

AccessPlan.prototype

(/js/AccessPlan).unnestInner

```
AccessPlan.prototype.unnestInner(  
  inputColumn as String,  
  valueColumn as String,  
  [ordinalColumn as String?]  
) as ModifyPlan
```

Summary

This function flattens an array value into multiple rows. Then performs a prototype.joinInner (/ModifyPlan.prototype.joinInner) on the rest of the rows.

Parameters	
inputColumn	The input column, which contains an array, to flatten into rows. This can be a string of the column name or an op.col (/op.col). Use op.viewCol (/op.viewCol) or op.schemaCol (/op.schemaCol) if you need to identify columns in the two views that have the same column name.
valueColumn	The output column which contains the flattened array values. This can be a string of the column name or an op.col (/op.col). Use op.viewCol (/op.viewCol) or op.schemaCol (/op.schemaCol) as needed.
ordinalColumn	The ordinalColumn is optional. If specified, an additional column will be added to the rows of flattened array values, starting from 1. This can be a string of the column name or an op.col (/op.col). Use op.viewCol (/op.viewCol) or op.schemaCol (/op.schemaCol) as needed.

Usage Notes

unnestInner is a method of the following classes:

- AccessPlan (/js/AccessPlan)
- ModifyPlan (/js/ModifyPlan)

Example

```
const op = require('/MarkLogic/optic');
const rows =
[
  {rowId: 1, desc: ['ball', 'box']},
  {rowId: 2, desc: 'square'},
  {rowId: 3, desc: null}
];
const outputCols = [
  {"column": "rowId",    "type": "integer"},
  {"column": "desc",     "type": "none", "nullable": true}
];
op.fromParam('rows', "", outputCols)
  .unnestInner('desc', 'descUnnest', 'ordinality')
  .orderBy(['rowId', 'ordinality'])
  .result('object', {"rows": rows});

/* This returns
[{"rowId":1, "desc":["ball", "box"], "descUnnest":"ball", "ordinality":1},
{"rowId":1, "desc":["ball", "box"], "descUnnest":"box", "ordinality":2},
{"rowId":2, "desc":"square", "descUnnest":"square", "ordinality":1}]
*/
```

Example

```
// Insert a template
declareUpdate();
const tde = require("/MarkLogic/tde.xqy");
const template = xdmp.toJSON(
{
  "template":{
    "context":"office",
    "rows":[
      {
        "schemaName":"unnestSchema",
        "viewName":"unnestView",
        "columns":[
          {
            "name":"department",
            "scalarType":"string",
            "val":"department",
            "nullable":true,
            "invalidValues":"ignore"
          },
          {
            "name":"teamMembers",
            "scalarType":"string",
            "val":"teamMembers",
            "nullable":true,
            "invalidValues":"ignore"
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
});
tde.templateInsert('/optic/unnest/unnestTemplate.json', template)

//insert a document
declareUpdate();
let doc = {office:[
  {department:"Engineering", teamMembers: 'Bob,Alice'},
  {department:"Sales", teamMembers:'Robert,Cindy'},
  {department:"Marketing", teamMembers:""},
  {department:"CEO-Office", teamMembers:null}
]};
xdmp.documentInsert('/optic/unnest/doc1.json', doc)

//perform a unnestInner
const op = require('/MarkLogic/optic');
op.fromView("unnestSchema","unnestView")
  .bind([
    op.as('teamMemberSequence', op.fn.tokenize(op.col('teamMembers'),''))
  ])
}
```

```
.unnestInner('teamMemberSequence','teamMember', 'ordinality')
.orderBy(['department', 'ordinality'])
.result();
```

/* This returns

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[{"unnestSchema.unnestView.department":"Engineering", "teamMemberSequence":["Bob", "Alice"], "unnestSc
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