as file or directory). The resulting entry shares the same metadata structures as the value of the dstPath parameter, and so is similar to incrementing a reference count on the file system element. This is analogous to a UNIX file system hard link.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CREATEREFERENCE (
srcPath IN VARCHAR2,
dstPath IN VARCHAR2,
properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T,
prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT PROP_STD,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.CREATEREFERENCE (
srcPath IN VARCHAR2,
dstPath IN VARCHAR2,
properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES_T,
prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT PROP_STD,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-25 CREATEREFERENCE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
srcPath	File system entry to create.
dstPath	Path that is the reference to srcPath.
properties	One or more properties and their values to be set, returned, or both, depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
prop_flags	Determines which properties are set, returned. Default is PROP_STD. Specify properties to be returned by setting prop_spec, and providing an instance of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type with properties whose values are of interest.
store_name	Name of store
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made

DECODEFEATURES Function

Given a feature bit set integer value, this function returns a FEATURES_T table of the feature bits as FEATURE T records.



Table 67-26 DECODEFEATURES Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
featureSet	Feature set

Return Values

FEATURES_T Table Type

DELETECONTENT Procedure

This procedure deletes the file specified by the given contentID.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.DELETECONTENT (
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
contentID IN RAW,
filter IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
soft_delete IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-27 DELETECONTENT Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of store
contentID	Unique identifier for the file to be deleted
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied
soft_delete	If 0, execute a hard (permanent) delete. For any value other than 0, perform a soft delete (see <i>Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide</i> , Deletion Operations).
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made

DELETEDIRECTORY Procedure

This procedure deletes a directory.

If recurse is nonzero, it recursively deletes all elements of the directory. A filter, if supplied, determines which elements of the directory are deleted.

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.DELETEDIRECTORY (
path IN VARCHAR2,
filter IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
soft_delete IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT NULL,
recurse IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```



Table 67-28 DELETEDIRECTORY Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to the directory
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied
soft_delete	If 0, execute a hard (permanent) delete. For any value other than 0, perform a soft delete see <i>Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide</i> , Deletion Operations.
recurse	If 0, do not execute recursively. Otherwise, recursively delete the directories and files below the given directory.
store_name	Name of store
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made

DELETEFILE Procedure

This procedure deletes the specified file.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.DELETEFILE (
path IN VARCHAR2,
filter IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
soft_delete IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT NULL,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-29 DELETEFILE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to the file
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied
soft_delete	If 0, execute a hard (permanent) delete. For any value other than 0, perform a soft delete (see <i>Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide</i> , Deletion Operations).
store_name	Name of store
principal	File system user for whom the access check is made

FEATURENAME Function

Given a feature bit, this function returns a VARCHAR2 of that feature's name.



Table 67-30 FEATURENAME Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
featureBit	Bit representation of the feature (see Table 67-5)

Return Values

Name of the feature

FLUSHSTATS Function

This procedure flushes <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT</code> statistics to disk.

Syntax

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.FLUSHSTATS;

GETDEFAULTACL Procedure

This procedure returns the ACL parameter of the default context. This information can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETDEFAULTACL (
    acl    OUT NOCOPY    VARCHAR2);
```

Parameters

Table 67-31 GETDEFAULTACL Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
acl	ACL for all new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation

GETDEFAULTASOF Procedure

This procedure returns the "as of" parameter of the default context. This information can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETDEFAULTASOF (
  asof   OUT NOCOPY   TIMESTAMP);
```



Table 67-32 GETDEFAULTASOF Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes

GETDEFAULTCONTEXT Procedure

This procedure returns the default context. The information contained in the context can be inserted explicitly by way of arguments to the various method calls, allowing for fine-grained control over individual operations.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETDEFAULTCONTEXT (
principal OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2,
owner OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2,
acl OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2,
asof OUT NOCOPY TIMESTAMP);
```

Parameters

Table 67-33 GETDEFAULTCONTEXT Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation
owner	Owner for new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation
acl	ACL for all new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes

GETDEFAULTOWNER Procedure

This procedure returns the "owner" parameter of the default context. This information can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETDEFAULTOWNER (
   principal IN VARCHAR2);
```



