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Description

Provides object-oriented database management tools for working with large datasets across multiple database systems. Features include robust connection management for SQL Server and PostgreSQL databases, advanced table operations with bulk data loading and upsert functionality, comprehensive data validation through customizable field type and content validators, efficient index management, and cross-database compatibility. Designed for high-performance data operations in surveillance systems and large-scale data processing workflows.

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DBConnection_v9 *R6 Class representing a database connection*

Description

A robust database connection manager that handles connections to various database systems including Microsoft SQL Server and PostgreSQL. This class provides connection management, authentication, and automatic reconnection capabilities.

Details

The DBConnection_v9 class encapsulates database connection logic and provides a consistent interface for connecting to different database systems. It supports both trusted connections and user/password authentication, handles connection failures gracefully, and provides automatic reconnection functionality.

Key features:

- Support for multiple database systems (SQL Server, PostgreSQL)
- Automatic connection management with retry logic
- Secure credential handling
- Connection status monitoring
- Graceful error handling and recovery

Public fields

config Configuration details of the database.

Active bindings

connection Database connection.

autoconnection Database connection that automatically connects if possible.

Methods

Public methods:

- `DBConnection_v9$new()`
- `DBConnection_v9$is_connected()`
- `DBConnection_v9$print()`
- `DBConnection_v9$connect()`
- `DBConnection_v9$disconnect()`
- `DBConnection_v9$clone()`

Method `new():` Create a new DBConnection_v9 object.

Usage:

```
DBConnection_v9$new(
  driver = NULL,
  server = NULL,
  port = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  schema = NULL,
  user = NULL,
  password = NULL,
  trusted_connection = NULL,
  sslmode = NULL,
  role_create_table = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

`driver` Driver
`server` Server
`port` Port
`db` DB
`schema` Schema (e.g. "dbo")
`user` User
`password` Password
`trusted_connection` NULL or "yes"
`sslmode` NULL or "require"
`role_create_table` NULL or the role to take when creating tables.

Returns: A new 'DBConnection_v9' object.

Method `is_connected():` Is the DB schema connected?

Usage:

```
DBConnection_v9$is_connected()
```

Returns: TRUE/FALSE

Method `print():` Class-specific print function.

Usage:

```
DBConnection_v9$print(...)
```

Arguments:

... Not used.

Method connect(): Connect to the database

Usage:

```
DBConnection_v9$connect(attempts = 2)
```

Arguments:

attempts Number of attempts to be made to try to connect

Method disconnect(): Disconnect from the database

Usage:

```
DBConnection_v9$disconnect()
```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
DBConnection_v9$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create a SQL Server connection
db_config <- DBConnection_v9$new(
  driver = "ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server",
  server = "localhost",
  port = 1433,
  db = "mydb",
  user = "myuser",
  password = "mypass"
)

# Connect to the database
db_config$connect()

# Check connection status
db_config$is_connected()

# Use the connection
tables <- DBI::dbListTables(db_config$connection)

# Disconnect when done
db_config$disconnect()

# PostgreSQL example
pg_config <- DBConnection_v9$new(
  driver = "PostgreSQL",
```

```

server = "localhost",
port = 5432,
db = "mydb",
user = "myuser",
password = "mypass"
)

pg_config$connect()
# ... use connection ...
pg_config$disconnect()

## End(Not run)

```

DBTable_v9

R6 Class representing a database table with advanced data management capabilities

Description

A comprehensive database table management class that provides high-level operations for data manipulation, schema validation, and table administration. This class combines database connectivity with data validation and efficient bulk operations.

Details

The DBTable_v9 class is a sophisticated database table abstraction that provides:

Core functionality:

- Table creation and schema management
- Data insertion with bulk loading capabilities
- Upsert operations (insert or update)
- Index management (creation, deletion)
- Data validation through customizable validators
- Integration with dplyr for data queries

Advanced features:

- Automatic table creation based on field specifications
- Schema validation with custom validator functions
- Efficient bulk data loading using database-specific methods
- Index optimization for query performance
- Cross-database compatibility (SQL Server, PostgreSQL)

Data validation: The class supports custom validation functions for both field types and data contents, ensuring data integrity and schema compliance.

