

Guide for qjanno v1.0.0.0

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1 Background

qjanno started as a fork of the [qhs](#) software tool, which was, in turn, inspired by the CLI tool [q](#). All of them enable SQL queries on delimiter-separated text files (e.g. `.csv` or `.tsv`). For qjanno, we copied the source code of qhs v0.3.3 (MIT-License) and adjusted it to provide a smooth experience with a special kind of `.tsv` file: The Poseidon [.janno](#) file.

Unlike `trident` or `xerxes` qjanno does not have a complete understanding of the `.janno`-file structure, and (mostly) treats it like a normal `.tsv` file. It does not validate the files upon reading and takes them at face value. Still `.janno` files are given special consideration: With a set of pseudo-functions in the `FROM` field of the SQL query they can be searched recursively and loaded together into one table.

qjanno still supports most features of qhs, so it can still read `.csv` and `.tsv` files independently or in conjunction with `.janno` files (e.g. for `JOIN` operations).

2 How does this work?

On startup, qjanno creates an [SQLite \[1\]](#) database [in memory](#). It then reads the requested, structured text files and attributes each column a type (either character or numeric). With this annotation the contents of the files can be written to tables in the in-memory database. qjanno finally sends the user-provided SQL query to said database, waits for the result, parses it and returns it on the command line.

The query gets pre-parsed to extract file names and then forwarded to an SQLite database server via the Haskell

library [sqlite-simple](#). That means qjanno can parse and understand basic SQLite3 syntax, though not everything. [PRAGMA functions](#), for example, are not available. The examples below show some of the available syntax, but they are not exhaustive. Trial and error is recommended to see what does and what does not work. Please report missing functionality in our [issue board on GitHub](#).

3 Installation

See the Poseidon website (<https://www.poseidon-adna.org/#/qjanno>) or the GitHub repository (<https://github.com/poseidon-framework/qjanno>) for up-to-date installation instructions.

4 The CLI interface

This is the CLI interface of qjanno:

```
Usage: qjanno [--version] [QUERY] [-q|--queryFile FILE] [-c|--showColumns]
          [-t|--tabSep] [--sep DELIM] [--noHeader] [--raw] [--noOutHeader]
```

Command line tool to allow SQL queries on .janno (and arbitrary .csv and .tsv) files.

Available options:

<code>-h,--help</code>	Show this help text
<code>--version</code>	Show qjanno version
<code>QUERY</code>	SQLite syntax query with paths to files for table names. See the online documentation for examples. The special table name syntax 'd(path1,path2,...)' treats the paths (path1, path2, ...) as base directories where .janno files are searched recursively. All detected .janno files are merged into one table and can thus be subjected to arbitrary queries.
<code>-q,--queryFile FILE</code>	Read query from the provided file.
<code>-c,--showColumns</code>	Don't run the query, but show all available columns in the input files.
<code>-t,--tabSep</code>	Short for <code>--sep '\$\t'</code> .
<code>--sep DELIM</code>	Input file field delimiter. Will be automatically detected if it's not specified.
<code>--noHeader</code>	Does the input file have no column names? They will be filled automatically with placeholders of the form c1,c2,c3,...
<code>--raw</code>	Return the output table as tsv.
<code>--noOutHeader</code>	Remove the header line from the output.

This help can be accessed with `qjanno -h`. Running qjanno without any parameters does not work: The `QUERY` parameter is mandatory and the tool will fail with `Query cannot be empty`.

4.1 A basic example

A basic, working qjanno query could look like this:

```
$ qjanno "SELECT package_title,Poseidon_ID,Country \
        FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience)"

.------.------.------.
| package_title | Poseidon_ID | Country |
:=====:=====:=====:
| 2010_RasmussenNature | Inuk.SG | Greenland |
| 2012_MeyerScience | A_Mbuti-5.DG | Congo |
| 2012_MeyerScience | A_Yoruba-4.DG | Nigeria |
| 2012_MeyerScience | A_Sardinian-4.DG | Italy |
| 2012_MeyerScience | A_French-4.DG | France |
| 2012_MeyerScience | A_Dinka-4.DG | Sudan |
| 2012_MeyerScience | A_Ju_hoan_North-5.DG | Namibia |
'------'------'-----'
```

