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Description

A DBI-compatible interface to ODBC databases.

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dbConnect,OdbcDriver-method

Connect to a ODBC compatible database

Description

Connect to a ODBC compatible database

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcDriver'
dbConnect(
  drv,
  dsn = NULL,
  ...,
  timezone = "UTC",
  timezone_out = "UTC",
  encoding = "",
  bigint = c("integer64", "integer", "numeric", "character"),
  timeout = 10,
  driver = NULL,
  server = NULL,
  database = NULL,
  uid = NULL,
  pwd = NULL,
  dbms.name = NULL,
  .connection_string = NULL
)
```

Arguments

drv	an object that inherits from DBIDriver, or an existing DBIConnection object (in order to clone an existing connection).
dsn	The Data Source Name.
...	Additional ODBC keywords, these will be joined with the other arguments to form the final connection string.
timezone	The Server time zone. Useful if the database has an internal timezone that is *not* 'UTC'. If the database is in your local timezone set to Sys.timezone(). See OlsonNames() for a complete list of available timezones on your system.

timezone_out	The time zone returned to R. If you want to display datetime values in the local timezone, set to Sys.timezone().
encoding	The text encoding used on the Database. If the database is not using UTF-8 you will need to set the encoding to get accurate re-encoding. See iconvlist() for a complete list of available encodings on your system. Note strings are always returned UTF-8 encoded.
bigint	The R type that SQL_BIGINT types should be mapped to, default is bit64::integer64, which allows the full range of 64 bit integers.
timeout	Time in seconds to timeout the connection attempt. Setting a timeout of Inf indicates no timeout. (defaults to 10 seconds).
driver	The ODBC driver name.
server	The server hostname.
database	The database on the server.
uid	The user identifier.
pwd	The password to use.
dbms.name	The database management system name. This should normally be queried automatically by the ODBC driver. This name is used as the class name for the OdbcConnect object returned from dbConnect(). However if the driver does not return a valid value it can be set manually with this parameter.
.connection_string	A complete connection string, useful if you are copy pasting it from another source. If this argument is used any additional arguments will be appended to this string.

Details

The connection string keywords are driver dependent. The parameters documented here are common, but some drivers may not accept them. Please see the specific driver documentation for allowed parameters, <https://www.connectionstrings.com> is also a useful resource of example connection strings for a variety of databases.

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dbListFields,OdbcConnection,character-method
                              List field names of a remote table

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Description

List field names of a remote table

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
dbListFields(
  conn,
  name,
  catalog_name = NULL,
  schema_name = NULL,
  column_name = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

conn	A [DBIConnection](#) object, as returned by [dbConnect()](#).
name	a character string with the name of the remote table.
catalog_name	The name of the catalog to return, the default returns all catalogs.
schema_name	The name of the schema to return, the default returns all schemas.
column_name	The name of the column to return, the default returns all columns.
...	Other parameters passed on to methods.

Details

% can be used as a wildcard in any of the search parameters to match 0 or more characters. _ can be used to match any single character.

Value

dbListFields() returns a character vector that enumerates all fields in the table in the correct order. This also works for temporary tables if supported by the database. The returned names are suitable for quoting with dbQuoteIdentifier(). If the table does not exist, an error is raised. Invalid types for the name argument (e.g., character of length not equal to one, or numeric) lead to an error. An error is also raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection.

Specification

The name argument can be

- a string

- the return value of [dbQuoteIdentifier()](#)

- a value from the table column from the return value of [dbListObjects()](#) where is_prefix is FALSE

A column named row_names is treated like any other column.

See Also

[dbColumnInfo()](#) to get the type of the fields.

Other DBIConnection generics: [DBIConnection-class](#), [dbAppendTable()](#), [dbCreateTable()](#), [dbDataType()](#), [dbDisconnect()](#), [dbExecute()](#), [dbExistsTable()](#), [dbGetException()](#), [dbGetInfo()](#), [dbGetQuery()](#), [dbIsReadOnly()](#), [dbIsValid()](#), [dbListObjects()](#), [dbListResults()](#), [dbListTables()](#), [dbReadTable()](#), [dbRemoveTable()](#), [dbSendQuery()](#), [dbSendStatement()](#), [dbWriteTable()](#)

Examples

