# Package 'duckdb'

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**Description** The DuckDB project is an embedded analytical data management system with support for the Structured Query Language (SQL). This package includes all of DuckDB and an R Database Interface (DBI) connector.

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## Description

This is a SQL backend for dbplyr tailored to take into account DuckDB's possibilities. This mainly follows the backend for PostgreSQL, but contains more mapped functions.

tbl\_file() is an experimental variant of dplyr::tbl() to directly access files on disk. It is safer than dplyr::tbl() because there is no risk of misinterpreting the request, and paths with special characters are supported.

tbl\_function() is an experimental variant of dplyr::tbl() to create a lazy table from a table-generating function, useful for reading nonstandard CSV files or other data sources. It is safer than dplyr::tbl() because there is no risk of misinterpreting the query. See https://duckdb.org/docs/data/overview for details on data importing functions.

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As an alternative, use dplyr::tbl(src, dplyr::sql("SELECT  $\dots$  FROM  $\dots$ ")) for custom SQL queries.

```
tbl_query() is deprecated in favor of tbl_function().
```

Use simulate\_duckdb() with lazy\_frame() to see simulated SQL without opening a DuckDB connection.

## Usage

```
tbl_file(src, path, ..., cache = FALSE)
tbl_function(src, query, ..., cache = FALSE)
tbl_query(src, query, ...)
simulate_duckdb(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

src	A duckdb connection object
path	Path to existing Parquet, CSV or JSON file
	Any parameters to be forwarded
cache	Enable object cache for Parquet files
query	SQL code, omitting the FROM clause

```
library(dplyr, warn.conflicts = FALSE)
con <- DBI::dbConnect(duckdb(), path = ":memory:")

db <- copy_to(con, data.frame(a = 1:3, b = letters[2:4]))

db %>%
    filter(a > 1) %>%
    select(b)

path <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
write.csv(data.frame(a = 1:3, b = letters[2:4]))

db_csv <- tbl_file(con, path)
db_csv %>%
    summarize(sum_a = sum(a))

db_csv_fun <- tbl_function(con, paste0("read_csv_auto('", path, "')"))
db_csv %>%
    count()

DBI::dbDisconnect(con, shutdown = TRUE)
```

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duckdb

Connect to a DuckDB database instance

## Description

duckdb() creates or reuses a database instance.

duckdb\_shutdown() shuts down a database instance.

Return an adbcdrivermanager::adbc\_driver() for use with Arrow Database Connectivity via the adbcdrivermanager package.

dbConnect() connects to a database instance.

dbDisconnect() closes a DuckDB database connection. The associated DuckDB database instance is shut down automatically, it is no longer necessary to set shutdown = TRUE or to call duckdb\_shutdown().

#### Usage

```
duckdb(
  dbdir = DBDIR_MEMORY,
  read_only = FALSE,
 bigint = "numeric",
  config = list()
)
duckdb_shutdown(drv)
duckdb_adbc()
## S4 method for signature 'duckdb_driver'
dbConnect(
  drv,
  dbdir = DBDIR_MEMORY,
  debug = getOption("duckdb.debug", FALSE),
  read_only = FALSE,
  timezone_out = "UTC",
  tz_out_convert = c("with", "force"),
  config = list(),
  bigint = "numeric"
)
## S4 method for signature 'duckdb_connection'
dbDisconnect(conn, ..., shutdown = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

dbdir

Location for database files. Should be a path to an existing directory in the file system. With the default (or ""), all data is kept in RAM.

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read\_only Set to TRUE for read-only operation. For file-based databases, this is only applied

when the database file is opened for the first time. Subsequent connections (via the same drv object or a drv object pointing to the same path) will silently

ignore this flag.

bigint How 64-bit integers should be returned. There are two options: "numeric"

and "integer64". If "numeric" is selected, bigint integers will be treated as double/numeric. If "integer64" is selected, bigint integers will be set to bit64

encoding.

config Named list with DuckDB configuration flags, see https://duckdb.org/docs/

configuration/overview#configuration-reference for the possible options. These flags are only applied when the database object is instantiated.