Table 67-34 GETDEFAULTOWNER Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
owner	Owner for new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation

GETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL Procedure

This procedure returns the "principal" parameter of the default context. This information contained can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL (
   principal OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2);
```

Parameters

Table 67-35 GETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

GETFEATURESBYMOUNT Function

This function returns features of a store by mount point.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-36 GETFEATURESBYMOUNT Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_mount	Mount point

Return Values

A bit mask of supported features (see FEATURES_T Table Type)



GETFEATURESBYNAME Function

This function returns features of a store by store name.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-37 GETFEATURESBYNAME Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of store

Return Values

A bit mask of supported features (see FEATURES T Table Type)

GETFEATURESBYPATH Function

This function returns features of a store by path.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-38 GETFEATURESBYPATH Function Parameters

Description	
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PATH_T	
	Description PATH_T

Return Values

A bit mask of supported features (see FEATURES_T Table Type)

GETPATH Procedures

This procedure returns existing path items (such as files and directories). This includes both data and metadata (properties).

The client can request (using prop_flags) that specific properties be returned. File path names can be read either by specifying a BLOB locator using the prop_data bitmask in prop_flags (see Table 67-9) or by passing one or more RAW buffers.

When forUpdate is 0, this procedure also accepts a valid asof timestamp parameter as part of ctx that can be used by stores to implement "as of" style flashback queries. Mutating versions of the GETPATH Procedures do not support these modes of operation.

```
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.GETPATH (
       path
                                   VARCHAR2,
       properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS DBFS CONTENT PROPERTIES T,
       content OUT NOCOPY BLOB,
       item_type OUT
                                   INTEGER,
                                 INTEGER
       prop flags IN
                                               DEFAULT (PROP STD +
                                              PROP_OPT +
       asof IN TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL, forUpdate IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE, deref IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE, store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL, principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL).
                                                       PROP DATA),
                                 VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.GETPATH (
       path
               IN
                                 VARCHAR2,
       properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES T,
       content OUT NOCOPY BLOB,
       item_type OUT
                                  INTEGER,
       prop_flags IN
                                              DEFAULT (PROP STD +
                                 INTEGER
                                              PROP OPT +
                  IN
``
                                                       PROP DATA),
                            TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL,
BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
       asof
       forUpdate IN
       deref
                   IN
       store name IN
       principal IN
                                  VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETPATH (
       path IN
                                  VARCHAR2,
       properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS DBFS CONTENT PROPERTIES T,
       amount IN OUT NUMBER,
       offset IN NUMBER buffers OUT NOCOPY RAW,
                                 NUMBER,
       prop flags IN INTEGER
                                               DEFAULT (PROP STD +
                                                       PROP OPT +
                                                        PROP DATA),
       asof IN store_name IN
                               TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL,
VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
                            VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
       principal IN
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.GETPATH (
                         VARCHAR2,
       path IN
       properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES T,
       amount IN OUT offset IN
                                  NUMBER,
                                  NUMBER,
       buffers OUT NOCOPY RAW,
                                  INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP STD +
       prop flags IN
                                                        PROP OPT +
                                                        PROP DATA),
                               TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL,
             IN
       asof
       store_name IN
                                  VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
       principal IN
                                  VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.GETPATH (
       path
                                  VARCHAR2,
```