Running qjanno with this query triggers the following process:

1. With `d(...)` in the `FROM` field, qjanno searches recursively for package-defining `POSEIDON.yml` files in the given base directories `2010_RasmussenNature` and `2012_MeyerScience`.
2. It finds the `.yml` files and reads some of their fields, including the `title`, the `packageVersion` and the `jannoFile` path. It then selects the latest version of each package.
3. With the relevant `.janno` file paths available, qjanno reads them, appends the `package_title`, `package_version` and `source_file` columns, merges them (simple row-bind), and orders their columns.
4. It then writes the resulting `.janno` table to the SQLite database in memory.
5. Now the actual query gets executed. In this case the `SELECT` statement includes three variables (column names): `package_title`, `Poseidon_ID` and `Country`. The database server returns these three columns for the merged `.janno` table.
6. qjanno finally prints the result in a neat, human readable format to the standard output.

4.2 The .janno-crawling pseudo-functions

`d(...)` is one of four mechanisms to search and load `.janno` files in the `FROM` field of the query:

- `d(<path_to_directory1>,<path_to_directory2>,...)`: With `d()`, qjanno (recursively) searches all package-defining `POSEIDON.yml` files in all listed directories and reads them to determine the latest package version. It then reads the `.janno` files associated with these latest package versions.
- `da(<path_to_directory1>,<path_to_directory2>,...)`: `da()` behaves just as `d()`, but it does not filter for the latest package version: It loads all packaged `.janno` files.
- `j(<path_to_directory1>,<path_to_directory2>,...)`: `j()` simply searches for files with the extension `.janno` in all listed directories and loads them regardless of whether they are part of a Poseidon package or not.
- `<path_to_one_janno_file>.janno`: Specific `.janno` files can be listed individually. They are identified as such by their `.janno` extension.

Multiple of these methods can be combined as a comma-separated list. Each respective mechanism then yields a list of `.janno` file paths, and the list of lists is flattened to a simple list of paths. qjanno then reads all files in

69 this combined list, merges them and makes them available for querying in the in-memory SQLite database.
 70 !> Note that **FROM** field should not include any spaces – even in a comma-separated list. qjanno parses the **QUERY**
 71 using space as a separator.

72 4.3 CLI details

73 qjanno can not just read .janno files, but also arbitrary .csv and .tsv files. This option is triggered by providing
 74 file names (relative paths) in the **FROM** field of the query, not **d(...)**.

```
$ echo -e "Col1,Col2\nVal1,Val2\nVal3,Val4\n" > test.csv
$ qjanno "SELECT * FROM test.csv"
.----- .----- .----- .
| source_file | Col1 | Col2 |
:=====:=====:=====:
| test.csv    | Val1 | Val2 |
| test.csv    | Val3 | Val4 |
'-----'-----'-----'
```

75 With these non-.janno files qjanno automatically tries to detect the relevant separator. With **--sep** a delimiter
 76 can be specified explicitly, and the shortcut **-t** sets **--sep '\$\t'** for tab-separated files.

```
$ echo -e "Col1\tCol2\nVal1\tVal2\nVal3\tVal4\n" > test.csv
$ qjanno "SELECT * FROM test.csv" -t # -t is optional
.----- .----- .----- .
| source_file | Col1 | Col2 |
:=====:=====:=====:
| test_tab.csv | Val1 | Val2 |
| test_tab.csv | Val3 | Val4 |
'-----'-----'-----'
```

77 The **--noHeader** option allows to read files without headers, so column names. The columns are then automatically
 78 named *c1, c2, ... cN*:

```
$ echo -e "Val1,Val2\nVal3,Val4\n" > test.csv
$ qjanno "SELECT c1,c2 FROM test.csv" --noHeader
.----- .----- .
| c1 | c2 |
:=====:=====:
| Val1 | Val2 |
| Val3 | Val4 |
'-----'-----'
```

79 The remaining options concern the output: **--raw** returns the output table not in the neat, human-readable
 80 ASCII table layout, but in a simple .tsv format. **--noOutHeader** omits the header line in the output.

```
$ echo -e "Col1,Col2\nVal1,Val2\nVal3,Val4\n" > test.csv
$ qjanno "SELECT * FROM test.csv" --raw --noOutHeader
test.csv Val1 Val2
test.csv Val3 Val4
```