Subsequent connections will silently ignore these flags.

drv Object returned by duckdb()

.. Ignored

debug Print additional debug information such as queries

timezone\_out The time zone returned to R, defaults to "UTC", which is currently the only

timezone supported by duckdb. If you want to display datetime values in the

local timezone, set to Sys. timezone() or "".

tz\_out\_convert How to convert timestamp columns to the timezone specified in timezone\_out.

There are two options: "with", and "force". If "with" is chosen, the timestamp will be returned as it would appear in the specified time zone. If "force" is chosen, the timestamp will have the same clock time as the timestamp in the

database, but with the new time zone.

conn A duckdb\_connection object

shutdown Unused. The database instance is shut down automatically.

#### Value

```
duckdb() returns an object of class duckdb_driver.

dbDisconnect() and duckdb_shutdown() are called for their side effect.

An object of class "adbc_driver"

dbConnect() returns an object of class duckdb_connection.
```

```
library(adbcdrivermanager)
with_adbc(db <- adbc_database_init(duckdb_adbc()), {
   as.data.frame(read_adbc(db, "SELECT 1 as one;"))
})
drv <- duckdb()
con <- dbConnect(drv)
dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT 'Hello, world!'")
dbDisconnect(con)</pre>
```

duckdb\_get\_substrait

```
duckdb_shutdown(drv)

# Shorter:
con <- dbConnect(duckdb())
dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT 'Hello, world!'")
dbDisconnect(con, shutdown = TRUE)</pre>
```

## Description

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DuckDB EXPLAIN query tree

duckdb\_get\_substrait Get the Substrait plan for a SQL query Transforms a SQL query into a raw vector containing the serialized Substrait query blob

### **Description**

Get the Substrait plan for a SQL query Transforms a SQL query into a raw vector containing the serialized Substrait query blob

### Usage

```
duckdb_get_substrait(conn, query, enable_optimizer = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

conn A DuckDB connection, created by dbConnect().

query The query string in SQL

enable\_optimizer

Optional parameter to enable/disable query-optimizer. By default optimizer is enabled.

## Value

A raw vector containing the substrait protobuf blob

```
duckdb_get_substrait_json
```

Get the Substrait plan for a SQL query in the JSON format Transforms a SQL query into a vector containing the serialized Substrait query JSON

## Description

Get the Substrait plan for a SQL query in the JSON format Transforms a SQL query into a vector containing the serialized Substrait query JSON

## Usage

```
duckdb_get_substrait_json(conn, query, enable_optimizer = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

conn A DuckDB connection, created by dbConnect().

query The query string in SQL

enable\_optimizer

Optional parameter to enable/disable query-optimizer. By default optimizer is enabled.

#### Value

A vector containing the substrait protobuf JSON

```
duckdb_prepare_substrait
```

Query DuckDB using Substrait Method for interpreting a Substrait BLOB plan as a DuckDB Query Plan It interprets and executes the query.

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#### Usage

```
duckdb_prepare_substrait(conn, query, arrow = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

conn A DuckDB connection, created by dbConnect().

query The Protobuf-encoded Substrait Query Plan. Qack!

arrow Whether the result should be in Arrow format

#### Value

A DuckDB Query Result

duckdb\_prepare\_substrait\_json

Query DuckDB using Substrait Method for interpreting a Substrait JSON plan as a DuckDB Query Plan It interprets and executes the

query.

## Description

Query DuckDB using Substrait Method for interpreting a Substrait JSON plan as a DuckDB Query Plan It interprets and executes the query.

## Usage

```
duckdb_prepare_substrait_json(conn, json, arrow = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

conn A DuckDB connection, created by dbConnect().

json The Json Query Plan. Qack!

arrow Whether the result should be in Arrow format

### Value

A DuckDB Query Result

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duckdb\_read\_csv Reads a CSV file into DuckDB

## Description

Directly reads a CSV file into DuckDB, tries to detect and create the correct schema for it. This usually is much faster than reading the data into R and writing it to DuckDB.