```
properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS DBFS CONTENT PROPERTIES T,
       amount IN OUT NUMBER,
offset IN NUMBER,
buffers OUT NOCOPY DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_RAW_T,
       prop_flags IN
                                  INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP_STD +
                                                        PROP OPT +
                                                         PROP DATA),
                        TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL,
VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
                                 TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL,
              IN
       asof
       store name IN
       principal IN
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETPATH (
       path IN
                                   VARCHAR2,
       properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES T,
       amount IN OUT NUMBER,
       offset IN NUMBER, buffers OUT NOCOPY DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_RAW_T,
       prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP_STD +
                                                        PROP OPT +
                                                        PROP DATA),
                             TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL,
VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
       asof IN store_name IN
       principal IN
```

Table 67-39 GETPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to path items
properties	One or more properties and their values to be returned depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
content	BLOB holding data which populates the file (optional)
item_type	Type of the path item specified (see Table 67-4)
amount	On input, number of bytes to be read. On output, number of bytes read
offset	Byte offset from which to begin reading
buffer	Buffer to which to write
buffers	Buffers to which to write
prop_flags	Determines which properties are set, returned, or both. Default is PROP_STD. Specify properties to be returned by setting prop_spec, and providing an instance of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type with properties whose values are of interest.
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes
forUpdate	Specifies that a lock should be taken to signify exclusive write access to the path item
deref	If nonzero, attempts to resolve the given path item to actual data provided it is a reference
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation



GETPATHBYMOUNTID Function

If the underlying GUID is found in the underlying store, this function returns the full absolute path name.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETPATHBYMOUNTID (
store_mount IN VARCHAR2,
guid IN INTEGER)
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

Parameters

Table 67-40 GETPATHBYMOUNTID Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_mount	Mount point in which the path item with guid resides
guid	Unique ID for the path item

Usage Notes

If the GUID is unknown, a \mathtt{NULL} value is returned. Clients are expected to handle this as appropriate.

Return Values

Path of the path item represented by GUID in store_mount

GETPATHBYSTOREID Function

If the underlying GUID is found in the underlying store, this function returns the store-qualified path name.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-41 GETPATHBYSTOREID Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of store
guid	Unique ID representing the desired path item

Usage Notes

If the GUID is unknown, a \mathtt{NULL} value is returned. Clients are expected to handle this as appropriate.

Return Values

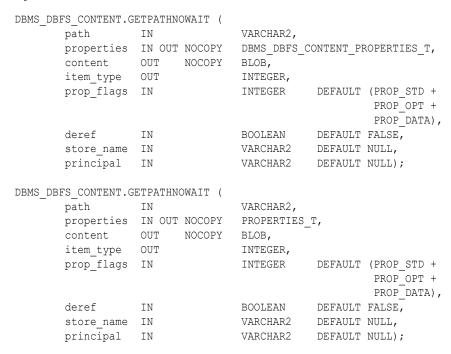
Store-qualified path name represented by the GUID

GETPATHNOWAIT Procedures

This procedure implies that the operation is for an update, and, if implemented, allows providers to return an exception (ORA-00054) rather than wait for row locks.

See FEATURE NOWAIT in Table 67-5 for more information.

Syntax



Parameters

Table 67-42 GETPATHNOWAIT Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to path items
properties	One or more properties and their values to be returned depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
content	BLOB holding data which populates the file (optional)
item_type	Type of the path item specified (see Table 67-4)
prop_flags	Determines which properties are returned. Default is PROP_STD. Specify properties to be returned by setting prop_spec, and providing an instance of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type with properties whose values are of interest.
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes

Table 67-42 (Cont.) GETPATHNOWAIT Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
deref	If nonzero, attempts to resolve the given path item to actual data provided it is a reference
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

GETSTOREBYMOUNT Function

This function returns a store by way of its name.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-43 GETSTOREBYMOUNT Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_mount	Location at which the store instance is mounted

Return Values

STORE_T Record Type

GETSTOREBYNAME Function

This function returns a store by way of its name.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-44 GETSTOREBYNAME Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of store

Return Values

STORE_T Record Type



GETSTOREBYPATH Function

This function returns a store by way of its path.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-45 GETSTOREBYPATH Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	PATH_T s

Return Values

STORE_T Record Type

GETSTATS Procedure

This procedure returns information about DBMS DBFS CONTENT statistics collection.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETSTATS (
enabled OUT BOOLEAN,
flush_time OUT INTEGER,
flush_count OUT INTEGER);
```

Parameters

Table 67-46 GETSTATS Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
enabled	Whether statistics collection is enabled
flush_time	How often to flush the statistics to disk in centiseconds
flush_count	Number of operations to allow between statistics flushes

