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## INTRODUCTION

DB++ is a collection of C++ classes for database access through a SYBASE database server. Using these classes allows you to access the database with only a few lines of code. This is illustrated with an example shown on the last page of this technote. The user first finds out all the user tables in a particular database and writes out an SQL "create table" script for each table. Along with this example are the manual pages (which are also on line) describing most of the classes in DB++. Future versions will build on this functionality and retain the original methods as much as possible leading to virtually no changes to ones code as DB++ is upgraded.

**NAME**

DB++ - An introduction to the DB++ Classes

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>
```

**DESCRIPTION**

A collection of C++ classes for accessing, updating and creating tables in a *SYBASE* database. These classes contain various constructors and methods for:

- (1) Initializing access to a *SYBASE* database,
- (2) Connecting as a given user to a server,
- (3) Changing to a given database,
- (4) Querying the database with *SQL* commands and storing the result in tables in program memory.
- (5) Copying the contents of a table and storing the results in program memory.
- (6) Truncating the table in the database and transferring the contents of data from program memory to the database table.

**CLASSES***DB\_init*

An object of this class initializes the *SYBASE* Client-Library for accessing *SYBASE* servers. Properties can be read, set or cleared using the available methods. The output stream or file for where *SYBASE* or *DB++* messages are sent can be changed through this class. The *DB\_messages* class is transparently used for this purpose.

*DB\_user*

Login information such as user's name and password are stored in this object. A connection to a given server using the login information can be open. Request and response capabilities can be obtained or changed, as well as properties and options.

*DB\_command*

Includes methods to submit an *SQL* queries and command to the server. The results (if any) are stored program memory as tables. Tables can be read or written directly using bulk copy for more efficient access. Access to the *DB\_tables* objects is provided for the various tables stored in memory using a subscript operator. Also, some of the properties can be changed.

*DB\_table*

This object stores the table structure and the data using *DB\_column* objects for each column in a table. Provides access to the *DB\_column* objects using a subscript operator.

*DB\_column*

Stores the data and information about the structure of the column. Provides access to the data using the *DB\_primitive* objects with the subscript operator.

*DB\_primitive*

Is the base class for various data types such as *DB\_double*, *DB\_string*, etc. that holds individual data items.

*DB\_messages*

Holds the output stream for messages from the classes as well as the server. The default output stream goes to the file *\$DBAPPLACE/dbmessages* which can be changed.

*DB\_array*

This is an array of pointers which keeps track of the *DB\_table* objects, *DB\_column* objects and *DB\_primitive* data objects. The *DB\_array* objects along with the various constructors and destructors handles the memory management.

**FILES**

The various files for accessing the libraries and header files can be found in the directory given in the environmental variable *DBAPPLACE*.

The header files needed are (Note, you only need to include *DB++/db\_base.H*, all the others are

automatically included):

```
$DBAPPLACE/include/DB++/db_base.H
$DBAPPLACE/include/DB++/dbprimitive.H
$DBAPPLACE/include/DB++/db_array.H
$SYBASE/include/bkpublic.h
$SYBASE/include/csconfig.h
$SYBASE/include/cspublic.h
$SYBASE/include/cstypes.h
$SYBASE/include/ctpublic.h
```

The source files are:

```
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/theLib/db_base.C
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/theLib/dbprimitive.C
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/theLib/db_array.C
```

Example files of using these libraries

```
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/example/testdb.C
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/example/testdb1.C
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/example/dbread.C
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/blkcpy/blkcpy.C
$DBAPPLACE/DB++/querydb/querydb.C
$DBAPPLACE/bin/$ARCH/blkcpy
$DBAPPLACE/bin/$ARCH/querydb
```

Other files that are used:

```
$DBAPPLACE/lib/$ARCH/libdb++.a
$DBAPPLACE/dbmessages
$DBAPPLACE/.dblogins
$HOME/.dblogins
$SYBASE/lib/libcs.so
$SYBASE/lib/libct.so
$SYBASE/lib/libcommn.so
$SYBASE/lib/libblk.so
$SYBASE/lib/libintl.so
$SYBASE/lib/libtcl.so
```

#### SEE ALSO

DB\_init(3), DB\_user(3), DB\_command(3), DB\_table(3), DB\_column(3), DB\_primitive(3), DB\_properties(3), DB\_options(3), DB\_capabilities(3)

#### CAVEATS

The C++ Database classes can not tell the difference between the *SYBASE* data types of *char* and *varchar* or between the data types of *binary* and *varbinary*. Indexing information is lost when the table is recalled from *SYBASE*. Additional information, such as setting special default values is not transferred to the tables in memory.

#### REFERENCES

SYBASE: "Open Client Client-Library/C Programmers Guide"  
 SYBASE: "Open Client Client-Library/C Reference Manual"  
 SYBASE: "Open Client/Server Quick Reference Guide"  
 SYBASE: "Open Client and Open Server Common Libraries Reference Manual"

**NAME**

DB\_capabilities - Response and Request capabilities of the connection.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This is a list of request and response capabilities for accessing and sending information to the server. Note, request capabilities cannot be changed. These are taken from the tables "CS\_CAP\_REQUEST Capabilities" and "CS\_CAP\_RESPONSE Capabilities" in "Open Client Client-Library/C Reference Manual", starting on page 3-33.

**REQUEST**

CS\_CON\_INBAND: In-band (non-expedited) attentions.  
 CS\_CON\_OOB: Out-of-band (expedited) attentions.  
 CS\_CSR\_ABS: Fetch of specified absolute cursor row.  
 CS\_CSR\_FIRST: Fetch of first cursor row.  
 CS\_CSR\_LAST: Fetch of last cursor row.  
 CS\_CSR\_MULTI: Multi-row cursor fetch.  
 CS\_CSR\_PREV: Fetch previous cursor row.  
 CS\_CSR\_REL: Fetch specified relative cursor row.  
 CS\_DATA\_BIN: Binary datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_VBIN: Variable-length binary datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_LBIN: Long binary datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_BIT: Bit Datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_BITN: Nullable bit values.  
 CS\_DATA\_BOUNDARY: Secure Server boundary datatypes.  
 CS\_DATA\_CHAR: Character datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_VCHAR: Variable-length character datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_LCHAR: Long character datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_DATE4: Short datetime datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_DATE8: Datetime datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_DATETIMEN: NULL datetime values.  
 CS\_DATA\_DEC: Decimal datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_FLT4: 4-byte float datatype (float).  
 CS\_DATA\_FLT8: 8-byte float datatype (double).  
 CS\_DATA\_FLTN: Nullable float values.  
 CS\_DATA\_IMAGE: Image datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_INT1: Tiny integer datatype (1-byte).  
 CS\_DATA\_INT2: Small integer datatype (2-byte).  
 CS\_DATA\_INT4: Integer datatype (4-byte).  
 CS\_DATA\_INTN: NULL integer values.  
 CS\_DATA\_MNY4: Short money datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_MNY8: Money datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_MONEYN: NULL money values.  
 CS\_DATA\_NUM: Numeric datatypes.  
 CS\_DATA\_SENSITIVITY: Secure Server sensitivity datatypes.  
 CS\_DATA\_TEXT: Text datatype.  
 CS\_OPTION\_GET: Are option values from server obtainable.  
 CS\_PROTO\_BULK: Tokenized bulk copy.  
 CS\_PROTO\_DYNAMIC: Descriptions for prepared statements come back at  
 prepare time.  
 CS\_PROTO\_DYNPROC: Client-Library prepends SQL to a Dynamic SQL prepare  
 statement.  
 CS\_REQ\_BCP: Bulk copy requests.  
 CS\_REQ\_CURSOR: Cursor requests.

CS\_REQ\_DYN: Dynamic SQL requests.  
 CS\_REQ\_LANG: Language requests.  
 CS\_REQ\_MSG: Message commands.  
 CS\_REQ\_MSTMT: Multiple server commands per Client-Library language command.  
 CS\_REQ\_NOTIF: Registered procedure notifications.  
 CS\_REQ\_PARAM: Use PARAM/PARAMFMT TDS streams for requests.  
 CS\_REQ\_URGNOTIF: Send notifications with the "urgent" bit set in the TDS  
 packet header.  
 CS\_REQ\_RPC: Remote procedure requests.

**RESPONSE**

CS\_CON\_NOINBAND: No in-band (non-expedited) attentions.  
 CS\_CON\_NOOQB: No out-of-band (expedited) attentions.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOBIN: No binary datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOVBIN: No variable-length binary datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOLBIN: No long binary datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOBIT: No bit Datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOBOUNDARY: No Secure Server boundary datatypes.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOCHAR: No character datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOVCHAR: No variable-length character datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOLCHAR: No long character datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NODATE4: No short datetime datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NODATE8: No datetime datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NODATETIMEN: No NULL datetime values.  
 CS\_DATA\_NODEC: No decimal datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOFLT4: No 4-byte float datatype (float).  
 CS\_DATA\_NOFLT8: No 8-byte float datatype (double).  
 CS\_DATA\_NOIMAGE: No image datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOINT1: No tiny integer datatype (1-byte).  
 CS\_DATA\_NOINT2: No small integer datatype (2-byte).  
 CS\_DATA\_NOINT4: No integer datatype (4-byte).  
 CS\_DATA\_NOINT8: No 64 bit integer datatype (8-byte).  
 CS\_DATA\_NOINTN: No NULL integer values.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOMNY4: No short money datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOMNY8: No money datatype.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOMONEYN: No NULL money values.  
 CS\_DATA\_NONUM: No numeric datatypes.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOSENSITIVITY: No Secure Server sensitivity datatypes.  
 CS\_DATA\_NOTEXT: No text datatype.  
 CS\_RES\_NOEED: No extended error results.  
 CS\_RES\_NOMSG: No message results.  
 CS\_RES\_NOPARAM: Don't use PARAM/PARAMFMT TDS streams for requests.  
 CS\_RES\_NOSTRIPBLANKS: The server shouldn't strip blanks when returning  
 data from nullable fixed length character columns.  
 CS\_RES\_NOTDSDEBUG: No TDS debug token in response to certain "dbcc" commands.

**SEE ALSO**

DB\_user(3)

**REFERENCES**

SYBASE: "Open Client Client-Library/C Reference Manual"

**NAME**

DB\_column - The C++ class for working with columns stored in program memory.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>

class DB_column
{
public:
    // Retrieving the data.
    DB_primitive & operator[] (CS_INT i);
    const DB_primitive & operator[] (CS_INT i) const;

    // Properties of the data column.
    DB_string      name() const;
    CS_BOOL        isColumn(const char *nn) const;
    CS_BOOL        canBeNull() const;
    CS_BOOL        isHidden() const;
    CS_BOOL        isIdentity() const;
    CS_BOOL        isKey() const;
    CS_BOOL        isUpdatable() const;
    CS_BOOL        isVersionKey() const;
    CS_BOOL        isTimeStamp() const;
    CS_BOOL        isUpdateCol() const;
    CS_BOOL        isInputValue() const;
    CS_BOOL        isReturn() const;
    CS_INT         numRows() const;
    DB_types       type() const;
    CS_INT         cstype() const;
    CS_INT         width() const;
    CS_BOOL        areTheirNulls() const;

    // Copying the column data to array variables.
    CS_INT         colcpy(CS_CHAR **&vec) const;
    CS_INT         colcpy(CS_BYTE **&vec) const;
    CS_INT         colcpy(long *&vec) const;
    CS_INT         colcpy(CS_FLOAT *&vec) const;
    CS_INT         colcpy(CS_BYTE *&vec) const;
    CS_INT         colcpy(CS_REAL *&vec) const;
    CS_INT         colcpy(CS_SMALLINT *&vec) const;

    DB_column() { }
    ~DB_column();
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This object holds structure information and provides storage and access to the data items for a given column.

**DATA HANDLING**

To access an individual data item, use the subscript operator for a given row number starting from zero. If the row number is out of bounds then then a *DB\_void* data object is returned.

```
DB_primitive & operator[] (CS_INT i);
const DB_primitive & operator[] (CS_INT i) const;
```

**STATUS**

```

DB_string    name() const;
CS_INT      numRows() const;

CS_BOOL      isColumn(const char *nn) const;
CS_BOOL      canBeNull() const;
CS_BOOL      isHidden() const;
CS_BOOL      isIdentity() const;
CS_BOOL      isKey() const;
CS_BOOL      isUpdatable() const;
CS_BOOL      isVersionKey() const;
CS_BOOL      isTimeStamp() const;
CS_BOOL      isUpdateCol() const;
CS_BOOL      isInputValue() const;
CS_BOOL      isReturn() const;
DB_types     type() const;
CS_INT      ctype() const;
CS_INT      width() const;
CS_BOOL      areTheirNulls() const;

```

From the above methods we can find out the name of the column, number of rows of data stored and the status (either CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE). Furthermore, we can find the type of column as a *DB\_primitive* type or in terms of the *Client-Server SYBASE* type and its width. Finally, we can find out whether some of the data members are NULL.

**COPYING TO ARRAYS**

Given an empty pointer, the following methods will allocate memory to the pointer through the C++ new command and store the column data into the array. The member function returns the number of array elements created. Be sure to apply delete to these arrays after you are finished in order to avoid memory leaks.