```
con <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), ":memory:")

dbWriteTable(con, "mtcars", mtcars)
dbListFields(con, "mtcars")

dbDisconnect(con)
```

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dbListTables,OdbcConnection-method
List remote tables

Description

Returns the unquoted names of remote tables accessible through this connection. This should include views and temporary objects, but not all database backends (in particular **RMariaDB** and **RMySQL**) support this.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
dbListTables(
  conn,
  catalog_name = NULL,
  schema_name = NULL,
  table_name = NULL,
  table_type = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

conn	A [DBIConnection](#) object, as returned by [dbConnect()](#).
catalog_name	The name of the catalog to return, the default returns all catalogs.
schema_name	The name of the schema to return, the default returns all schemas.
table_name	The name of the table to return, the default returns all tables.
table_type	The type of the table to return, the default returns all table types.
...	Other parameters passed on to methods.

Details

% can be used as a wildcard in any of the search parameters to match 0 or more characters. _ can be used to match any single character.

Value

dbListTables() returns a character vector that enumerates all tables and views in the database. Tables added with [dbWriteTable()](#) are part of the list, including temporary tables if supported by the database. As soon a table is removed from the database, it is also removed from the list of database tables.

The returned names are suitable for quoting with dbQuoteIdentifier(). An error is raised when calling this method for a closed or invalid connection.

See Also

The ODBC documentation on [Pattern Value Arguments](#) for further details on the supported syntax.

Examples

```
con <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), ":memory:")

dbListTables(con)
dbWriteTable(con, "mtcars", mtcars)
dbListTables(con)

dbDisconnect(con)
```

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odbc   *Odbc driver*

Description

Driver for an ODBC database.

Usage

```
odbc()
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
#' library(DBI)
odbc::odbc()

## End(Not run)
```

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odbc-tables   *Convenience functions for reading/writing DBMS tables*

Description

Convenience functions for reading/writing DBMS tables

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character,data.frame'
dbWriteTable(
  conn,
  name,
  value,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  append = FALSE,
  temporary = FALSE,
  row.names = NA,
  field.types = NULL,
  batch_rows = getOption("odbc.batch_rows", 1024),
  ...
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,Id,data.frame'
dbWriteTable(
  conn,
  name,
  value,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  append = FALSE,
  temporary = FALSE,
  row.names = NA,
  field.types = NULL,
  batch_rows = getOption("odbc.batch_rows", 1024),
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,SQL,data.frame'
dbWriteTable(
  conn,
  name,
  value,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  append = FALSE,
  temporary = FALSE,
  row.names = NA,
  field.types = NULL,
  batch_rows = getOption("odbc.batch_rows", 1024),
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
sqlData(con, value, row.names = NA, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
sqlCreateTable(
  con,
  table,
  fields,
  field.types = NULL,
  row.names = NA,
  temporary = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

conn	a [OdbcConnection](#) object, produced by [DBI::dbConnect()](#)
name	a character string specifying a table name. Names will be automatically quoted so you can use any sequence of characters, not just any valid bare table name.
value	A data.frame to write to the database.
overwrite	Allow overwriting the destination table. Cannot be TRUE if append is also TRUE.
append	Allow appending to the destination table. Cannot be TRUE if overwrite is also TRUE.

temporary	If TRUE, will generate a temporary table statement.
row.names	Either TRUE, FALSE, NA or a string.
	If TRUE, always translate row names to a column called "row_names". If FALSE, never translate row names. If NA, translate rownames only if they're a character vector.
	A string is equivalent to TRUE, but allows you to override the default name.
	For backward compatibility, NULL is equivalent to FALSE.
field.types	Additional field types used to override derived types.
batch_rows	The number of row of the batch when writing, depending on the database, driver and dataset adjusting this lower or higher may improve performance.
...	Other arguments used by individual methods.
con	A database connection.
table	Name of the table. Escaped with [dbQuoteIdentifier()]().
fields	Either a character vector or a data frame.
	A named character vector: Names are column names, values are types. Names are escaped with [dbQuoteIdentifier()](). Field types are unescaped.
	A data frame: field types are generated using [dbDataType()]().

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(DBI)
con <- dbConnect(odbc::odbc())
dbListTables(con)
dbWriteTable(con, "mtcars", mtcars, temporary = TRUE)
dbReadTable(con, "mtcars")

dbListTables(con)
dbExistsTable(con, "mtcars")

# A zero row data frame just creates a table definition.
dbWriteTable(con, "mtcars2", mtcars[0, ], temporary = TRUE)
dbReadTable(con, "mtcars2")

dbDisconnect(con)

## End(Not run)
```