GETTRACE Function

This function returns whether DBMS DBFS CONTENT tracing is turned on or not.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETTRACE
   RETURN INTEGER.
```

Return Values

Returns zero if tracing is off, non-zero if tracing is on.

GETVERSION Function

This function marks each version of the DBMS DBFS CONTENT interface.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.GETVERSION (
    RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

Return Values

A string enumerating the version of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT interface in standard naming convention: string: *a.b.c* corresponding to *major*, *minor*, and *patch* components.

ISPATHLOCKED Procedure

This procedure checks if any user-level locks are applied on a given path.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.ISPATHLOCKED (
path IN VARCHAR2,
who IN VARCHAR2,
lock_type IN OUT INTEGER,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-47 ISPATHLOCKED Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
who	Transaction identifier that has locked the path
lock_type	One of the available lock types (see Table 67-6)
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

LIST Function

This function lists the path items in the specified path meeting the specified filter and other criteria.

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.LIST (

path IN VARCHAR2,

filter IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,

recurse IN INTEGER DEFAULT 0,

asof IN TIMESTAMP DEFAULT NULL,

store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,

principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL)

RETURN DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_LIST_ITEMS_T PIPELINED;
```



Table 67-48 LIST Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to directories
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied
recurse	If 0, do not execute recursively. Otherwise, recursively list the contents of directories and files below the given directory.
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes
store_name	Name of repository
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

Return Values

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_LIST_ITEMS_T Table Type

LISTALLPROPERTIES Function

This function returns a table of all properties for all path items in all mounts.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.LISTALLPROPERTIES
   RETURN PROP ITEMS T PIPELINED;
```

Return Values

PROP_ITEMS_T Table Type

LISTALLCONTENT Function

This function lists all path items in all mounts.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.LISTALLCONTENT RETURN PATH_ITEMS_T PIPELINED;
```

Return Values

PATH_ITEMS_T Table Type

LISTMOUNTS Function

This function lists all available mount points, their backing stores, and the store features.

Syntax

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.LISTMOUNTS
 RETURN MOUNTS_T PIPELINED;

Return Values

MOUNTS_T Table Type

Usage Notes

A single mount results in a single returned row, with its <code>store_mount</code> field of the returned records set to <code>NULL</code>.

LISTSTORES Function

This function lists all available stores and their features.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.LISTSTORES
    RETURN STORES T PIPELINED;
```

Return Values

STORES_T Table Type

Usage Notes

The store_mount field of the returned records is set to NULL (since mount-points are separate from stores themselves).

LOCKPATH Procedure

This procedure applies user-level locks to the given valid path name (subject to store feature support), and optionally associates user-data with the lock.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.LOCKPATH (
path IN VARCHAR2,
who IN VARCHAR2,
lock_type IN INTEGER,
waitForRowLock IN INTEGER DEFAULT 1,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-49 LOCKPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description				
path	Name of path to file items				
who	Transaction identifier that has locked the path				
lock_type	One of the available lock types (see Table 67-6)				
waitForRowLock	Determines if a row is locked by a transaction or not				
store_name	Name of store				
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation				

MOUNTSTORE Procedure

This procedure mounts a previously registered store and binds it to the mount point.

Syntax

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.MOUNTSTORE (
store_mount	in	VARCHAR2	DEFAULT	NULL,
singleton	in	BOOLEAN	DEFAULT	FALSE,
principal	in	VARCHAR2	DEFAULT	NULL,
owner	in	VARCHAR2	DEFAULT	NULL,
acl	in	VARCHAR2	DEFAULT	NULL,
asof	in	TIMESTAMP	DEFAULT	NULL,
read_only	in	BOOLEAN	DEFAULT	<pre>FALSE);</pre>

Parameters

Table 67-50 MOUNTSTORE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_mount	Path name to use to mount this store
singleton	Whether the mount is a single backend store on the system
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation
owner	Owner for new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation
acl	ACL for all new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes
read_only	Whether the mount is read-only

Usage Notes



Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for information on mounting a registered store

NORMALIZEPATH Functions

This function converts a store-specific or full-absolute path name into normalized form.

It does the following:

- verifies that the path name is absolute, and so starts with "/"
- collapses multiple consecutive "/" into a single "/"
- strips trailing "/"
- breaks up a store-specific normalized path name into 2 components parent pathname, trailing component name



 breaks up a full-absolute normalized path name into 3 components - store name, parent pathname, trailing component name

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.NORMALIZEPATH (
path IN VARCHAR2,
parent OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2,
tpath OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2;

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.NORMALIZEPATH (
path IN VARCHAR2,
store_name OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2,
parent OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2,
tpath OUT NOCOPY VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2;
```

