

DATA ENGINEERING: Data Modeling with Postgres

`psycopg2` MODULE

- psycopg2 is a PostgreSQL database adapter for the Python programming language
- Installation: pip install psycopg2
- Usage: import psycopg2

CONNECTING TO A DATABASE

 conn = psycopg2.connect("host=127.0.0.1 dbname=studentdb user=student password=student")

CREATE A CURSOR OBJECT

cur = conn.cursor()

Note: a cursor object allows execution of PostgreSQL command through Python.

CREATE TABLE

create_table = "CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS songs (song_title varchar, artist_name varchar, year int, album_name varchar, single Boolean);"

cur.execute(create_table)
conn.commit()
print("Table created successfully in PostgreSQL")

READ OPERATIONS

- Methods: fetchall(), fetchmany(), and fetchone()
- Example:

select_query = "SELECT * FROM songs"
cur.execute(select_query)
records = cur.fetchmany(5)
for record in records:
 print(record)

INSERT OPERATIONS

insert_query = "INSERT INTO customer
(customer_id, name, rewards) VALUES (%s, %s, %s)"
data = (1, "Amanda", True)
cur.execute(insert_query, data)

ON CONFLICT

- Possible actions: DO NOTHING or DO UPDATE
- Example:

INSERT INTO users (id, level) VALUES (1, 0) ON CONFLICT (id) DO UPDATE SET level = users.level + 1;

UPDATE OPERATIONS

update_query = "UPDATE vendors SET
vendor_name = %s WHERE vendor_id = %s"
new_data = ("Walmart", 2)
cur.execute(update_query, new_data)

DELETE OPERATIONS

delete_query = "DELETE FROM vendors WHERE id
= %s"
cur.execute(delete_query, (5))



SQL MODULE & JUPYTER NOTEBOOK

- Load SQL module: %load_ext sql
- Connect to a db: %sql postgresgl://localhost:5432/<db>
- Execute and return a SQL query in a list of tuples: %sql SELECT * FROM vendors;
- Return SQL query in a table with header using Jupyter cell magic: %%sql

REFERENCES

- psycopg documentation
- PostgreSQL documentation
- Python Database API <u>summary</u>.
- Python errors and exceptions documentation.

HANDLING EXCEPTION IN PYTHON

try:

cur = conn.cursor()
except psycopg2.Error as e:
 print("Error: Could not get cursor to the DB")
 print(e)

How it works:

- try statement will be executed first.
- If there is no exception, *except* statement will be skipped.
- Otherwise, execute the codes in the exception.

TIPS & TRICKS

- Naming convention:
 - SQL keywords: UPPER CASE
 - names (identifiers): lower_case_with_underscores
 - Example: UPDATE table SET name = 10;
- Use triple quotes (""" """) or backslash (\) to pass a multi-line query.
- Close db connection as soon as completing a task because connections are limited resources: conn.close()
- Set automatic commit to be true so that each action is committed without having to call conn.commit() after each command: conn.set_session(autocommit=True)