OdbcConnection   *Odbc Connection Methods*

Description

Implementations of pure virtual functions defined in the DBI package for OdbcConnection objects.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
dbIsValid(dbObj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
dbDisconnect(conn, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
dbSendQuery(conn, statement, params = NULL, ..., immediate = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
dbSendStatement(conn, statement, params = NULL, ..., immediate = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,ANY'
dbDataType(dbObj, obj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,data.frame'
dbDataType(dbObj, obj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
dbQuoteIdentifier(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,SQL'
dbQuoteIdentifier(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
dbExistsTable(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
dbRemoveTable(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
dbGetInfo(dbObj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
dbGetQuery(conn, statement, n = -1, params = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
dbBegin(conn, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
dbCommit(conn, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection'
dbRollback(conn, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,Id'
dbExistsTable(conn, name, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,SQL'
dbExistsTable(conn, name, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Any R object
dbObj	An object inheriting from [DBIObject](), i.e. [DBIDriver](), [DBIConnection](), or a [DBIResult]()
...	Other arguments to methods.
conn	A [DBIConnection]() object, as returned by [dbConnect()]().
statement	a character string containing SQL.
params	Query parameters to pass to [dbBind()](), See [dbBind()]() for details.
immediate	If TRUE, SQLExecDirect will be used instead of SQLPrepare, and the params argument is ignored
obj	An R object whose SQL type we want to determine.
x	A character vector, [SQL]() or [Id]() object to quote as identifier.
name	A character string specifying a DBMS table name.
n	maximum number of records to retrieve per fetch. Use n = -1 or n = Inf to retrieve all pending records. Some implementations may recognize other special values.

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odbcConnectionActions   *List the actions supported for the connection*

Description

Return a list of actions that can be performed on the connection.

Usage

```
odbcConnectionActions(connection)
```

Arguments

connection	A connection object, as returned by dbConnect().

Details

The list returned is a named list of actions, where each action has the following properties:

callback A function to be invoked to perform the action

icon An optional path to an icon representing the action

Value

A named list of actions that can be performed on the connection.

odbcConnectionColumns   *odbcConnectionColumns*

Description

For a given table this function returns detailed information on all fields / columns. The expectation is that this is a relatively thin wrapper around the ODBC SQLColumns function call, with some of the field names renamed / re-ordered according to the return specifications below.

Usage

```
odbcConnectionColumns(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,Id'
odbcConnectionColumns(conn, name, column_name = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcConnection,character'
odbcConnectionColumns(
  conn,
  name,
  catalog_name = NULL,
  schema_name = NULL,
  column_name = NULL
)
```

Arguments

conn	OdbcConnection
name	table we wish to get information on
...	additional parameters to methods
column_name	The name of the column to return, the default returns all columns.
catalog_name	charaacter catalog where the table is located
schema_name	charaacter schema where the table is located

Details

In `dbWriteTable()` we make a call to this method to get details on the fields of the table we are writing to. In particular the columns data_type, column_size, and decimal_digits are used. An implementation is not necessary for `dbWriteTable()` to work.

Value

data.frame with columns

- name
- field.type - equivalent to type_name in SQLColumns output
- table_name
- schema_name
- catalog_name

- data_type

- column_size

- buffer_length

- decimal_digits

- numeric_precision_radix

- column_default

- sql_data_type

- sql_datetime_subtype

- char_octet_length

- ordinal_position

- nullable

See Also

The ODBC documentation on [SQLColumns](#) for further details.

---

odbcConnectionIcon   *Get an icon representing a connection.*

Description

Return the path on disk to an icon representing a connection.

Usage

```
odbcConnectionIcon(connection)
```

Arguments

connection   A connection object, as returned by dbConnect().

Details

The icon returned should be a 32x32 square image file.

