

# Package ‘qryflow’

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| collapse_sql_lines | <i>Collapse SQL lines into single character</i> |
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**Description**

A thin wrapper around paste0(x, collapse = '\\n') to standardize the way qryflow collapses SQL lines.

**Usage**

```
collapse_sql_lines(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      character vector of SQL lines

**Value**

a character vector of length 1

**Examples**

```
path <- example_sql_path()

lines <- read_sql_lines(path)

sql <- collapse_sql_lines(lines)
```

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| example_db_connect | Create an example in-memory database |
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**Description**

This function creates a connection to an in-memory SQLite database, with the option to add a table to the database. This function is intended to facilitate examples, vignettes, and package tests.

**Usage**

```
example_db_connect(df = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df                      Optional data.frame to add to the database.

**Value**

connection from [DBI::dbConnect\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
con <- example_db_connect(mtcars)

x <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM mtcars;")

head(x)

DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
```

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| example_sql_path | Get path to qryflow example SQL scripts |
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**Description**

qryflow provides example SQL scripts in its inst/sql directory. Use this function to retrieve the path to an example script. This function is intended to facilitate examples, vignettes, and package tests.

**Usage**

```
example_sql_path(path = "mtcars.sql")
```

**Arguments**

path                      filename of the example script.

**Value**

path to example SQL script

**Examples**

```
path <- example_sql_path("mtcars.sql")
file.exists(path)
```

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| extract_all_tags | <i>Extract tagged metadata from a SQL chunk</i> |
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**Description**

extract\_all\_tags() scans SQL for specially formatted comment tags (e.g., -- @tag: value) and returns them as a named list. This is exported with the intent to be useful for users extending qryflow. It's typically used against a single SQL chunk, such as one parsed from a .sql file.

Additional helpers like extract\_tag(), extract\_name(), and extract\_type() provide convenient access to specific tag values. subset\_tags() lets you filter or exclude tags by name.

**Usage**

```
extract_all_tags(text, tag_pattern = "^\\s*--\\s*@([^:]+):\\s*(.*)$")
extract_tag(text, tag)
extract_name(text)
extract_type(text)
subset_tags(tags, keep, negate = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| text        | A character vector of SQL lines or a file path to a SQL script.                         |
| tag_pattern | A regular expression for extracting tags. Defaults to lines in the form -- @tag: value. |
| tag         | A character string naming the tag to extract (used in extract_tag()).                   |
| tags        | A named list of tags, typically from extract_all_tags(). Used in subset_tags().         |
| keep        | A character vector of tag names to keep or exclude in subset_tags().                    |
| negate      | Logical; if TRUE, subset_tags() returns all tags except those listed in keep.           |

## Details

The formal type of a qryflow SQL chunk is determined by `extract_type()` using a prioritized approach:

1. If the chunk includes an explicit `-- @type:` tag, its value is used directly as the chunk type.
2. If the `@type:` tag is absent, qryflow searches for other tags (e.g., `@query:`, `@exec:`) that correspond to registered chunk types through `ls_qryflow_types()`. The first matching tag found defines the chunk type.
3. If neither an explicit `@type:` tag nor any recognized tag is present, the chunk type falls back to the default type returned by `qryflow_default_type()`.

## Value

- `extract_all_tags()`: A named list of all tags found in the SQL chunk.
- `extract_tag()`, `extract_name()`, `extract_type()`: A single tag value (character or NULL).
- `subset_tags()`: A filtered named list of tags or NULL if none remain.

## See Also

`qryflow_parse()`, `ls_qryflow_types()`, `qryflow_default_type()`

## Examples

```
filepath <- example_sql_path('mtcars.sql')
parsed <- qryflow_parse(filepath)

chunk <- parsed$chunks[[1]]
tags <- extract_all_tags(chunk$sql)

extract_name(chunk$sql)
extract_type(chunk$sql)
subset_tags(tags, keep = c("query"))
```

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is\_tag\_line

*Detect the presence of a properly structured tagline*


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## Description

Checks whether a specially structured comment line is formatted in the way that qryflow expects.

## Usage

```
is_tag_line(line)
```

## Arguments

`line`                      A character vector to check. It is a vectorized function.

