

Practical No 11

Aim: To install and configure a database connector in Python and establish a connection to a relational database system (e.g. SQLite).

Theory:

Database connectivity allows Python programs to interact with databases — to store, retrieve, update, and manage data efficiently.

Through database connectors (like SQLite or MySQL Connector), Python can execute SQL commands directly within a program.

Python provides a built-in module called `sqlite3` that enables smooth interaction with SQLite, a lightweight, serverless, and zero-configuration relational database management system (RDBMS).

Database connectivity refers to the process of connecting an application (Python program) to a database so that the program can:

- Create and manage tables
- Insert, modify, and delete data
- Retrieve and display records

This connection acts as a **bridge** between the Python application and the database engine.

Installing and Configuring the Database Connector

- SQLite comes pre-installed with Python.
- To use it, simply import the module:

```
import sqlite3
```

Establish connection

```
conn= sqlite3.connect("college.db")
```

- If the database file doesn't exist, SQLite automatically creates it.

Creating a Cursor Object:

- A cursor object is used to execute SQL commands and fetch results. You create one from the connection object:

```
cursor = conn.cursor()
```

Executing SQL Commands:

- Execute SQL commands using the `cursor.execute()` method. This can be for creating tables, inserting data, updating, deleting, or querying.

```
# Create a table
```

```
cursor.execute("""
```

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS users (  
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,  
    name TEXT NOT NULL,  
    age INTEGER  
)  
")  
  
# Insert data  
cursor.execute("INSERT INTO users (name, age) VALUES (?, ?)", ("Alice", 30))
```

Retrieving Data:

```
cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users")  
rows = cursor.fetchall()  
for row in rows:  
    print(row)
```

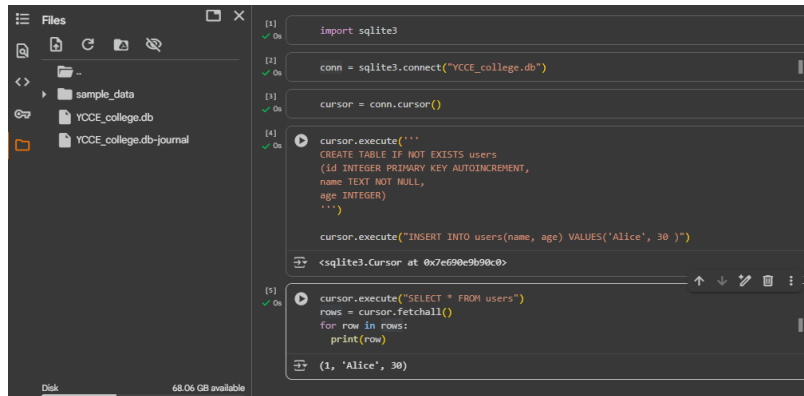
Closing the Connection:

- It's crucial to close the database connection when you're finished to release resources:

```
conn.close()
```



Output:



```
[1] ✓ 0s import sqlite3
[2] ✓ 0s conn = sqlite3.connect("VCCE_college.db")
[3] ✓ 0s cursor = conn.cursor()
[4] ✓ 0s cursor.execute("""
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age INTEGER)
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cursor.execute("INSERT INTO users(name, age) VALUES('Alice', 30)")

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[5] ✓ 0s cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM users")
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```