Parameters

Table 67-51 NORMALIZEPATH Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
store_name	Name of store
parent	Parent path name
tpath	Name of trailing path item

Return Values

The completely normalized store-specific or full-absolute path name

PROPANY Functions

This function provides constructors that take one of a variety of types and return a PROPERTY_T.

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.PROPANY (
val IN NUMBER)

RETURN PROPERTY_T;

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.PROPANY (
val IN VARCHAR2)

RETURN PROPERTY_T;

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.PROPANY (
val IN TIMESTAMP)

RETURN PROPERTY_T;

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.PROPANY (
val IN RAW)

RETURN PROPERTY T;
```



Table 67-52 PROPANY Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
val	Value

Return Values

PROPERTY_T Record Type

PROPERTIESH2T Function

This function converts a property_T hash to a DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T table.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-53 PROPERTIEST2H Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
sprops	A PROPERTIES_T hash

Return Values

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type

PROPERTIEST2H Function

This function converts a <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T</code> table to a <code>PROPERTY_T</code> hash.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-54 PROPERTIEST2H Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
sprops	A DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T table

Return Values

PROPERTIES_T Table Type



PROPNUMBER Function

This function is a constructor that takes a number and returns a PROPERTY_T.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-55 PROPNUMBER Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
val	Value

Return Values

PROPERTY_T Record Type

PROPRAW Function

This function is a constructor that takes a RAW and returns a PROPERTY_T.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.PROPRAW (
val IN RAW)
RETURN PROPERTY T;
```

Parameters

Table 67-56 PROPRAW Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
val	Value

Return Values

PROPERTY_T Record Type

PROPTIMESTAMP Function

This function is a constructor that takes a TIMESTAMP and returns a PROPERTY T.



Table 67-57 PROPTIMESTAMP Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
val	Value

Return Values

PROPERTY_T Record Type

PROPVARCHAR2 Function

This function is a constructor that takes a VARCHAR2 and returns a PROPERTY T.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-58 PROPNUMBER Function Parameters

Parameter	Description
val	Value

Return Values

PROPERTY_T Record Type

PURGEALL Procedure

This procedure purges all soft-deleted entries matching the path and optional filter criteria.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.PURGEALL (
path IN VARCHAR2,
filter IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-59 PURGEALL Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied based on specified criteria
store_name	Name of store

Table 67-59 (Cont.) PURGEALL Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

PURGEPATH Procedure

This procedure purges any soft-deleted versions of the given path item.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-60 PURGEPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