**Details**

Tag lines should look like this: `-- @key: value`

- Begins with an inline comment (`--`)
- An `@` precedes a tag type (e.g., `type`, `name`, `query`, `exec`) and is followed by a colon (`:`)
- A value is provided

**Value**

Logical. Indicating whether each line matches tag specification.

**Examples**

```
a <- "-- @query: df_mtcars"
b <- "-- @exec: prep_tbl"
c <- "-- @type: query"

lines <- c(a, b, c)

is_tag_line(lines)
```

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| ls_qryflow_handlers | <i>List currently registered chunk types</i> |
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**Description**

Helper function to access the names of the currently registered chunk types. Functions available for accessing just the parsers or just the handlers.

**Usage**

```
ls_qryflow_handlers()

ls_qryflow_parsers()

ls_qryflow_types()
```

**Details**

`ls_qryflow_types` is implemented to return the union of the results of `ls_qryflow_parsers` and `ls_qryflow_handlers`. It's expected that both a parser and a handler exist for each type. If this assumption is violated, the `ls_qryflow_types` may suggest otherwise.

**Value**

Character vector of registered chunk types

## Examples

```
ls_qryflow_types()
```

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|-------------------|---|
| new_qryflow_chunk | Create an instance of the qryflow_chunk class |
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## Description

Create an instance of the qryflow\_chunk class

## Usage

```
new_qryflow_chunk(  
  type = character(),  
  name = character(),  
  sql = character(),  
  tags = NULL,  
  results = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| type    | Character indicating the type of chunk (e.g., "query", "exec") |
| name    | Name of the chunk  |
| sql     | SQL statement associated with chunk                            |
| tags    | Optional, additional tags included in chunk                    |
| results | Optional, filled in after chunk execution                      |

## Details

Exported for users intending to extend qryflow. Subsequent processes rely on the structure of a qryflow\_chunk.

## Value

An list-like object of class qryflow\_chunk

## Examples

```
chunk <- new_qryflow_chunk("query", "df_name", "SELECT * FROM mtcars;")
```

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qryflow

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*Run a multi-step SQL workflow and return query results*


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### Description

qryflow() is the main entry point to the qryflow package. It executes a SQL workflow defined in a tagged .sql script or character string and returns query results as R objects.

The SQL script can contain multiple steps tagged with @query or @exec. Query results are captured and returned as a named list, where names correspond to the @query tags.

### Usage

```
qryflow(sql, con, ..., simplify = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| sql      | A file path to a .sql workflow or a character string containing SQL code.                     |
| con      | A database connection from <code>DBI::dbConnect()</code>                                      |
| ...      | Additional arguments passed to <code>qryflow_run()</code> or <code>qryflow_results()</code> . |
| simplify | Logical; if TRUE (default), a list of length 1 is simplified to the single result object.     |

### Details

This is a wrapper around the combination of `qryflow_run()`, which always provides a list of results and metadata, and `qryflow_results()`, which filters the output of `qryflow_run()` to only include the results of the SQL.

### Value

A named list of query results, or a single result if `simplify = TRUE` and only one chunk exists.

### See Also

`qryflow_run()`, `qryflow_results()`

### Examples

```
con <- example_db_connect(mtcars)

filepath <- example_sql_path("mtcars.sql")

results <- qryflow(filepath, con)

head(results$df_mtcars)

DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
```



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qryflow\_default\_type     *Access the default qryflow chunk type*

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### Description

Retrieves the value from the option `qryflow.default.type`, if set. Otherwise returns "query", which is the officially supported default type. If any value is supplied to the function, it returns that value.

### Usage

```
qryflow_default_type(type = getOption("qryflow.default.type", "query"))
```

### Arguments

`type`                      Optional. The type you want to return.

### Value

Character. If set, result from `qryflow.default.type` option, otherwise "query" or value passed to `type`

### Examples

```
x <- getOption("qryflow.default.type", "query")

y <- qryflow_default_type()

identical(x, y)
```

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qryflow\_execute             *Execute a parsed qryflow SQL workflow*

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### Description

`qryflow_execute()` takes a parsed workflow object (as returned by [qryflow\\_parse\(\)](#)), executes each chunk (e.g., @query, @exec), and collects the results and timing metadata.

This function is used internally by [qryflow\\_run\(\)](#), but can be called directly in concert with [qryflow\\_parse\(\)](#) if you want to manually control parsing and execution.