Public fields

`dbconnection` Database connection.

`dbconfig` Configuration details of the database.

`table_name` Name of the table in the database.

`table_name_short_for_mssql_fully_specified_for_postgres` Fully specified name of the table in the database (e.g. `\[db\].\[dbo\].\[table_name\]`).

`table_name_short_for_mssql_fully_specified_for_postgres_text` Fully specified name of the table in the database (e.g. `\[db\].\[dbo\].\[table_name\]`).

`table_name_fully_specified` Fully specified name of the table in the database (e.g. `\[db\].\[dbo\].\[table_name\]`).

`table_name_fully_specified_text` Fully specified name of the table in the database (e.g. `\[db\].\[dbo\].\[table_name\]`) as a text string.

`field_types` The types of each column in the database table (INTEGER, DOUBLE, TEXT, BOOLEAN, DATE, DATETIME).

`field_types_with_length` The same as `field_types` but with (100) added to the end of all TEXT fields.

`keys` The combination of variables that uniquely identify each row in the database.

`keys_with_length` The same as `keys` but with (100) added to the end of all TEXT fields.

`indexes` A named list of vectors (generally "ind1", "ind2", etc.) that improves the speed of data retrieval operations on a database table.

`validator_field_contents` A function that validates the data before it is inserted into the database.

`load_folder` A temporary folder that is used to write data to before inserting into the database.

`censors` A named list of censors.

Methods

Public methods:

- [DBTable_v9\\$new\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$print\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$connect\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$disconnect\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$table_exists\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$create_table\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$remove_table\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$insert_data\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$upsert_data\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$drop_all_rows\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$drop_rows_where\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$keep_rows_where\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$drop_all_rows_and_then_upsert_data\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$drop_all_rows_and_then_insert_data\(\)](#)
- [DBTable_v9\\$tbl\(\)](#)

- DBTable_v9\$print_dplyr_select()
- DBTable_v9\$add_indexes()
- DBTable_v9\$drop_indexes()
- DBTable_v9\$confirm_indexes()
- DBTable_v9\$nrow()
- DBTable_v9\$info()
- DBTable_v9\$clone()

Method new(): Create a new DBTable_v9 object.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$new(
  dbconfig,
  table_name,
  field_types,
  keys,
  indexes = NULL,
  validator_field_types = validator_field_types_blank,
  validator_field_contents = validator_field_contents_blank
)
```

Arguments:

dbconfig Configuration details of the database (driver, server, port, db, schema, user, password, trusted_connection, sslmode, role_create_table).

table_name Name of the table in the database.

field_types The types of each column in the database table (INTEGER, DOUBLE, TEXT, BOOLEAN, DATE, DATETIME).

keys The combination of these variables uniquely identifies each row of data in the table.

indexes A named list of vectors (generally "ind1", "ind2", etc.) that improves the speed of data retrieval operations on a database table.

validator_field_types A function that validates the field_types before the DB schema is created.

validator_field_contents A function that validates the data before it is inserted into the database.

Returns: A new ‘DBTable_v9’ object.

Method print(): Class-specific print function.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$print(...)
```

Arguments:

... Not in use.

Method connect(): Connect from the database

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$connect()
```

Method disconnect(): Disconnect from the database

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$disconnect()
```

Method `table_exists()`: Does the table exist

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$table_exists()
```

Method `create_table()`: Create the database table

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$create_table()
```

Method `remove_table()`: Drop the database table

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$remove_table()
```

Method `insert_data()`: Inserts data

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$insert_data(
  newdata,
  confirm_insert_via_nrow = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments:

`newdata` The data to insert.

`confirm_insert_via_nrow` Checks `nrow()` before insert and after insert. If `nrow()` has not increased sufficiently, then attempt an upsert.

`verbose` Boolean. Inserts data into the database table

Method `upsert_data()`: Upserts data into the database table

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$upsert_data(
  newdata,
  drop_indexes = names(self$indexes),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments:

`newdata` The data to insert.

`drop_indexes` A vector containing the indexes to be dropped before upserting (can increase performance).

`verbose` Boolean.

Method `drop_all_rows()`: Drops all rows in the database table

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$drop_all_rows()
```

Method `drop_rows_where()`: Drops rows in the database table according to the SQL condition.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$drop_rows_where(condition)
```

Arguments:

condition SQL text condition.

Method `keep_rows_where()`: Keeps rows in the database table according to the SQL condition.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$keep_rows_where(condition)
```

Arguments:

condition SQL text condition.