PUTPATH Procedures

This procedure creates a new path item.

```
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.PUTPATH (
                            VARCHAR2,
  properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T,
  content IN OUT NOCOPY BLOB,
  item_type OUT INTEGER,
prop flags IN INTEGER
  prop_flags IN
                          INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP_STD +
                                                    PROP OPT +
                                                    PROP DATA),
                         VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
  store name IN
  principal IN
                            VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.PUTPATH (
        IN
                           VARCHAR2,
  properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES T,
  content IN OUT NOCOPY BLOB,
  item type OUT
                           INTEGER,
                                      DEFAULT (PROP STD +
  prop_flags IN
                           INTEGER
                                                    PROP OPT +
                                                    PROP DATA),
                           VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
  store name IN
                                     DEFAULT NULL);
  principal IN
                            VARCHAR2
```

```
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.PUTPATH (
  path
         IN
                             VARCHAR2,
  properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS DBFS CONTENT PROPERTIES T,
  amount IN NUMBER, offset IN NUMBER, buffer IN RAW,
                           RAW,
INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP_STD +
  prop flags IN
  store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL, principal IN VARCHAR2
                                          PROP OPT),
                            VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.PUTPATH (
  path IN
                             VARCHAR2,
  properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES T,
  amount IN NUMBER,
  offset IN buffer IN
                           NUMBER,
  buffer IN RAW, prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP_STD +
                                       PROP OPT),
  store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL, principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
DBMS DBFS CONTENT.PUTPATH (
  path IN VARCHAR2,
  properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS DBFS CONTENT PROPERTIES T,
  written OUT NUMBER,

offset IN NUMBER,

buffers IN DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_RAW_T,

prop_flags IN INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP_STD +
                                         PROP OPT),
                  VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL, VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
  store name IN
  principal IN
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.PUTPATH (
  path IN
                             VARCHAR2,
  properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES_T,
  written OUT NUMBER,
                      NUMBER,

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_RAW_T,

INTEGER DEFAULT (PROP_STD +
  offset IN
  buffers IN
  prop flags IN
  store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL, principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
                                                 PROP OPT),
```

Table 67-61 PUTPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
properties	One or more properties and their values to be set depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
content	BLOB holding data which populates the file (optional)
item_type	Type of the path item specified (see Table 67-4)
amount	Number of bytes to be read

Table 67-61 (Cont.) PUTPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
offset	Byte offset from which to begin reading
buffer	Buffer to which to write
buffers	Buffers to which to write
prop_flags	Determines which properties are set. Default is PROP_STD. Specify properties to be returned by setting prop_spec, and providing an instance of the DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type with properties whose values are of interest.
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

REGISTERSTORE Procedure

This procedure registers a new store backed by a provider that uses a store provider (conforming to the DBMS DBFS CONTENT SPI package signature).

This method is to be used primarily by store providers after they have created a new store.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.REGISTERSTORE (
store_name IN VARCHAR2,
provider_name IN VARCHAR2,
provider_package IN VARCHAR2);
```

Parameters

Table 67-62 REGISTERSTORE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of store, must be unique
provider_name	Name of provider
provider_package	Store provider

RENAMEPATH Procedures

This procedure renames or moves a path. This operation can be performed across directory hierarchies and mount-points as long as it is within the same store.



See Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for Rename and Move operations

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.RENAMEPATH (
    oldPath IN VARCHAR2,
    newPath IN VARCHAR2,
    properties IN OUT NOCOPY DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T,
    store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
    principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);

DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.RENAMEPATH (
    oldPath IN VARCHAR2,
    newPath IN VARCHAR2,
    properties IN OUT NOCOPY PROPERTIES_T,
    store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
    principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-63 RENAMEPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
oldPath	Name of path prior to renaming
newPath	Name of path after renaming
properties	One or more properties and their values to be set depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
store_name	Name of store, must be unique
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

RESTOREALL Procedure

This procedure restores all soft-deleted path items meeting the path and optional filter criteria.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.RESTOREALL (
path IN VARCHAR2,
filter IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-64 RESTOREALL Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation



RESTOREPATH Procedure

This procedure restores all soft-deleted path items that match the given path and optional filter criteria.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.RESTOREPATH (
path IN VARCHAR2,
filter IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-65 RESTOREPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
filter	A filter, if any, to be applied
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

SETDEFAULTACL Procedure

This procedure sets the ACL parameter of the default context.

This information can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.SETDEFAULTACL (
    acl IN VARCHAR2);
```

Parameters

Table 67-66 SETDEFAULTACL Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
acl	ACL for all new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation

Usage Notes

- NULL by default, this parameter be can be cleared by setting it to NULL.
- The parameters, once set, remain as a default for the duration of the session, and is inherited by all operations for which the default is not explicitly overridden.