Value

The path to an icon file on disk.

odbcDataType	*Return the corresponding ODBC data type for an R object*

Description

This is used when creating a new table with dbWriteTable(). Databases with default methods defined are

- MySQL
- PostgreSQL
- SQL Server
- Oracle
- SQLite
- Spark
- Hive
- Impala
- Redshift
- Vertica
- BigQuery
- Teradata
- Access

Usage

```
odbcDataType(con, obj, ...)
```

Arguments

con	A driver connection object, as returned by dbConnect().
obj	An R object.
...	Additional arguments passed to methods.

Details

If you are using a different database and dbWriteTable() fails with a SQL parsing error the default method is not appropriate, you will need to write a new method.

Value

Corresponding SQL type for the obj.

Defining a new dbDataType method

The object type for your connection will be the database name retrieved by dbGetInfo(con)$dbms.name.
Use the documentation provided with your database to determine appropriate values for each R data
type. An example method definition of a fictional foo database follows.

```
con <- dbConnect(odbc::odbc(), "FooConnection")
dbGetInfo(con)$dbms.name
#> [1] "foo"

`odbcDataType.foo <- function(con, obj, ...) {
  switch_type(obj,
    factor = "VARCHAR(255)",
    datetime = "TIMESTAMP",
    date = "DATE",
    binary = "BINARY",
    integer = "INTEGER",
    double = "DOUBLE",
    character = "VARCHAR(255)",
    logical = "BIT",
    list = "VARCHAR(255)",
    stop("Unsupported type", call. = FALSE)
  )
}
```

OdbcDriver   *Odbc Driver Methods*

Description

Implementations of pure virtual functions defined in the DBI package for OdbcDriver objects.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcDriver'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcDriver,ANY'
dbDataType(dbObj, obj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcDriver,list'
dbDataType(dbObj, obj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcDriver,data.frame'
dbDataType(dbObj, obj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcDriver'
dbIsValid(dbObj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcDriver'
dbGetInfo(dbObj, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	Any R object
`dbObj`	A object inheriting from [DBIDriver](#) or [DBIConnection](#)
`obj`	An R object whose SQL type we want to determine.
`...`	Other arguments passed on to methods.

`odbcListColumns`   *List columns in an object.*

Description

Lists the names and types of each column (field) of a specified object.

Usage

```
odbcListColumns(connection, ...)
```

Arguments

`connection`	A connection object, as returned by dbConnect().
`...`	Parameters specifying the object.

Details

The object to inspect must be specified as one of the arguments (e.g. `table = "employees"`); depending on the driver and underlying data store, additional specification arguments may be required.

Value

A data frame with `name` and `type` columns, listing the object's fields.

`odbcListDataSources`   *List Available Data Source Names*

Description

List the available data sources on your system. See the [DSN Configuration files](#) section of the package README for details on how to install data sources for the most common databases.

Usage

```
odbcListDataSources()
```

Value

A data frame with two columns.

name Name of the data source

description Data Source description

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odbcListDrivers *List Available ODBC Drivers*

Description

List the available drivers on your system. See the [Installation](#) section of the package README for details on how to install drivers for the most common databases.

Usage

```
odbcListDrivers(
  keep = getOption("odbc.drivers_keep"),
  filter = getOption("odbc.drivers_filter")
)
```

Arguments

keep	A character vector of driver names to keep in the results, if NULL (the default) will keep all drivers.
filter	A character vector of driver names to filter from the results, if NULL (the default) will not filter any drivers.

Value

A data frame with three columns. If a given driver does not have any attributes the last two columns will be NA. Drivers can be excluded from being returned by setting the odbc.drivers.filter option.

name Name of the driver

attribute Driver attribute name

value Driver attribute value

---

odbcListObjects *List objects in a connection.*

Description

Lists all of the objects in the connection, or all the objects which have specific attributes.

Usage

```
odbcListObjects(connection, ...)
```

Arguments

connection	A connection object, as returned by dbConnect().
...	Attributes to filter by.

Details

When used without parameters, this function returns all of the objects known by the connection. Any parameters passed will filter the list to only objects which have the given attributes; for instance, passing schema = ″foo″ will return only objects matching the schema foo.

Value

A data frame with name and type columns, listing the objects.