Method `drop_all_rows_and_then_upsert_data()`: Drops all rows in the database table and then upserts data.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$drop_all_rows_and_then_upsert_data(  
  newdata,  
  drop_indexes = names(self$indexes),  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments:

newdata The data to insert.

drop_indexes A vector containing the indexes to be dropped before upserting (can increase performance).

verbose Boolean.

Method `drop_all_rows_and_then_insert_data()`: Drops all rows in the database table and then inserts data.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$drop_all_rows_and_then_insert_data(  
  newdata,  
  confirm_insert_via_nrow = FALSE,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments:

newdata The data to insert.

confirm_insert_via_nrow Checks nrow() before insert and after insert. If nrow() has not increased sufficiently, then attempt an upsert.

verbose Boolean.

Method `tbl()`: Provides access to the database table via dplyr::tbl.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$tbl()
```

Method print_dplyr_select(): Prints a template dplyr::select call that you can easily copy/paste for all your variables.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$print_dplyr_select()
```

Method add_indexes(): Adds indexes to the database table from ‘self\$indexes’

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$add_indexes()
```

Method drop_indexes(): Drops all indees from the database table

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$drop_indexes()
```

Method confirm_indexes(): Confirms that the names and number of indexes in the database are the same as in the R code. Does not confirm the contents of the indexes!

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$confirm_indexes()
```

Method nrow(): Gets the number of rows in the database table

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$nrow(use_count = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

use_count If true, then uses the count command, which is slow but accurate. If false, then uses summary statistics, which is fast but inaccurate.

Method info(): Gets the information about the database table

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$info()
```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
DBTable_v9$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create database connection
db_config <- list(
  driver = "ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server",
  server = "localhost",
  db = "mydb",
  user = "myuser",
  password = "mypass"
)
```

```
# Define table schema
field_types <- c(
  "id" = "INTEGER",
  "name" = "TEXT",
  "value" = "DOUBLE",
  "date_created" = "DATE"
)

# Create table object
my_table <- DBTable_v9$new(
  dbconfig = db_config,
  table_name = "my_data_table",
  field_types = field_types,
  keys = c("id"),
  validator_field_types = validator_field_types_blank,
  validator_field_contents = validator_field_contents_blank
)

# Create table in database
my_table$create_table()

# Insert data
sample_data <- data.frame(
  id = 1:3,
  name = c("Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"),
  value = c(10.5, 20.3, 15.7),
  date_created = as.Date("2023-01-01")
)
my_table$insert_data(sample_data)

# Query data using dplyr
result <- my_table$tbl() |>
  dplyr::filter(value > 15) |>
  dplyr::collect()

# Add indexes for performance
my_table$add_indexes(c("name", "date_created"))

# Upsert (insert or update) data
new_data <- data.frame(
  id = 2:4,
  name = c("Bob_Updated", "Charlie", "David"),
  value = c(25.0, 15.7, 30.2),
  date_created = as.Date("2023-01-02")
)
my_table$upsert_data(new_data)

## End(Not run)
```

`get_table_names_and_info`*Get table names, number of rows, and size information***Description**

Retrieves comprehensive information about database tables including their names, row counts, and storage size metrics. This function provides database-specific implementations for different database systems.

Usage