```

CS_INT      colcpy(CS_CHAR **&vec) const;
CS_INT      colcpy(CS_BYTE **&vec) const;
CS_INT      colcpy(long *&vec) const;
CS_INT      colcpy(CS_FLOAT *&vec) const;
CS_INT      colcpy(CS_BYTE *&vec) const;
CS_INT      colcpy(CS_REAL *&vec) const;
CS_INT      colcpy(CS_SMALLINT *&vec) const;

```

**SEE ALSO**

DB++(3), DB\_table(3), DB\_primitive(3)

**NAME**

DB\_command - The C++ class to send and obtain data from the database.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>

class DB_command
{
public:
    // Open up a process to the database for access.
    DB_command(DB_user &svr);

    // Close the process to the database and free all tables memory.
    ~DB_command();

    // Setting properties.
    CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT result);
    CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, char *result);

    // Getting properties.
    CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT &result);
    CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);

    // Clearing properties,
    CS_RETCODE clearProp(CS_INT property);

    // Set to a given database.
    CS_RETCODE setDatabase(const char *name);

    // Working with SQL commands.
    void    appendSQL(const char *cmd);
    void    appendQuoteSQL(const char *cmd);
    void    clearSQL();
    void    execSQL(const char *nme, CS_INT &cmd_fails, CS_INT &cmds);
    const CS_CHAR* sqlCommand();

    // Bulk copy access.
    void    setMultRows(CS_INT numRF);
    CS_RETCODE bulkGetTable(const char *tname);
    CS_RETCODE bulkStoreTable(const char *tname, CS_INT &out_row);
    CS_RETCODE bulkStoreTable(const char *tname, CS_INT occur, CS_INT &out_row);

    // Dealing with tables on the database.
    CS_RETCODE describeTable(const char *nme);
    CS_RETCODE getTable(const char *nme);
    CS_RETCODE truncateTable(const char *nme);

    // Working with a Table in memory.
    CS_INT    numTableMemory(const char *table_name);
    CS_INT    numTableMemory();
    void    removeLastTable();

    // Accessing a table in memory.
    DB_table& operator [] (CS_INT i);
    DB_table& operator () (const char *tname, CS_INT occur = 1);
};
```

```

// Using the database for conversion of data to and from an ascii format.
CS_RETCODE store(DB_primitive &dt, const CS_CHAR *str);
CS_RETCODE recall(const DB_primitive &dt, CS_CHAR *str, CS_INT size);
};

```

#### DESCRIPTION

Once the connection is established using *DB\_user*, the database can be opened with a *DB\_command* object. Through the various methods available, one could query the database for the data it contains or read a table directly. You don't have to worry about the structure of the data returned from the query, this is all taken care of for you. Additionally, you can retrieve or write data to tables using bulk copy.

#### CONSTRUCTOR

The constructor requires a *DB\_user* object after a connection to the database server is established.

#### PROPERTIES

Some of the properties can be changed (note, there are some properties that can only be changed with *DB\_init* objects or *DB\_user* objects) through the following methods:

```

CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT result);
CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, char *result);

```

where char strings are assumed to be NULL terminated. For example to turn on ANSI binds we use the following code segment:

```

DB_init syb;
DB_user lgn(syb);

// Connecting to server ....

DB_command tbl(lgn);

// Some more stuff ....

if (tbl.setProp(CS_ANSI_BINDS, CS_TRUE) != CS_SUCCEED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

// And continue ...

```

To find out what a property is set to, use the following methods:

```

CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT &result);
CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);

```

where *bufsize* is the amount of space allocated to the char *\*result* in the second *getProp* method. An example of getting the name of the declared cursor:

```

char cname[50];

// Some more stuff ....

DB_init syb;
DB_user lgn(syb);

// Connecting to server ....

DB_command tbl(lgn);

```

```

// Some more stuff ....

if (tbl.getProp(CS_CUR_NAME, cname, 50) != CS_SUCCEED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

// And continue ...

```

Properties can be cleared, returning to the default values with:

```
CS_RETCODE clearProp(CS_INT property);
```

#### CHANGING DATABASE

The database that one is accessing can be changed with the following method.

```
CS_RETCODE setDatabase(const char *name);
```

#### SQL COMMANDS

*SQL* queries or commands can be sent to the server with the following methods:

```

void    appendSQL(const char *cmd);
void    appendQuoteSQL(const char *cmd);
void    clearSQL();
void    execSQL(const char *nme, CS_INT &cmd_fails, CS_INT &cmds);
const CS_CHAR* sqlCommand();

```

The first method, `appendSQL`, appends the command - given as the argument - to a buffer in program memory.

The method `appendQuoteSQL` is similar to `appendSQL` except that the command string is enclosed in double quotes before it is appended.

The third method, `clearSQL`, clears the command buffer.

The fourth command, `execSQL`, sends the command to the server, but does not clear the command buffer and fetches data if any. The first argument is the name of tables that are stored in memory if data is returned. The second argument returns the number of failed returns of result sets. The final argument, returns the total number of results sets. If no data is returned, the first argument is ignored.

The last method, `sqlCommand`, will return the pointer to the `sql` command string stored in the buffer.

#### BULK COPY

To send and receive tables efficiently from the server, bulk copy is available. The methods are listed below. Note, you must enable bulk copy in the `DB_user` object before establishing the connection and creating this `DB_command` object. Furthermore, the the database itself must have the bulk copy option set.

```

void    setMultiRows(CS_INT numRF);
CS_RETCODE bulkGetTable(const char *tname);
CS_RETCODE bulkStoreTable(const char *tname, CS_INT &out_row);
CS_RETCODE bulkStoreTable(const char *tname, CS_INT occur, CS_INT &out_row);

```

The method, `setMultiRows`, sets the number of rows and the buffer size the program uses to send or receive data per transfer. Nominally, this is set to 100. Larger numbers may result in better performance, but would require a larger buffer. Note, the memory for the buffer is allocated before the transfer begins and is deallocated after the transfer is completed, this applies equally well to transfers of data using *SQL* commands.

The next method, `bulkGetTable`, will receive a table from the server named according to the argument and store it in program memory.

Finally, the last two methods, `bulkStoreTable`, will store the occurrence, "occur", of table "tname" in program memory to a database table named "tname" with the "out\_rows" argument returning the number of rows stored. If "occur" is not included, it is the first occurrence.

**DATABASE TABLES**

These methods are used to act on tables that are in the database. Note, tables are stored in the order they are created.

```
CS_RETCODE describeTable(const char *nme);
CS_RETCODE getTable(const char *nme);
CS_RETCODE truncateTable(const char *nme);
```

The first method, `describeTable`, will create an empty table in program memory with the column descriptions such as the column names, width, etc. Note, this method creates a temporary procedure in the "tempdb" database in order to get the table description.

The next method, `getTable`, will copy the entire copy of the table from the database to program memory. If bulk copy is enabled, then bulk copy methods will be used.

The method `truncateTable`, will empty a table in the database but leave the structure. It is not a good idea to drop the table and recreate its structure since, not all the structures such as indexing, data default values, etc. can be recreated from the *DB++* objects.