81 Note that these output options allow to directly prepare individual lists in trident's forgeScript selection language
 82 format:

```
$ qjanno "SELECT '<||Poseidon_ID||>' FROM d(2012_MeyerScience)" --raw --noOutHeader
<A_Mbuti-5.DG>
<A_Yoruba-4.DG>
<A_Sardinian-4.DG>
<A_French-4.DG>
<A_Dinka-4.DG>
<A_Ju_hoan_North-5.DG>
```

83 4.4 The -c/--showColumns option

84 -c/--showColumns is a special option that, when activated, makes qjanno return not the result of a given query,
 85 but an overview table with the columns available in all loaded tables/files for said query. That is helpful to get
 86 an overview what could actually be queried.

```
$ echo -e "Col1,Col2\nVal1,Val2\nVal3,Val4\n" > test.csv
$ qjanno "SELECT * FROM test.csv" -c

.------.------.------.
| Column | Path | qjanno Table name |
:=====:=====:=====:
| source_file | test.csv | test |
| Col1 | test.csv | test |
| Col2 | test.csv | test |
'-----'-----'-----'
```

87 This summary also includes the artificial, structurally cleaned table names assigned by qjanno before writing
 88 to the SQLite database. Often we can not simply use the file names as table names, because SQLite has strict
 89 naming requirements. File names or relative paths are generally invalid as table names and need to be replaced
 90 with a tidy string. These artificially generated names are mostly irrelevant from a user perspective – except a
 91 query involves multiple files, e.g. in a JOIN operation. See below for an example.

92 5 Query examples

93 The following examples show some of the functionality of the SQLite query language available through qjanno.
 94 See the [SQLite syntax documentation](#) for more details. They were prepared and tested in a clone of the Poseidon
 95 community archive.

96 Sub-setting with WHERE

97 Get all individuals (rows) in two Poseidon packages where UDG is set to 'minus'.

```
$ qjanno " \
SELECT package_title,Poseidon_ID,UDG \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
WHERE UDG = 'minus' \
"
.------.-----.
```

```
| Poseidon_ID |   UDG   |
:=====:
| Inuk.SG     | minus   |
'-----'
```

98 Get all individuals where Genetic_Sex is not 'F' **and** Country is 'Sudan'.

```
$ qjanno " \
SELECT Poseidon_ID,Country \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
WHERE Genetic_Sex <> 'F' AND Country = 'Sudan' \
"

.------.
| Poseidon_ID | Country |
:=====:
| A_Dinka-4.DG | Sudan   |
'-----'
```

99 Get all individuals where the the UDG column is not NULL **or** the Country is 'Sudan'.

```
$ qjanno " \
SELECT Poseidon_ID,Country \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
WHERE UDG IS NOT NULL OR Country = 'Sudan' \
"

.------.
| Poseidon_ID | Country |
:=====:
| Inuk.SG     | Greenland |
| A_Dinka-4.DG | Sudan   |
'-----'
```

100 Get all individuals where Nr_SNPs is equal to or bigger than 600,000.

```
$ qjanno " \
SELECT Poseidon_ID,Nr_SNPs \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
WHERE Nr_SNPs >= 600000 \
"

.------.
| Poseidon_ID | Nr_SNPs |
:=====:
| Inuk.SG     | 1101700 |
'-----'
```

101 **Ordering with ORDER BY**

102 Order all individuals by Nr_SNPs.

```
$ qjanno " \
SELECT Poseidon_ID,Nr_SNPs \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
ORDER BY Nr_SNPs \
"
```

```
.------.------.
| Poseidon_ID | Nr_SNPs |
:=====:=====:
| A_French-4.DG | 592535 |
| A_Ju_hoan_North-5.DG | 593045 |
| A_Mbuti-5.DG | 593057 |
| A_Dinka-4.DG | 593076 |
| A_Yoruba-4.DG | 593097 |
| A_Sardinian-4.DG | 593109 |
| Inuk.SG | 1101700 |
|-----|-----|
```