```
get_table_names_and_info(connection)
```

Arguments

`connection` A database connection object (e.g., from [dbConnect](#))

Value

A data.table containing table information with columns:

table_name Character. Name of the table
nrow Numeric. Number of rows in the table
size_total_gb Numeric. Total size of the table in gigabytes
size_data_gb Numeric. Size of data in gigabytes
size_index_gb Numeric. Size of indexes in gigabytes

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Microsoft SQL Server example
con <- DBI::dbConnect(odbc::odbc(),
                      driver = "ODBC Driver 17 for SQL Server",
                      server = "localhost",
                      database = "mydb")
table_info <- get_table_names_and_info(con)
print(table_info)
DBI::dbDisconnect(con)

# PostgreSQL example
con <- DBI::dbConnect(RPostgres::Postgres(),
                      host = "localhost",
                      dbname = "mydb",
                      user = "user")
table_info <- get_table_names_and_info(con)
print(table_info)
DBI::dbDisconnect(con)

## End(Not run)
```

nor_covid19_cases_by_time_location

Covid-19 data for PCR-confirmed cases in Norway (nation and county)

Description

This data comes from the Norwegian Surveillance System for Communicable Diseases (MSIS). The date corresponds to when the PCR-test was taken.

Usage

```
nor_covid19_cases_by_time_location
```

Format

A csfmt_rts_data_v1 with 11028 rows and 18 variables:

granularity_time day/isoweek
granularity_geo nation, county
country_iso3 nor
location_code norge, 11 counties
border 2020
age total
isoyear Isoyear of event
isoweek Isoweek of event
isoyearweek Isoyearweek of event
season Season of event
seasonweek Seasonweek of event
calyear Calyear of event
calmonth Calmonth of event
calyearmonth Calyearmonth of event
date Date of event
covid19_cases_testdate_n Number of confirmed covid19 cases
covid19_cases_testdate_pr100000 Number of confirmed covid19 cases per 100.000 population

Details

The raw number of cases and cases per 100.000 population are recorded.

This data was extracted on 2022-05-04.

Source

https://github.com/folkehelseinstituttet/surveillance_data/blob/master/covid19/_DOCUMENTATION_data_covid19_msis_by_time_location.txt

`validator_field_contents_blank`
Blank data contents validator

Description

A pass-through validator that accepts any data without validation. This is useful as a placeholder when no specific data content validation is needed.

Usage

```
validator_field_contents_blank(data)
```

Arguments

data	A data.frame or data.table containing the data to validate
------	--

Value

Always returns TRUE

Examples

```
# This validator always returns TRUE regardless of input
test_data <- data.frame(id = 1:3, name = c("A", "B", "C"), value = c(10, 20, 30))
validator_field_contents_blank(test_data)

# Works with any data structure
empty_data <- data.frame()
validator_field_contents_blank(empty_data)
```

`validator_field_contents_csfmt_rts_data_v1`
Field contents validator for csfmt_rts_data_v1 schema

Description

Validates that data contents conform to the csfmt_rts_data_v1 schema specification. This validator checks that granularity_time and granularity_geo fields contain valid values according to the surveillance data format requirements.

Usage

```
validator_field_contents_csfmt_rts_data_v1(data)
```

Arguments

data A data.frame or data.table containing the data to validate

Value

TRUE if data is valid for csfmt_rts_data_v1, FALSE otherwise (with error attribute)

Examples

```
# Valid data for csfmt_rts_data_v1
valid_data <- data.frame(
  granularity_time = c("date", "isoyearweek", "total"),
  granularity_geo = c("nation", "county", "municip"),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
validator_field_contents_csfmt_rts_data_v1(valid_data)

# Invalid data (wrong granularity_geo value)
invalid_data <- data.frame(
  granularity_time = "date",
  granularity_geo = "invalid_geo",
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
validator_field_contents_csfmt_rts_data_v1(invalid_data)
```

validator_field_contents_csfmt_rts_data_v2

Field contents validator for csfmt_rts_data_v2 schema

Description

Validates that data contents conform to the csfmt_rts_data_v2 schema specification. This validator checks that granularity_time and granularity_geo fields contain valid values according to the surveillance data format requirements for version 2.