**TABLES IN MEMORY**

The number of tables stored in memory is only limited by the available program memory. Furthermore, two or more tables in program memory can have the same name. The following methods help in dealing with the tables in memory.

```
CS_INT  numTableMemory(const char *table_name);
CS_INT  numTableMemory();
void    removeLastTable();
```

Use, `numTableMemory("table_name")`, to find out how many tables in memory have the name "table\_name".

To find out the total number of tables in memory use, `numTableMemory` without arguments.

Use the method, `removeLastTable`, to remove the last table from memory.

To access the *DB\_table* object directly use the following subscript operators.

```
DB_table& operator [] (CS_INT i);
DB_table& operator () (const char *name, CS_INT occur = 1);
```

You can access tables by count starting from zero to the last table in the order in which they were entered into program memory. Or you can refer to the table by its name, and/or occurrence with the first occurrence by default. The occurrence numbers start from one (first).

**CONVERTING DATA**

The database conversion utilities can be used for converting some of the data formats to an ascii format in order to store the results in files. This conversion utility is needed if a special date-time format is used in the database. Since the *DB\_primitive* objects do not have access to the database, this access must be provided through the *DB\_command* object. The following methods achieve these goals.

```
CS_RETCODE store(DB_primitive &dt, const CS_CHAR *str);
CS_RETCODE recall(const DB_primitive &dt, CS_CHAR *str, CS_INT size);
```

**SEE ALSO**

`DB++(3)`, `DB_properties(3)`, `DB_table(3)`, `DB_user(3)`, `DB_primitive(3)`

**NAME**

DB\_init - The C++ class to initialize access to the Database Libraries.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>

class DB_init
{
public:
    // Setting properties.
    CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT result);
    CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, char *result);

    // Getting properties.
    CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT &result);
    CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);

    // Clearing properties,
    CS_RETCODE clearProp(CS_INT property);

    // Result of initialization.
    CS_RETCODE state() { return _state; }

    // Change the message file.
    static void messages(const char *fl);
    static void messages(ostream &ops);
    static void terminal(CS_BOOL tf);
    static void messageLimit(CS_INT lmt);

    DB_init(CS_INT vrs = CS_VERSION_100);
    ~DB_init();
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

A *DB\_init* object must be created to initialize the *SYBASE* Open Client Client-Library and the *DB++* classes. A file, *\$DBAPPLACE/dbmessages* (default), is opened for messages that come from *SYBASE* as well as those that come from *DB++* classes. The constructor assumes by default a *SYBASE* of version 10.0 (currently the only available version).

**CONSTRUCTOR**

There is only one constructor for *DB\_init* objects. The default argument chooses the version behavior of the Client-Libraries that the *DB++* classes are tuned for. Using another version may lead to unpredictable results.

If there is a failure in creating this object then you can find out from the *DB\_init::state()* method. This will return *CS\_SUCCEED* if there is no problem.

**PROPERTY METHODS**

The properties can be changed through the following methods:

```
CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT result);
CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, char *result);
```

where char strings are assumed to be NULL terminated. For example to turn on ANSI binds we use the following code segment:

```
DB_init syb;

// Some more stuff ....
```

```

if (syb.setProp(CS_ANSI_BINDS, CS_TRUE) != CS_SUCCEEDED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

```

```

// And continue ...

```

To find out what a property is set to, use the following methods:

```

CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT &result);
CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);

```

where `bufsize` is the amount of space allocated to the `char *result` in the second `getProp` method. An example of getting the version string of the current Client-Library:

```

char vers[50];

// Some more stuff ....

DB_init syb;

// Some more stuff ....

if (syb.getProp(CS_VER_STRING, ver, 50) != CS_SUCCEEDED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

// And continue ...

```

Properties can be cleared, returning to the default values with:

```

CS_RETCODE clearProp(CS_INT property);

```

## MESSAGES

When a `DB_init` object is created, all messages will be sent to the file `$DBAPPLACE/dbmessages`. This can be changed using either of the methods

```

static void messages(const char *fl);
static void messages(ostream &ops);
static void terminal(CS_BOOL tf);
static void messageLimit(CS_INT lmt);

```

where the `char` input is used for a new file name or the messages can be sent to an output stream of your choice. Note, many messages are also sent to the standard error of the screen.

The method `terminal`, can used to turn on or off messages to the terminal. When the argument is `CS_TRUE` (default) then messages are printed to the terminal, else if the argument is `CS_FALSE` then messages are only printed to the message file.

The message limit is set to 10 initially. If the message limit is exceeded, `DB++` will exit the program. This can be changed with the method `messageLimit`.

## SEE ALSO

`DB++(3)`, `DB_properties(3)`

**NAME**

DB\_options - Options that can be changed in DB\_user objects.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The following is a list of options that can be set, obtained or cleared on *DB\_user* objects. These are taken from the table "Symbolic Constants for Server Options" in "Open Client Library/C Reference Manual", starting on page 2-83.

**OPTIONS****CS\_OPT\_ANSINULL**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, then the ANSI behavior is used where "= NULL" and "is NULL" are not equivalent. In standard transact SQL, "= NULL" and "is NULL" are equivalent. Note, "<> NULL" and "is not NULL" are affected in a similar fashion.

**CS\_OPT\_ANSIPERM**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this statement is CS\_TRUE, SQL server will be ANSI-compliant with respect to permissions checks on "update" and "delete" statements.

**CS\_OPT\_ARITHABORT**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determine how SQL server behaves when an arithmetic error occurs.

**CS\_OPT\_ARITHIGNORE**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether SQL server displays a message after a divide-by-zero error or a loss of precision.

**CS\_OPT\_AUTHOFF**

Argument: char\* string, default Not applicable

Turns the specified authorization level off the current server session. When a user logs in, all authorizations granted to that user are turned on.

**CS\_OPT\_AUTHON**

Argument: char\* string, default Not applicable

Turns the specified authorization level on the current server session. When a user logs in, all authorizations granted to that user are turned on.

**CS\_OPT\_CHAINXACTS**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is CS\_TRUE, SQL server uses chained transaction behavior. Unchained transaction behavior requires an explicit "commit transaction" statement to define a transaction. Chained transaction behavior means that each server command is considered to be a distinct transaction.

**CS\_OPT\_CURCLOSEONXACT**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

When set to CS\_TRUE, all cursors opened within a transaction space are closed when the transaction completes.

**CS\_OPT\_CURREAD**

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Set a security label specifying the current read level.

**CS\_OPT\_CURWRITE**

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Set a security label specifying the current write level.

#### CS\_OPT\_DATEFIRST

Argument: CS\_INT value, default CS\_OPT\_SUNDAY

This option sets the day considered to be the first day of the week.

#### CS\_OPT\_DATEFORMAT

Argument: CS\_INT value, default CS\_OPT\_FMTMDY

This option sets the order of the date parts month, day and year for entering "datetime" or "small-datetime" data.