SETDEFAULTASOF Procedure

This procedure sets the "as of" parameter of the default context. This information can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.SETDEFAULTASOF (
  asof IN TIMESTAMP);
```

Parameters

Table 67-67 SETDEFAULTASOF Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes

Usage Notes

- NULL by default, this parameter be can be cleared by setting it to NULL.
- The parameters, once set, remain as a default for the duration of the session, and is inherited by all operations for which the default is not explicitly overridden.

SETDEFAULTCONTEXT Procedure

This procedure sets the default context. The information contained in the context can be inserted explicitly by way of arguments to the various method calls, allowing for fine-grained control over individual operations.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.SETDEFAULTCONTEXT (
   principal IN VARCHAR2,
   owner IN VARCHAR2,
   acl IN VARCHAR2,
   asof IN TIMESTAMP);
```

Parameters

Table 67-68 SETDEFAULTCONTEXT Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation
owner	Owner for new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation
acl	ACL for all new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation
asof	The "as of" timestamp at which the underlying read-only operation (or its read-only sub-components) executes



Usage Notes

- All of the context parameters are \mathtt{NULL} by default, and be can be cleared by setting them to \mathtt{NULL} .
- The context parameters, once set, remain as defaults for the duration of the session, and are inherited by all operations for which the defaults are not explicitly overridden.

SETDEFAULTOWNER Procedure

This procedure sets the "owner" parameter of the default context. This information can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.SETDEFAULTOWNER (
   principal IN VARCHAR2);
```

Parameters

Table 67-69 SETDEFAULTOWNER Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
owner	Owner for new elements created (implicitly or explicitly) by the current operation

Usage Notes

- NULL by default, this parameter be can be cleared by setting it to NULL.
- The parameters, once set, remain as a default for the duration of the session, and is inherited by all operations for which the default is not explicitly overridden.

SETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL Procedure

This procedure sets the "principal" parameter of the default context. This information contained can be inserted explicitly by way of argument into other method calls, allowing for a more fine-grained control.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.SETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL (
   principal IN VARCHAR2);
```

Parameters

Table 67-70 SETDEFAULTPRINCIPAL Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

Usage Notes

NULL by default, this parameter be can be cleared by setting it to NULL.



 The parameters, once set, remain as a default for the duration of the session, and is inherited by all operations for which the default is not explicitly overridden.

SETPATH Procedures

This procedure assigns a path name to a path item represented by contentID.

Stores and their providers that support contentID-based access and lazy path name binding also support the SETPATH Procedure that associates an existing contentID with a new path.



See Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for Rename and Move operations

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-71 SETPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of the store
contentID	Unique identifier for the item to be associated
path	Name of path to path item
properties	One or more properties and their values to be set depending on prop_flags (see DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT_PROPERTIES_T Table Type)
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

SETSTATS Procedure

This procedure enables and disables statistics collection.