### Usage

```
qryflow_execute(x, con, ..., source = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | A parsed qryflow workflow object, typically created by <code>qryflow_parse()</code> |
| con    | A database connection from <code>DBI::dbConnect()</code>                            |
| ...    | Reserved for future use.  |
| source | Optional; a character string indicating the source SQL to include in metadata.      |

**Value**

An object of class `qryflow_result`, containing executed chunks with results and a meta field that includes timing and source information.

**See Also**

`qryflow_run()`, `qryflow_parse()`

**Examples**

```
con <- example_db_connect(mtcars)

filepath <- example_sql_path("mtcars.sql")

parsed <- qryflow_parse(filepath)

executed <- qryflow_execute(parsed, con, source = filepath)

DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
```

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`qryflow_handler_exists`

*Check existence of a given handler in the registry*

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**Description**

Checks whether the specified handler exists in the handler registry environment.

**Usage**

```
qryflow_handler_exists(type)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| type | chunk type to check (e.g., "query", "exec") |
|------|---|

**Value**

Logical. Does type exist in the handler registry?

**See Also**

[qryflow\\_parser\\_exists\(\)](#) for the parser equivalent.

**Examples**

```
qryflow_handler_exists("query")
```

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| qryflow_parse | <i>Parse a SQL workflow into tagged chunks</i> |
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**Description**

`qryflow_parse()` reads a SQL workflow file or character vector and parses it into discrete tagged chunks based on `@query`, `@exec`, and other custom markers.

**Usage**

```
qryflow_parse(sql)
```

**Arguments**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| sql | A file path to a SQL workflow file, or a character vector containing SQL lines. |
|-----|---|

**Details**

This function is used internally by [qryflow\\_run\(\)](#), but can also be used directly to preprocess or inspect the structure of a SQL workflow.

**Value**

An object of class `qryflow_workflow`, which is a structured list of SQL chunks and metadata.

**See Also**

[qryflow\(\)](#), [qryflow\\_run\(\)](#), [qryflow\\_execute\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
filepath <- example_sql_path("mtcars.sql")  
  
parsed <- qryflow_parse(filepath)
```

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>qryflow_parser_exists</code> | <i>Check existence of a given parser in the registry</i> |
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**Description**

Checks whether the specified parser exists in the parser registry environment.

**Usage**

```
qryflow_parser_exists(type)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <code>type</code> | chunk type to check (e.g., "query", "exec") |
|-------------------|---|

**Value**

Logical. Does type exist in the parser registry?

**See Also**

[qryflow\\_handler\\_exists\(\)](#) for the handler equivalent.

**Examples**

```
qryflow_parser_exists("query")
```

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|------------------------------|---|
| <code>qryflow_results</code> | <i>Extract results from a qryflow_workflow object</i> |
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**Description**

`qryflow_results()` retrieves the query results from a list returned by [qryflow\\_run\(\)](#), typically one that includes parsed and executed SQL chunks.

**Usage**

```
qryflow_results(x, ..., simplify = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>        | Results from <a href="#">qryflow_run()</a> , usually containing a mixture of <code>qryflow_chunk</code> objects.  |
| <code>...</code>      | Reserved for future use.  |
| <code>simplify</code> | Logical; if TRUE, simplifies the result to a single object if only one query chunk is present. Defaults to FALSE. |

**Value**

A named list of query results, or a single result object if `simplify = TRUE` and only one result is present.

**See Also**

[qryflow\(\)](#), [qryflow\\_run\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
con <- example_db_connect(mtcars)

filepath <- example_sql_path("mtcars.sql")

obj <- qryflow_run(filepath, con)

results <- qryflow_results(obj)

DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
```

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qryflow\_run

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*Parse and execute a tagged SQL workflow*


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**Description**

`qryflow_run()` reads a SQL workflow from a file path or character string, parses it into tagged statements, and executes those statements against a database connection.

This function is typically used internally by [qryflow\(\)](#), but can also be called directly for more control over workflow execution.