#### CS\_OPT\_FIPSFLAG

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, SQL server flags any non-standard SQL commands that are sent.

#### CS\_OPT\_FORCEPLAN

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, SQL server joins tables in the order in which the tables are listed in the from clause of the query.

#### CS\_OPT\_FORMATONLY

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, SQL server will send back a description of the data, rather than the data itself, in response to a select query.

#### CS\_OPT\_GETDATA

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, then on every "insert", "delete" or "update" SQL server returns information (in the form of a message result set and parameters) that an application can use to construct the name of the temporary table that will contain the rows that will be inserted and/or deleted. Note that an update consists of insertions and deletions.

#### CS\_OPT\_IDENTITYOFF

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Disables inserts into a table's identity column.

#### CS\_OPT\_IDENTITYON

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Enables inserts into a table's identity column.

#### CS\_OPT\_ISOLATION

Argument: CS\_INT value, default CS\_OPT\_LEVEL1

This option is used to specify a transaction isolation level. Possible levels are CS\_OPT\_LEVEL1 and CS\_OPT\_LEVEL3. Setting CS\_OPT\_ISOLATION to CS\_OPT\_LEVEL3 causes all pages of the tables in a select query inside a transaction to be locked for the duration of the transaction.

#### CS\_OPT\_NOCOUNT

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

This option causes the SQL server to stop sending back information about the number of rows affected by each SQL statement.

#### CS\_OPT\_NOEXEC

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, SQL server processes queries through the compile step but does not execute them. This option is used with CS\_OPT\_SHOWPLAN

**CS\_OPT\_PARSEONLY**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set, the server checks the syntax of queries, returning error messages as necessary, but does not execute the queries.

**CS\_OPT\_QUOTED\_IDENT**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, SQL server treats all strings enclosed in double quotes as identifiers.

**CS\_OPT\_RESTREES**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, SQL server checks the syntax of queries but does not execute them, returning parse resolution trees (in the form of image columns in a regular row result set) and error messages as needed to the client.

**CS\_OPT\_ROWCOUNT**

Argument: CS\_INT value, default 0 (all rows are returned)

If this option is set, SQL server returns only a maximum specified number of regular rows for "select" statements. This option does not limit the number of computed rows returned. CS\_OPT\_ROWCOUNT works somewhat differently from most options. It is always set on, never off. Setting CS\_OPT\_ROWCOUNT to "0" sets it back to the default, which will return all the rows generated by a select statement. Therefore the way to turn CS\_OPT\_ROWCOUNT off is to set it on with a count of 0.

**CS\_OPT\_SHOWPLAN**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, SQL server will generate a description of its processing plan after compilation and continue executing the query.

**CS\_OPT\_STATS\_IO**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

This option determines whether SQL server internal I/O statistics are returned to the client after each query.

**CS\_OPT\_STATS\_TIME**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

This option determines whether SQL server parsing, compilation and execution time statistics are returned to the client after each query.

**CS\_OPT\_STR\_RTRUNC**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is CS\_TRUE, SQL server will be ANSI-compliant with respect to right truncation of character data.

**CS\_OPT\_TEXTSIZE**

Argument: CS\_INT value, default 32768

This option changes the value of the SQL server variable @@textsize, which limits the size of text or image values that SQL server returns. When setting this option, you supply a parameter which is the length, in bytes, of the longest text or image value that the SQL server should return. @@textsize has a default of 32768 bytes. Note that, in programs that allow application users to make ad hoc queries, the user may override this option with the Transact-SQL set textsize command. To set a text limit that the user cannot override, use the Client-Library CS\_TEXTLIMIT property instead.

**CS\_OPT\_TRUNCIGNORE**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If this option is set to CS\_TRUE, then SQL server ignores truncation errors. This is standard ANSI behavior. Otherwise, SQL server raises an error whenever a conversion results in truncation.

**SEE ALSO**

DB\_user(3)

**REFERENCES**

SYBASE: "Open Client Client-Library/C Reference Manual"

**NAME**

DB\_primitive - The C++ base class for the data.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>
```

```
enum DB_types {
    IS_DB_void,
    IS_DB_string,
    IS_DB_binary,
    IS_DB_datetime,
    IS_DB_double,
    IS_DB_byte,
    IS_DB_float,
    IS_DB_long,
    IS_DB_int,
    IS_DB_short,
    IS_DB_char
};

class DB_primitive
{
public:
    DB_primitive() { }
    virtual CS_BOOL isNull() const = 0;
    virtual DB_types type() const = 0;
    virtual void print(ostream &) const = 0;
    virtual void read(istream &) = 0;
    virtual CS_RETCODE store(CS_CONTEXT *cnt, const CS_CHAR *str) = 0;
    virtual CS_RETCODE recall(CS_CONTEXT *cnt, CS_CHAR *str,
                             CS_INT size) const = 0;
    virtual ~DB_primitive() { }

    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(const DB_primitive &vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(const CS_CHAR *vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(CS_CHAR vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(const CS_BYTE *vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(CS_BYTE vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(CS_REAL vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(CS_FLOAT vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(CS_SMALLINT vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(int vv) = 0;
    virtual DB_primitive& operator=(long vv) = 0;

    virtual operator const CS_CHAR*() const = 0;
    virtual operator const CS_BYTE*() const = 0;
    virtual operator CS_FLOAT() const = 0;
    virtual operator CS_BYTE() const = 0;
    virtual operator CS_REAL() const = 0;
    virtual operator long() const = 0;
    virtual operator int() const = 0;
    virtual operator CS_SMALLINT() const = 0;
    virtual operator CS_CHAR() const = 0;
};
```

```
inline ostream& operator << (ostream &oo, const DB_primitive &zz)
{
    zz.print(oo);
    return oo;
}

inline istream& operator >> (istream &ii, DB_primitive &zz)
{
    zz.read(ii);
    return ii;
}
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This is the abstract base class for the following classes:

- DB\_void
- DB\_string
- DB\_binary
- DB\_datetime
- DB\_double
- DB\_byte
- DB\_float
- DB\_int
- DB\_short
- DB\_char

Given a data object of one of the above types, for instance, by subscripting a *DB\_column* object, the type can be found out through the method, `type`. Use the method, `isNull`, to find out if the data is NULL.

Conversion to and from C data types is achieved through the operator `=` and the conversion operator. Note, in some cases where conversion is not possible, a default value is inserted. This default may not be the same as in the database. Storing and retrieving data can be done either through a C++ code entirely using the overloaded operators `<<` or `>>` to streams.

Some of the conversions, such as date-time conversions, can go through the database by using the store and recall methods on a *DB\_command* object. Note, not all of the conversions use the database, thus some defaults may be missed.