## Usage

```
duckdb_read_csv(
  conn,
 name,
 files,
  . . . ,
 header = TRUE,
 na.strings = "",
 nrow.check = 500,
 delim = ",",
 quote = "\"",
 col.names = NULL,
  col.types = NULL,
 lower.case.names = FALSE,
  sep = delim,
  transaction = TRUE,
  temporary = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

conn	A DuckDB connection, created by dbConnect().
name	The name for the virtual table that is registered or unregistered
files	One or more CSV file names, should all have the same structure though
	Reserved for future extensions, must be empty.
header	Whether or not the CSV files have a separate header in the first line
na.strings	Which strings in the CSV files should be considered to be NULL
nrow.check	How many rows should be read from the CSV file to figure out data types
delim	Which field separator should be used
quote	Which quote character is used for columns in the CSV file
col.names	Override the detected or generated column names
col.types	Character vector of column types in the same order as col.names, or a named character vector where names are column names and types pairs. Valid types are <a href="DuckDB">DuckDB</a> data types, e.g. VARCHAR, DOUBLE, DATE, BIGINT, BOOLEAN, etc.

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lower.case.names

Transform column names to lower case

sep Alias for delim for compatibility

transaction Should a transaction be used for the entire operation

temporary Set to TRUE to create a temporary table

#### **Details**

If the table already exists in the database, the csv is appended to it. Otherwise the table is created.

#### Value

The number of rows in the resulted table, invisibly.

```
con <- dbConnect(duckdb())</pre>
data <- data.frame(a = 1:3, b = letters[1:3])
path <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")</pre>
write.csv(data, path, row.names = FALSE)
duckdb_read_csv(con, "data", path)
dbReadTable(con, "data")
dbDisconnect(con)
# Providing data types for columns
path <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")</pre>
write.csv(iris, path, row.names = FALSE)
con <- dbConnect(duckdb())</pre>
duckdb_read_csv(con, "iris", path,
  col.types = c(
    Sepal.Length = "DOUBLE",
    Sepal.Width = "DOUBLE",
    Petal.Length = "DOUBLE",
    Petal.Width = "DOUBLE",
    Species = "VARCHAR"
  )
)
dbReadTable(con, "iris")
dbDisconnect(con)
```

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duckdb_register Register a data frame as a virtual table
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### **Description**

duckdb\_register() registers a data frame as a virtual table (view) in a DuckDB connection. No data is copied.

## Usage

```
duckdb_register(conn, name, df, overwrite = FALSE, experimental = FALSE)
duckdb_unregister(conn, name)
```

#### **Arguments**

conn A DuckDB connection, created by dbConnect().

name The name for the virtual table that is registered or unregistered

df A data.frame with the data for the virtual table overwrite Should an existing registration be overwritten?

experimental Enable experimental optimizations

#### **Details**

duckdb\_unregister() unregisters a previously registered data frame.

## Value

These functions are called for their side effect.

```
con <- dbConnect(duckdb())

data <- data.frame(a = 1:3, b = letters[1:3])

duckdb_register(con, "data", data)
dbReadTable(con, "data")

duckdb_unregister(con, "data")

dbDisconnect(con)</pre>
```

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duckdb\_register\_arrow Register an Arrow data source as a virtual table

## **Description**

duckdb\_register\_arrow() registers an Arrow data source as a virtual table (view) in a DuckDB connection. No data is copied.

#### Usage

```
duckdb_register_arrow(conn, name, arrow_scannable, use_async = NULL)
duckdb_unregister_arrow(conn, name)
duckdb_list_arrow(conn)
```

## **Arguments**

conn A DuckDB connection, created by dbConnect().

name The name for the virtual table that is registered or unregistered

arrow\_scannable

A scannable Arrow-object

use\_async Switched to the asynchronous scanner. (deprecated)

#### **Details**

duckdb\_unregister\_arrow() unregisters a previously registered data frame.

### Value

These functions are called for their side effect.

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