103 Order all individuals by Date_BC_AD_Median in a descending (DESC) order. Date_BC_AD_Median includes
104 NULL values.

```
$ qjanno " \
SELECT Poseidon_ID,Date_BC_AD_Median \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
ORDER BY Date_BC_AD_Median DESC \
"
```

```
.------.------.
| Poseidon_ID | Date_BC_AD_Median |
:=====:=====:
| Inuk.SG | -1935 |
| A_Sardinian-4.DG | |
| A_Yoruba-4.DG | |
| A_Dinka-4.DG | |
| A_Mbuti-5.DG | |
| A_Ju_hoan_North-5.DG | |
| A_French-4.DG | |
|-----|-----|
```

105 **Reducing the number of return values with LIMIT**

106 Only return the first three result individuals.

```
$ qjanno " \
SELECT Poseidon_ID,Group_Name \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
LIMIT 3 \
"
```

```
.------.------.
| Poseidon_ID | Group_Name |
```

```

:=====:=====:
| Inuk.SG      | Greenland_Saqqaq.SG      |
| A_Mbuti-5.DG | Ignore_Mbuti(discovery).DG |
| A_Yoruba-4.DG | Ignore_Yoruba(discovery).DG |
|-----|-----|

```

Combining tables with JOIN

For JOIN operations, SQLite requires table names to specify which columns are meant when combining multiple tables with overlapping column names. See the option `-c/--showColumns` to get the relevant table names as generated from the input paths.

```
$ echo -e "Poseidon_ID,MoreInfo\nInuk.SG,5\nA_French-4.DG,3\n" > test.csv
```

```
$ qjanno "SELECT * FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience)" -c
```

```

.-----|.-----.
|          Column          |          Path          |
:=====:=====:
| package_title            | d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) |
| package_version          | d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) |
| source_file              | d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) |
| Poseidon_ID              | d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) |
...

```

```

-----|.
|          qjanno Table name          |
=====:
| d2010RasmussenNature2012MeyerScience |
| d2010RasmussenNature2012MeyerScience |
| d2010RasmussenNature2012MeyerScience |
| d2010RasmussenNature2012MeyerScience |
...

```

```
$ qjanno "SELECT * FROM test.csv" -c
```

```

.-----|.-----|.-----.
|  Column  |  Path  | qjanno Table name |
:=====:=====:=====:
| source_file | test.csv | test              |
| Poseidon_ID | test.csv | test              |
...

```

Join the .janno files with the information in the test.csv file (by the Poseidon_ID column).

```

$ qjanno " \
SELECT d2010RasmussenNature2012MeyerScience.Poseidon_ID,Country,MoreInfo \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
INNER JOIN test.csv \
ON d2010RasmussenNature2012MeyerScience.Poseidon_ID = test.Poseidon_ID \
"

```



```

.------.------.------.
| Poseidon_ID | Country | MoreInfo |
:=====:=====:=====:
| Inuk.SG      | Greenland | 5        |
| A_French-4.DG | France   | 3        |
'------'------'-----'

```

112 Grouping data and applying aggregate functions

113 SQLite provides a number of aggregation functions: `avg(X)`, `count(*)`, `count(X)`, `group_concat(X)`,
 114 `group_concat(X,Y)`, `max(X)`, `min(X)`, `sum(X)`. See the documentation [here](#). These functions can be well
 115 combined with the `GROUP BY` operation.

116 Determine the minimal number of SNPs across all individuals.

```

$ qjanno "SELECT min(Nr_SNPs) AS n FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience)"
.------.
|      n      |
:=====:
| 592535      |
'-----'

```

117 Count the number of individuals per `Date_Type` group and calculate the average `Nr_SNPs` for both groups.

```

$ qjanno " \
SELECT Date_Type,count(*),avg(Nr_SNPs) \
FROM d(2010_RasmussenNature,2012_MeyerScience) \
GROUP BY Date_Type \
"
.------.------.------.
| Date_Type | count(*) | avg(Nr_SNPs) |
:=====:=====:=====:
| C14       | 1        | 1101700.0     |
| modern    | 6        | 592986.5      |
'------'------'-----'

```

118

- 119 [1] K. P. Gaffney, M. Prammer, L. Brasfield, D. R. Hipp, D. Kennedy, and J. M. Patel, “SQLite: Past, present, and future,” *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*, vol. 15, no. 12, pp. 3535–3547, Aug. 2022, doi: [10.14778/3554821.3554842](https://doi.org/10.14778/3554821.3554842).