**SEE ALSO**

DB++(3), DB\_command(3), DB\_column(3)

**NAME**

DB\_properties - Properties that can be changed in DB++

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The list of properties that can be read, set or cleared. These properties pertain to the way the *SYBASE* Open Client Client-Library which is the foundation for the DB++ classes will behave. These are taken from the table "Summary of Properties" in "Open Client Client-Library/C Reference Manual", starting on page 2-95.

**DB\_init PROPERTIES****CS\_ANSI\_BINDS**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Turning on or off ANSI-Style binds. When ANSI-Style binds are in effect: (1) An application must either bind no items or all items, (2) When fetching data, an indicator must be used for copying NULL data. Otherwise a CS\_ROW\_FAIL will be returned.

**CS\_DISABLE\_POLL**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether or not ct\_poll reports asynchronous operation completions. The default means polling is not disabled. If CS\_DISABLE\_POLL is CS\_TRUE, an application cannot call ct\_wakeup.

**CS\_EXPOSE\_FMTS**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Whether or not Client-Library exposes format result sets.

**CS\_EXTRA\_INF**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Whether or not Client-Library returns extra information to fill the structures *SQLCA*, *SQLCODE* and *SQLSTATE*.

**CS\_HIDDEN\_KEY**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether *hidden-keys* will be exposed in a results set.

**CS\_IFILE**

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Defines the name and location of the interfaces file.

**CS\_LOGIN\_TIMEOUT**

Argument: CS\_INT value, default 60

Defines the length of time, in seconds, that Client-Library waits for a login response when making a connection attempt.

**CS\_MAX\_CONNECT**

Argument: CS\_INT value, default 25

The maximum number of simultaneously open connections that a context can have.

**CS\_MEM\_POOL**

Not implemented.

Identifies a pool of memory that the Client-Library can use to satisfy its memory requirements.

**CS\_NETIO**

Argument: CS\_INT value, default CS\_SYNC\_IO

Determines whether the connection is synchronous (CS\_SYNC\_IO), fully asynchronous (CS\_ASYNC\_IO) or deferred asynchronous (CS\_DEFER\_IO). A deferred asynchronous

connection cannot be set in *DB\_user*. The current version of *DB++* only works with *CS\_NETIO* set to *CS\_SYNC\_IO*.

**CS\_NO\_TRUNCATE**

Argument: *CS\_TRUE* or *CS\_FALSE*, default *CS\_FALSE*

Determines whether Client-Library truncates or sequences Client-Library and server messages that are longer than *CS\_MAX\_MSG* - 1 bytes. The default is to truncate long messages.

**CS\_NOINTERRUPT**

Argument: *CS\_TRUE* or *CS\_FALSE*, default *CS\_FALSE*

Whether or not the application can be interrupted by Client-Library.

**CS\_TEXTLIMIT**

Argument: *CS\_INT* value, default *CS\_NO\_LIMIT*

Sets the limit to the size, in bytes, of the largest text or image value that an application wants to receive.

**CS\_TIMEOUT**

Argument: *CS\_INT* value, default *CS\_NO\_LIMIT*

Sets the time limit, in seconds, that the Client-Library waits for a server response when making a request.

**CS\_USER\_ALLOC**

Not implemented.

**CS\_USER\_FREE**

Not implemented.

**CS\_VER\_STRING**

Argument: returns *char\** string

Returns the version of the Client-Library that the application is using.

**CS\_VERSION**

Argument: returns *CS\_INT*

Returns the version of the Client-Library that was requested in the constructor of *DB\_init*.

**DB\_user PROPERTIES**

## Login properties

**CS\_APPNAME**

Argument: *char\** string, default *NULL*

Defines the application name that the connection will use when connecting to the server. This will appear in the *sysprocesses* table in the *master* database.

**CS\_BULK\_LOGIN**

Argument: *CS\_TRUE* or *CS\_FALSE*, default *CS\_FALSE*

Describes whether or not a connection can perform a bulk copy operations into a database. Applications that allow users to make ad hoc queries may want to avoid setting this property to *CS\_TRUE*, to keep users from initiating a bulk copy sequence via *SQL* commands. Once a bulk copy sequence is begun, it cannot be stopped with an ordinary *SQL* command.

**CS\_HOSTNAME**

Argument: *char\** string, default *NULL*

The name of the host machine used when logging into the server.

**CS\_LOC\_PROP**

Not implemented

Allows changing the default locale information, such as, language, character sets,

datetime formats and a collating sequence.

**CS\_PACKETSIZE**

Argument: CS\_INT value, default 512 (most platforms)

Determines the size for sending Tabular Data Streams (TDS) packets.

**CS\_PASSWORD**

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Defines the password for logging into the server.

**CS\_TDS\_VERSION**

Argument: CS\_INT value, default is dependant on CS\_VERSION

Defines the version of the TDS protocol that the connection is using.

**CS\_USERNAME**

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Defines the user name for logging into the server.

Properties that can only be set before connecting to server.

**CS\_COMMBLOCK**

Not implemented.

This property is specific to IBM-370 and is ignored on other platforms.

**CS\_EXPOSE\_FMTS**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_NETIO**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_SEC\_APPDEFINED**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether or not a connection will use the Open Server application-defined challenge/response security handshaking.

**CS\_SEC\_CHALLENGE**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether or not a connection will use SYBASE-defined challenge/response security handshaking.

**CS\_SEC\_ENCRYPTION**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether or not a connection will use encrypted password security handshaking.

**CS\_SEC\_NEGOTIATE**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether or not a connection will use trusted-user security handshaking.

Retrieve only properties

**CS\_CHARSETCNV**

Argument: returns CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE

Describes whether or not the server is converting between the client and server character sets.

**CS\_CON\_STATUS**

Argument: returns CS\_INT sized bit mask

CS\_CONSTAT\_CONNECTED implies the connection is marked open, however, CS\_CONSTAT\_DEAD implies the connection is marked as dead.

**CS\_EED\_CMD**

Not implemented.

Provides a pointer to a CS\_COMMAND structure that contains extended error data.

**CS\_END\_POINT**

Argument: returns CS\_INT

The file descriptor for a connection.

**CS\_LOGIN\_STATUS**

Argument: returns CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE

Returns CS\_TRUE if connection is open.

**CS\_NOTIF\_CMD**

Not implemented

Defines a pointer to a CS\_COMMAND structure containing registered procedure notification parameters.

**CS\_PARENT\_HANDLE**

Not implemented.

Returns the parent CS\_CONTEXT structure.

**CS\_SERVERNAME**

Argument: returns char \*

Returns the name of the server.

## Other properties

**CS\_ANSI\_BINDS**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_ASYNC\_NOTIFS**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

Determines whether a connection will receive registered procedure notifications asynchronously.

**CS\_DIAG\_TIMEOUT**

Argument: CS\_TRUE or CS\_FALSE, default CS\_FALSE

If CS\_TRUE, Client-library marks a connection as dead when a Client-library routine generates a timeout error, else Client-library retries indefinitely.