**Usage**

```
qryflow_run(sql, con, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <code>sql</code> | A character string representing either the path to a .sql file or raw SQL content. |
| <code>con</code> | A database connection from <a href="#">DBI::dbConnect()</a>                        |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">qryflow_execute()</a> .                 |

**Value**

A list representing the evaluated workflow, containing query results, execution metadata, or both, depending on the contents of the SQL script.

**See Also**

[qryflow\(\)](#), [qryflow\\_results\(\)](#), [qryflow\\_execute\(\)](#), [qryflow\\_parse\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

con <- example_db_connect(mtcars)

filepath <- example_sql_path("mtcars.sql")

obj <- qryflow_run(filepath, con)

obj$df_mtcars$sql
obj$df_mtcars$results

results <- qryflow_results(obj)

head(results$df_mtcars$results)

DBI::dbDisconnect(con)

```

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| read_sql_lines | <i>Standardizes lines read from string, character vector, or file</i> |
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**Description**

This is a generic function to ensure lines read from a file, a single character vector, or already parsed lines return the same format. This helps avoid re-reading entire texts by enabling already read lines to pass easily.

This is useful for folks who may want to extend qryflow.

**Usage**

```
read_sql_lines(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a filepath or character vector containing SQL

**Value**

A `qryflow_sql` object (inherits from character) with a length equal to the number of lines read

**Examples**

```

# From a file #####
path <- example_sql_path()
read_sql_lines(path)

# From a single string #####
sql <- "SELECT *
FROM mtcars;"
read_sql_lines(sql)

```

```
# From a character #####
lines <- c("SELECT *", "FROM mtcars;")
read_sql_lines(lines)
```

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register\_qryflow\_type *Register custom chunk types*

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## Description

Use these functions to register the parsers and handlers associated with custom types. `register_qryflow_type` is a wrapper around both `register_qryflow_parser` and `register_qryflow_handler`.

## Usage

```
register_qryflow_type(type, parser, handler, overwrite = FALSE)

register_qryflow_parser(type, parser, overwrite = FALSE)

register_qryflow_handler(type, handler, overwrite = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>type</code>      | Character indicating the chunk type (e.g., "exec", "query")   |
| <code>parser</code>    | A function to parse the SQL associated with the type. Must accept arguments "x" and "..." and return a <code>qryflow_chunk</code> object. |
| <code>handler</code>   | A function to execute the SQL associated with the type. Must accept arguments "chunk", "con", and "...".                                  |
| <code>overwrite</code> | Logical. Overwrite existing parser and handler, if exists?  |

## Details

To avoid manually registering your custom type each session, consider adding the registration code to your `.Rprofile` or creating a package that leverages `.onLoad()`

## Value

Logical. Indicating whether types were successfully registered.

## Examples

```
# Create custom parser #####
custom_parser <- function(x, ...){
  # Custom parsing code will go here

  # new_qryflow_chunk(type = "custom", name = name, sql = sql_txt, tags = tags)
}

# Create custom handler #####
```

```

custom_handler <- function(chunk, con, ...){
  # Custom execution code will go here...
  # return(result)
}

# Register Separately #####
register_qryflow_parser("custom", custom_parser, overwrite = TRUE)

register_qryflow_handler("custom", custom_handler, overwrite = TRUE)

# Register Simultaneously #####
register_qryflow_type("query-send", custom_parser, custom_handler, overwrite = TRUE)

```

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validate\_qryflow\_handler

*Ensure correct handler structure*

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## Description

This function checks that the passed object is a function and contains the arguments "chunk", "con, and "..." - in that order. This is to help ensure users only register valid handlers.

## Usage

```
validate_qryflow_handler(handler)
```

## Arguments

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| handler | object to check |
|---------|-----------------|

## Value

Logical. Generates an error if the object does not pass all the criteria.

## See Also

[validate\\_qryflow\\_parser\(\)](#) for the parser equivalent.

## Examples

```

custom_func <- function(chunk, con, ...){

  # Parsing Code Goes Here

}

validate_qryflow_handler(custom_func)

```



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`validate_qryflow_parser`*Ensure correct parser structure*

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**Description**

This function checks that the passed object is a function and contains the arguments "x" and "..." - in that order. This is to help ensure users only register valid parsers.

**Usage**

```
validate_qryflow_parser(parser)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| parser | object to check |
|--------|-----------------|

**Value**

Logical. Generates an error if the object does not pass all the criteria.

**See Also**

[validate\\_qryflow\\_handler\(\)](#) for the handler equivalent.

**Examples**

```
custom_func <- function(x, ...){  
  # Parsing Code Goes Here  
}  
validate_qryflow_parser(custom_func)
```

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