

Data Wrangling Operations in Python

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Introduction

In order to run Python in R, we need to load the `reticulate` package first. Further, unless marked as R code, all the codes below are Python codes.

```
# R code  
# load the required library to run Python in R  
library(reticulate)
```

Using Databases With Python

We import the module `sqlite3` and use the function `connect()` to create an object, `conn`, to connect to the SQLite driver to manipulate the database `University.db`. If the database `University.db` exists in your working directory, the following code chunk will remove it.

```
# this makes sure you can run this notebook multiple times without errors  
import os  
try:  
    os.remove('university.db')  
except OSError:  
    pass
```

```
# connect to the SQLite driver  
import sqlite3  
conn = sqlite3.connect('university.db')
```

Creating Tables Using Python

Now we are going to create some tables to the database `University.db`. Like before, we will create the tables using the data saved in the CSV files. We first load the CSV files into `DataFrame` in Python:

```
# creating tables using python  
import pandas as pd  
student = pd.read_csv("Course Files/Block 3/student.csv")  
course = pd.read_csv("Course Files/Block 3/course.csv")  
grade = pd.read_csv("Course Files/Block 3/grade.csv")
```

We then write record stored in DataFrames `student`, `grade` and `course` as tables to the database `University.db` using the DataFrame method `to_sql()`.

```
# write tables to the database
# 'index = False' to ensure the DataFrame row index is not written into the SQL tables
student.to_sql('Student', con = conn, index = False)
```

```
course.to_sql('Course', con = conn, index = False)
```

```
grade.to_sql('Grade', con = conn, index = False)
```

Manipulate Databases Using Python

We can manipulate databases in Python by the `execute()` and `fetchall()` methods from the `sqlite3` module which performs SQL commands. This allows us to leverage the SQL commands we have learned to manipulate the databases in Python. We first need to create a cursor object `c`:

```
# create a cursor object 'c'
c = conn.cursor()
```

After that we can execute the SQL commands we learned before using the function `execute()` and `fetchall()`. For example, if we want to get all the tables in the database, we can run:

```
# get all the tables in a database
c.execute('''
SELECT name
FROM sqlite_master
WHERE type='table'
''')
```

```
## <sqlite3.Cursor object at 0x0000000050A82260>
```

The result is not returned until we run `fetchall()`:

```
# return the result
c.fetchall()
```

```
## [('Student',), ('Course',), ('Grade',)]
```

We can see there are three tables in the database. If we want to browse the table `Student` we can run (here we display the results as pandas DataFrame):

```
# browse the contents of a table
q = c.execute("SELECT * FROM Student").fetchall()
pd.DataFrame(q)
```

```
##           0           1  2
## 0  201921323      Ava Smith  2
## 1  201832220     Ben Johnson  3
## 2  202003219   Charlie Jones  1
```

```
## 3 202045234      Dan Norris 1
## 4 201985603      Emily Wood 1
## 5 201933222      Freddie Harris 2
## 6 201875940      Grace Clarke 2
```

Note here we combine the use of `execute()` and `fetchall()` in one line.

Add a New Table

We can add a new table by running the SQL command through `execute()`:

```
# add a new table
c.execute('''
CREATE TABLE Teacher (staff_id TEXT PRIMARY KEY, name TEXT)
''')
```

```
## <sqlite3.Cursor object at 0x0000000050A82260>
```

```
conn.commit()      # save (commit) the changes
```

When we list the tables, we can see four tables.

```
# list the tables
c.execute('''
SELECT name
FROM sqlite_master
WHERE type='table'
''').fetchall()
```

```
## [('Student',), ('Course',), ('Grade',), ('Teacher',)]
```

Delete a Table

We can delete a table by running the SQL command through `execute()`:

```
# delete a table
c.execute("DROP TABLE Teacher")
```

```
## <sqlite3.Cursor object at 0x0000000050A82260>
```

```
conn.commit()
```

When we list the tables, we can see three tables.

```
# list the tables
c.execute('''
SELECT name
FROM sqlite_master
WHERE type='table'
''').fetchall()
```

```
## [('Student',), ('Course',), ('Grade',)]
```

Insert Tuples/Rows

Insert the year 1 student Harper Taylor with student ID 202029744 to Student:

```
# insert rows
c.execute("INSERT INTO Student VALUES(202029744, 'Harper Taylor', 1)")
```

```
## <sqlite3.Cursor object at 0x0000000050A82260>
```

```
conn.commit()
```

When we browse the table, we can see the new row is added.

```
# browse the table
q = c.execute("SELECT * FROM Student").fetchall()
pd.DataFrame(q)
```

```
##           0           1  2
## 0  201921323      Ava Smith  2
## 1  201832220    Ben Johnson  3
## 2  202003219  Charlie Jones  1
## 3  202045234    Dan Norris  1
## 4  201985603    Emily Wood  1
## 5  201933222  Freddie Harris  2
## 6  201875940    Grace Clarke  2
## 7  202029744  Harper Taylor  1
```