**CS\_DISABLE\_POLL**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_EXTRA\_INF**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_HIDDEN\_KEYS**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_TEXTLIMIT**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_TRANSACTION\_NAME**

Argument: char\* string, default NULL

Defines a transaction name.

**CS\_USERDATA**

Not implemented.

**DB\_command PROPERTIES****CS\_ANSI\_BINDS**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_CURSOR\_ID**

Argument: returns CS\_INT value

The server identification number assigned to a cursor. Retrieve only, after CS\_CUR\_STATUS indicates an existing cursor.

**CS\_CUR\_NAME**

Argument: returns char\* string

The name with which the cursor was declared. Retrieve only, after ct\_cursor with CS\_CURSOR\_DECLARE returns CS\_SUCCEED.

**CS\_CUR\_ROWCOUNT**

Argument: returns CS\_INT value

The number of cursor rows returned to Client-library per internal fetch request. Note this is not the number of rows returned to the application per ct\_fetch call. Retrieve only, after CS\_CUR\_STATUS indicates an existing cursor.

**CS\_CUR\_STATUS**

Argument: returns CS\_INT sized bit mask

The following values are returned:

CS\_CURSTAT\_CLOSED A closed cursor exists,  
 CS\_CURSTAT\_DECLARED A cursor is currently declared,  
 CS\_CURSTAT\_NONE No cursor is declared,  
 CS\_CURSTAT\_OPEN An open cursor exists,  
 CS\_CURSTAT\_RDONLY The cursor is readonly,  
 CS\_CURSTAT\_UPDATABLE The cursor is updatable.

**CS\_HIDDEN\_KEYS**

See DB\_init PROPERTIES above.

**CS\_PARENT\_HANDLE**

Not implemented.

Returns the parent CS\_CONNECTION structure.

**CS\_USERDATA**

Not implemented.

**SEE ALSO**

DB\_init(3), DB\_user(3), DB\_command(3)

**REFERENCES**

SYBASE: "Open Client Client-Library/C Reference Manual"

**NAME**

DB\_table - The C++ class for working with tables stored in program memory.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>
```

```
class DB_table
{
public:
    DB_string name() const;
    CS_BOOL isEmpty() const;
    CS_BOOL isTable(const char *tname) const;

    // Table dimensions.
    CS_INT numRows() const;
    CS_INT numColumns() const;

    // Editing a table in memory
    void empty();
    void appendNewRow();
    void removeLastRow();

    // Writing the structure in various formats
    void cHeader(ostream &osrt = cout) const;
    void sqlScript(ostream &osrt = cout) const;

    // Data retrieval.
    DB_column & operator () (const char *cname);
    const DB_column & operator () (const char *cname) const;
    DB_column & operator [] (CS_INT col);
    const DB_column & operator [] (CS_INT col) const;

    DB_table();
    ~DB_table();
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

A *DB\_table* object is used to store the contents and some of the structure information of a table in the database in program memory. The *DB\_table* objects are made available through a *DB\_command* object. Generally, transference of data between the database and a *DB\_table* object will be handled using a *DB\_command* object. A stand alone *DB\_table* object will not be of much use.

**CONSTRUCTORS**

There is a default constructor, however this will not be of much use without database access which are available from the *DB\_command* objects.

**TABLE STRUCTURE**

A table consists of rows and columns of data. Each column has a name attached to it and its data has a particular representation. The following methods are used to find out the structure of a table in program memory.

```
DB_string name() const;
CS_INT numRows() const;
CS_INT numColumns() const;
void cHeader(ostream &osrt = cout) const;
void sqlScript(ostream &osrt = cout) const;
```

Each table has a name. The name of the table can be found from the method, `name`.

The method, `numRows`, returns the number of rows of data.

The method, `numColumns`, returns the number of columns.

The method, `cHeader`, will send a C structure representation of the data to an ostream of your choice.

The method, `sqlScript`, will send a "CREATE TABLE" *SQL* script of this table to an ostream. Note, this *SQL* script doesn't know the difference between a char and varchar data (assumes varchar) and binary and varbinary data (assumes varbinary). Furthermore, indexing, default values, and other features of in *SQL* are not in this script.

#### UTILITIES

The following utilities are used to help manage a table in program memory.

```
CS_BOOL  isTable(const char *tname) const;
CS_BOOL  isEmpty()  const;
void     empty();
void     appendNewRow();
void     removeLastRow();
```

The method, `isTable`, checks the name of a this table.

The method, `isEmpty`, determines whether any data is stored in the current table.

Using the method, `empty`, a table can be emptied of all its data leaving the structure information.

Use the method, `appendNewRow`, to append a row with all NULL data to an existing table. Applying this method to an empty table will lead to a non-empty table, even though all the data is NULL. Data values can then be entered into this new row.

You can also remove the last row in the table using the method, `removeLastRow`.

#### DATA HANDLING

Data can be retrieved or sent to a table in program memory through the following subscript operators.

```
DB_column & operator () (const char *cname);
const DB_column & operator () (const char *cname) const;
DB_column & operator [] (CS_INT col);
const DB_column & operator [] (CS_INT col) const;
```

A *DB\_column* object for a given column is returned given either the column name or its number starting from zero to the last column. The column structure information and its data are stored in the *DB\_column* objects.

#### SEE ALSO

DB++(3), DB\_command(3), DB\_column(3), DB\_primitive(3)

**NAME**

DB\_user - The C++ class to connect to the Database Server.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <DB++/db_base.H>

class DB_user
{
public:
    // Setting options.
    CS_RETCODE setOpt(CS_INT option, CS_INT result);
    CS_RETCODE setOpt(CS_INT option, char *result);

    // Getting options.
    CS_RETCODE getOpt(CS_INT option, CS_INT &result);
    CS_RETCODE getOpt(CS_INT option, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);

    // Clearing options
    CS_RETCODE clearOpt(CS_INT option);

    // Setting properties.
    CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT result);
    CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, char *result);
    CS_RETCODE enableBulkCopy(CS_INT version = BLK_VERSION_100);

    // Getting properties.
    CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT &result);
    CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);

    // Clearing properties,
    CS_RETCODE clearProp(CS_INT property);

    // Setting and getting capabilities.
    CS_RETCODE getRequest(CS_INT capability, CS_BOOL &tf);
    CS_RETCODE setResponse(CS_INT capability, CS_BOOL tf);
    CS_RETCODE getResponse(CS_INT capability, CS_BOOL &tf);

    // Copying login info from one connection to another.
    CS_RETCODE copyLogin(DB_user &cnt);

    // Establishing the connection.
    CS_RETCODE connect(char *server);
    CS_RETCODE dbloginFile();
    CS_RETCODE dbloginFile(const char *dbase);

    // Result of initialization.
    CS_RETCODE state();

    // Allocating memory for the connection the connection.
    DB_user(DB_init &db);

    // Frees up the login record.
    ~DB_user();
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

It is through the *DB\_user* object that one connects to the server. It is assumed that a *DB\_init* object exists.