The client can optionally control the flush settings by specifying non- \mathtt{NULL} values for the time, count or both parameters.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.SETSTATS (
enable IN BOOLEAN,
flush_time IN INTEGER,
flush_count IN INTEGER);
```

Parameters

Table 67-72 SETSTATS Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
enable	If TRUE, enable statistics collection. If FALSE, disable statistics collection.
flush_time	How often to flush the statistics to disk in centiseconds
flush_count	Number of operations to allow between statistics flushes

Usage Notes

The SETSTATS Procedure buffers statistics in-memory for a maximum of flush_time centiseconds or a maximum of flush_count operations (whichever limit is reached first), or both, at which time the buffers are implicitly flushed to disk.

SETTRACE Procedure

This procedure sets the DBMS DBFS CONTENT tracing severity to the given level, 0 being "off".

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-73 SETTRACE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
trclvl	Level of the tracing, higher values implying more tracing

SPACEUSAGE Procedure

This procedure queries file system space usage statistics.

Providers are expected to support this subprogram for their stores (and to make a best effort determination of space usage, especially if the store consists of multiple tables, indexes, LOBs, and so on).



fbytes	OUT	INTEGER,		
nfile	OUT	INTEGER,		
ndir	OUT	INTEGER,		
nlink	OUT	INTEGER,		
nref	OUT	INTEGER,		
store name	IN	VARCHAR2	DEFAULT	NULL);

Table 67-74 SPACEUSAGE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
blksize	Natural tablespace blocksize that holds the store. If multiple tablespaces with different blocksizes are used, any valid blocksize is acceptable.
tbytes	Total size of the store in bytes computed over all segments that comprise the store
fbytes	Free or unused size of the store in bytes computed over all segments that comprise the store
nfile	Number of currently available files in the store
ndir	Number of currently available directories in the store
nlink	Number of currently available links in the store
nref	Number of currently available references in the store
store_name	Name of store

Usage Notes

- A space usage query on the top-level root directory returns a combined summary of the space usage of all available distinct stores under it (if the same store is mounted multiple times, is still counted only once).
- Since database objects are dynamically expandable, it is not easy to estimate the division between "free" space and "used" space.

TRACE Procedure

This procedure outputs tracing to the current foreground trace file.

DBFS_CONTE	ENT.TRACE			
.V	IN	INTEGER,		
:g0	IN	VARCHAR2,		
g1	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g2	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g3	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
g4	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g5	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g6	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g7	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g8	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g9	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'',
:g10	IN	VARCHAR	DEFAULT	'');
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Table 67-75 TRACE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
sev	Severity at which trace message is output
msg*	One or more message strings to be output. If more than one message is specified, all are output.

Usage Notes

- Trace information is written to the foreground trace file, with varying levels of detail as specified by the trace level arguments.
- The global trace level consists of 2 components: "severity" and "detail". These can be thought of as additive bitmasks.

The "severity" allows the separation of top level as compared to low-level tracing of different components, and allows the amount of tracing to be increased as needed. There are no semantics associated with different levels, and users are free to set trace at any severity they choose, although a good rule of thumb would use severity "1" for top level API entry and exit traces, "2" for internal operations, and "3" or greater for very low-level traces.

The "detail" controls how much additional information: timestamps, short-stack, etc. is dumped along with each trace record.

TRACEENABLED Function

This function determines if the current trace "severity" set by the SETTRACE Procedure is at least as high as the given trace level.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-76 TRACEENABLED Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
sev	Severity at which trace message is output

Return Values

Returns 0 if the requested severity level is lower than the currently set trace severity level; 1 otherwise.

Related Topics

SETTRACE Procedure

This procedure sets the <code>DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT</code> tracing severity to the given level, <code>0</code> being "off".

UNLOCKPATH Procedure

This procedure unlocks path items that were previously locked with the LOCKPATH Procedure.

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.UNLOCKPATH (
path IN VARCHAR2,
who IN VARCHAR2,
waitForRowLock IN INTEGER DEFAULT 1,
store_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
principal IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

Parameters

Table 67-77 UNLOCKPATH Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
path	Name of path to file items
who	Transaction identifier that has locked the path
waitForRowLock	Determines if a row is locked by a transaction or not
store_name	Name of store
principal	Agent (principal) invoking the current operation

Related Topics

LOCKPATH Procedure

This procedure applies user-level locks to the given valid path name (subject to store feature support), and optionally associates user-data with the lock.

UNMOUNTSTORE Procedure

This procedure unmounts a registered store, either by name or by mount point.

Syntax

Parameters

Table 67-78 UNMOUNTSTORE Procedure Parameters

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Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of store
store_mount	Location at which the store instance is mounted
ignore_unknown	If $\mathtt{TRUE},$ attempts to unregister unknown stores will not raise an exception.



Usage Notes



Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for further information on unmounting a previously unmounted store

UNREGISTERSTORE Procedure

This procedure unregisters a previously registered store (invalidating all mount points associated with it).

Syntax

```
DBMS_DBFS_CONTENT.UNREGISTERSTORE (
store_name IN VARCHAR2,
ignore_unknown IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE);
```

Parameters

Table 67-79 UNREGISTERSTORE Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
store_name	Name of store
ignore_unknown	If $\mathtt{TRUE},$ attempts to unregister unknown stores will not raise an exception.

Usage Notes

- Once unregistered all access to the store (and its mount points) are not guaranteed to work
- If the ignore_unknown argument is TRUE, attempts to unregister unknown stores do not raise an exception.