---

odbcListObjectTypes   *Return the object hierarchy supported by a connection.*

Description

Lists the object types and metadata known by the connection, and how those object types relate to each other.

Usage

```
odbcListObjectTypes(connection)
```

Arguments

connection   A connection object, as returned by dbConnect().

Details

The returned hierarchy takes the form of a nested list, in which each object type supported by the connection is a named list with the following attributes:

contains A list of other object types contained by the object, or "data" if the object contains data

icon An optional path to an icon representing the type

For instance, a connection in which the top-level object is a schema that contains tables and views, the function will return a list like the following:

```
list(schema = list(contains = list(
                    list(name = ″table″, contains = ″data″)
                    list(name = ″view″, contains = ″data″))))
```

Value

The hierarchy of object types supported by the connection.

---

odbcPreviewObject *Preview the data in an object.*

Description

Return the data inside an object as a data frame.

Usage

```
odbcPreviewObject(connection, rowLimit, ...)
```

Arguments

connection   A connection object, as returned by dbConnect().

rowLimit   The maximum number of rows to display.

...   Parameters specifying the object.

Details

The object to previewed must be specified as one of the arguments (e.g. table = "employees"); depending on the driver and underlying data store, additional specification arguments may be required.

Value

A data frame containing the data in the object.

OdbcResult *Odbc Result Methods*

Description

Implementations of pure virtual functions defined in the DBI package for OdbcResult objects.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbClearResult(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbFetch(res, n = -1, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbHasCompleted(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbIsValid(dbObj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
```

```
dbGetStatement(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbColumnInfo(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbGetRowCount(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbGetRowsAffected(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'OdbcResult'
dbBind(res, params, ..., batch_rows = getOption("odbc.batch_rows", 1024))
```

Arguments

res	An object inheriting from [DBIResult]().
...	Other arguments passed on to methods.
n	maximum number of records to retrieve per fetch. Use n = -1 or n = Inf to retrieve all pending records. Some implementations may recognize other special values.
dbObj	An object inheriting from [DBIObject](), i.e. [DBIDriver](), [DBIConnection](), or a [DBIResult]()
params	A list of bindings, named or unnamed.
batch_rows	The number of row of the batch when writing, depending on the database, driver and dataset adjusting this lower or higher may improve performance.

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odbcSetTransactionIsolationLevel

Set the Transaction Isolation Level for a Connection

Description

Set the Transaction Isolation Level for a Connection

Usage

```
odbcSetTransactionIsolationLevel(conn, levels)
```

Arguments

conn	A [DBIConnection]() object, as returned by [dbConnect()]().
levels	One or more of 'read_uncommitted', 'read_committed', 'repeatable_read', 'serializable'.

See Also

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/odbc/reference/develop-app/setting-the-transaction-isolati

Examples

```
## Not run:
  # Can use spaces or underscores in between words.
  odbcSetTransactionIsolationLevel(con, "read uncommitted")

  # Can also use the full constant name.
  odbcSetTransactionIsolationLevel(con, "SQL_TXN_READ_UNCOMMITTED")

## End(Not run)
```

---

test_roundtrip | *Test round tripping a simple table*

Description

This tests all the supported data types, including missing values. It first writes them to the database, then reads them back and verifies the data is identical to the original.

Usage

```
test_roundtrip(
  con = DBItest:::connect(DBItest:::get_default_context()),
  columns = "",
  invert = TRUE,
  force_sorted = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

con   An established DBI connection.

columns   Table columns to exclude (default) or include, dependent on the value of `invert`.
              One of `datetime`, `date`, `binary`, `integer`, `double`, `character`, `logical`.

invert   If `TRUE`, change the definition of columns to be exclusive, rather than inclusive.

force_sorted If `TRUE`, a sorted `id` column is added to the sent data, and the received data is
              sorted by this column before doing the comparison. This is necessary for some
              databases that do not preserve row order.

Details

This function is not exported and should only be used during tests and as a sanity check when writing new `odbcDataType()` methods.

Examples

```
## Not run:
test_roundtrip(con)

# exclude a few columns
test_roundtrip(con, c("integer", "double"))

# Only test a specific column
```

```
test_roundtrip(con, "integer", invert = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

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