**CONSTRUCTOR**

There is only one constructor that uses for its argument a *DB\_init* object. This creates a *DB\_user* object, which has not yet established a connection to the server. Before the connection is established, the *DB\_user* object must be informed about the username, password, etc. This can be accomplished through changing the properties or using a method that reads this info from a *.dblogins* file.

Normally, this object is created without a problem, however, if there is a problem after construction one could find out from the method `DB_user::state()`. This method returns `CS_SUCCEED` if the constructor succeeded.

**OPTION METHODS**

The options can be changed through the following methods:

```
CS_RETCODE setOpt(CS_INT option, CS_INT result);
CS_RETCODE setOpt(CS_INT option, char *result);
```

where char strings are assumed to be NULL terminated. For example to limit the number of rows returned from a regular row result select statement use:

```
DB_init syb;
DB_user lgn(syb);

// Some more stuff ....

if (lgn.setOpt(CS_OPT_ROWCOUNT, 50) != CS_SUCCEED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

// And continue ...
```

To find out what an option is set to, use the following methods:

```
CS_RETCODE getOpt(CS_INT option, CS_INT &result);
CS_RETCODE getOpt(CS_INT option, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);
```

where `bufsize` is the amount of space allocated to the char `*result` in the second `getProp` method. An example of checking to see if ANSI NULL's are in effect use (note, `CS_BOOL` and `CS_INT` are both 4-byte integers in Client-Library):

```
CS_BOOL tf;

// Some more stuff ....

DB_init syb;
DB_user lgn(syb);

// Some more stuff ....

if (lgn.getOpt(CS_ANSINULL, tf) != CS_SUCCEED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

// And continue ...
```

Options can be cleared, returning to the default values with:

```
CS_RETCODE clearOpt(CS_INT option);
```

#### PROPERTY METHODS

The properties can be changed through the following methods:

```
CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT result);
CS_RETCODE setProp(CS_INT property, char *result);
```

where char strings are assumed to be NULL terminated. For example to turn on ANSI binds we use the following code segment:

```
DB_init syb;
DB_user lgn(syb);

// Some more stuff ....

if (lgn.setProp(CS_ANSI_BINDS, CS_TRUE) != CS_SUCCEED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

// And continue ...
```

To find out what a property is set to, use the following methods:

```
CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, CS_INT &result);
CS_RETCODE getProp(CS_INT property, char *result, CS_INT bufsize);
```

where bufsize is the amount of space allocated to the char \*result in the second getProp method. An example of getting the server name after establishing the connection:

```
char server[50];

// Some more stuff ....

DB_init syb;
DB_user lgn(syb);

// Connecting to server and other stuff ....

if (lgn.getProp(CS_SERVERNAME, server, 50) != CS_SUCCEED) {
    // Handle the error ...
}

// And continue ...
```

Properties can be cleared, returning to the default values with:

```
CS_RETCODE clearProp(CS_INT property);
```

#### CAPABILITY METHODS

There are two types of capabilities: request and response. Request describes the types of client requests that can be sent on a server connection. Response describe the types of server responses that a connection does not wish to receive. Note, request capabilities can not be changed but only retrieved.

```
CS_RETCODE getRequest(CS_INT capability, CS_BOOL &tf);
CS_RETCODE setResponse(CS_INT capability, CS_BOOL tf);
CS_RETCODE getResponse(CS_INT capability, CS_BOOL &tf);
```

**COPYING LOGIN INFORMATION**

It is possible to copy all the login information from an exiting *DB\_user* object to a new *DB\_user* object using the following method:

```
CS_RETCODE copyLogin(DB_user &cnt);
```

Note, we did not use the equals operator here since only the login properties were copied.

**CONNECTING TO SERVER**

There are three methods for establishing a connection to the server:

```
CS_RETCODE connect(char *server);  
CS_RETCODE dbloginFile();  
CS_RETCODE dbloginFile(const char *dbase);
```

The first method will connect to a server of a given name, it is assumed that all the necessary login properties, such as user name, password, etc, have been entered.

The second method looks for the file `$HOME/.dblogins`. If this file exists it will read the first line for the login properties. If this file does not exist or if there is a read error in trying to read the first line, then it will look for the file `$DBAPPLACE/.dblogins` where it will read the first line. This file may not exist or, there may be a read error in reading the first line, in this case the user-name and password are set to "harmless" and the program uses the `DSQUERY` environmental variable for the server name. If the `DSQUERY` variable does not exist, the method exits with an error message and no connection is established.

The third method is similar to the second method except that the `.dblogins` file lines are searched for the database name.

**SEE ALSO**

DB++(3), DB\_capabilities(3), DB\_init(3), DB\_options(3), DB\_properties(3), dblogins(1)

**REFERENCES**

SYBASE: "Open Client Client-Library/C Reference Manual"

```

#include <DB++/db_base.H>

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    DB_string dbname, *tblNames;
    CS_INT i, tbcnt, cmd_fails, cmds;

    // Get database name to query.
    if (argc == 2) {
        dbname = argv[1];
    } else {
        cerr << "Usage: querydb 'Database Name'" << endl;
        return(0);
    }

    // Initializing the database server.
    DB_init bgn;
    if (bgn.state() != CS_SUCCEED) {
        cerr << "Error -- Could not initialize Access to the database." << endl;
        return(0);
    }
    DB_user srv(bgn);
    if (srv.state() != CS_SUCCEED) {
        cerr << "Error -- Could not initialize the database server." << endl;
        return(0);
    }

    // Connect to the server.
    if (srv.dbloginFile() != CS_SUCCEED) {
        cerr << "Error -- Failed to open a connection to the server." << endl;
        return(0);
    }

    // Opening up the database.
    DB_command tbl(srv);
    if (tbl.setDatabase(dbname) != CS_SUCCEED) {
        cerr << "Error -- Failed to set the database." << endl;
        return(0);
    }

    // Get list of all user tables from database.
    tbl.clearSQL();
    tbl.appendSQL("SELECT name FROM sysobjects WHERE type = 'U' ORDER BY name");
    tbl.execSQL("tableNames", cmd_fails, cmds);
    if (cmd_fails != 0) {
        cerr << "Error -- Unable to get table names from the database."
            << endl;
        return(0);
    }
    tblNames = new DB_string [tbcnt = tbl("tableNames").numRows()];
    for (i = 0; i < tbcnt; i++) {
        tblNames[i] = tbl("tableNames")("name")[i];
        tblNames[i].trimend();
    }
    tbl.removeLastTable();
    cout << tbcnt << " user tables in the database: " << dbname << endl;

    for (i = 0; i < tbcnt; i++) {
        tbl.describeTable(tblNames[i]);
        tbl(tblNames[i]).sqlScript();
        tbl.removeLastTable();
    }
    delete [] tblNames;
    return(1);
}

```