Usage

```
validator_field_contents_csfmt_rts_data_v2(data)
```

Arguments

data A data.frame or data.table containing the data to validate

Value

TRUE if data is valid for csfmt_rts_data_v2, FALSE otherwise (with error attribute)

Examples

```
# Valid data for csfmt_rts_data_v2
valid_data_v2 <- data.frame(
  granularity_time = c("date", "isoyearweek", "total"),
  granularity_geo = c("nation", "county", "municip"),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
validator_field_contents_csfmt_rts_data_v2(valid_data_v2)
```

validator_field_types_blank

Blank field types validator

Description

A pass-through validator that accepts any field types without validation. This is useful as a placeholder when no specific field type validation is needed.

Usage

```
validator_field_types_blank(db_field_types)
```

Arguments

db_field_types A named character vector of database field types

Value

Always returns TRUE

Examples

```
# This validator always returns TRUE regardless of input
field_types <- c("id" = "INTEGER", "name" = "TEXT", "date" = "DATE")
validator_field_types_blank(field_types)

# Works with any field types
other_types <- c("value" = "DOUBLE", "status" = "BOOLEAN")
validator_field_types_blank(other_types)
```

validator_field_types_csfmt_rts_data_v1
Field types validator for csfmt_rts_data_v1 schema

Description

Validates that field types conform to the csfmt_rts_data_v1 schema specification. This validator ensures that the first 16 fields match the expected structure for real-time surveillance data format version 1.

Usage

```
validator_field_types_csfmt_rts_data_v1(db_field_types)
```

Arguments

db_field_types A named character vector of database field types

Value

TRUE if field types are valid for csfmt_rts_data_v1, FALSE otherwise

Examples

```
# Valid field types for csfmt_rts_data_v1
valid_fields <- c(
  "granularity_time" = "TEXT",
  "granularity_geo" = "TEXT",
  "country_iso3" = "TEXT",
  "location_code" = "TEXT",
  "border" = "INTEGER",
  "age" = "TEXT",
  "sex" = "TEXT",
  "isoyear" = "INTEGER",
  "isoweek" = "INTEGER",
  "isoyearweek" = "TEXT",
  "season" = "TEXT",
  "seasonweek" = "DOUBLE",
  "calyear" = "INTEGER",
  "calmonth" = "INTEGER",
  "calyearmonth" = "TEXT",
  "date" = "DATE",
  "cases_n" = "INTEGER"
)
validator_field_types_csfmt_rts_data_v1(valid_fields)

# Invalid field types (wrong structure)
invalid_fields <- c("id" = "INTEGER", "name" = "TEXT")
validator_field_types_csfmt_rts_data_v1(invalid_fields)
```

validator_field_types_csfmt_rts_data_v2

Field types validator for csfmt_rts_data_v2 schema

Description

Validates that field types conform to the csfmt_rts_data_v2 schema specification. This validator ensures that the first 18 fields match the expected structure for real-time surveillance data format version 2.

Usage

```
validator_field_types_csfmt_rts_data_v2(db_field_types)
```

Arguments

db_field_types A named character vector of database field types

Value

TRUE if field types are valid for csfmt_rts_data_v2, FALSE otherwise

Examples

```
# Valid field types for csfmt_rts_data_v2 (includes additional fields)
valid_fields_v2 <- c(
  "granularity_time" = "TEXT",
  "granularity_geo" = "TEXT",
  "country_iso3" = "TEXT",
  "location_code" = "TEXT",
  "border" = "INTEGER",
  "age" = "TEXT",
  "sex" = "TEXT",
  "isoyear" = "INTEGER",
  "isoweek" = "INTEGER",
  "isoyearweek" = "TEXT",
  "season" = "TEXT",
  "seasonweek" = "DOUBLE",
  "calyear" = "INTEGER",
  "calmonth" = "INTEGER",
  "calyearmonth" = "TEXT",
  "date" = "DATE",
  "tag_outcome" = "TEXT",
  "tag_type" = "TEXT",
  "cases_n" = "INTEGER"
)
validator_field_types_csfmt_rts_data_v2(valid_fields_v2)
```

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