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Pyrseas provides a framework and utilities to upgrade and maintain a PostgreSQL database.

CHAPTER 1

Features

- Outputs a YAML/JSON description of a PostgreSQL database's tables and other objects (metadata), suitable for storing in a version control repository
- Generates SQL statements to modify a database so that it will match an input YAML/JSON specification
- Generates an augmented YAML description of a PostgreSQL database from its catalogs and an augmentation specification.

CHAPTER 2

Requirements

- PostgreSQL 9.3 or higher
- Python 2.7 or higher
- Psycogp2 2.5 or higher
- PyYAML 3.10 or higher
- PgDbConn 0.8 or higher

3.1 Overview

Pyrseas provides a framework and utilities to create, upgrade and maintain a PostgreSQL database. Its purpose is to enhance and follow through on the concepts of the [Andromeda Project](#).

Whereas Andromeda expects the database designer or developer to provide a single **YAML** specification file of the database to be created, Pyrseas allows the development database to be created using the familiar SQL CREATE statements. The developer can then run the *dbtoyaml* utility to generate the YAML specification from the database. The spec can then be stored in any desired VCS repository. Similarly, she can add columns or modify tables or other objects using SQL ALTER statements and regenerate the YAML spec with *dbtoyaml*.

When ready to create or upgrade a test or production database, the *yamltodb* utility can be used with the YAML spec as input, to generate a script of SQL CREATE or ALTER statements to modify the database so that it matches the input spec.

Andromeda also uses the YAML specification to generate a PHP-based application to maintain the database tables. Pyrseas *dbappgen* utility will allow a secondary YAML spec to generate a Python-based administrative application for database maintenance, which can be activated using *dbapprun*.

3.1.1 Use Cases

The following two sections discuss the main scenarios where Pyrseas tools may be helpful. The first deals with the problem of controlling database structural changes while the second examines the topic of repetitive database maintenance operations.

3.1.2 Version Control

The case for implementing a tool to facilitate version control over SQL databases was made in a couple of blog posts: [Version Control, Part 1: Pre-SQL](#) and [Version Control, Part 2: SQL Databases](#). In summary, SQL data definition commands are generally incompatible with traditional version control approaches which usually require comparisons (diffs) between revisions of source files.

The Pyrseas version control tools are not designed to be the ultimate SQL database version control solution. Instead, they are aimed at assisting two or more developers or DbAs in sharing changes to the underlying database as they implement a database application. The sharing can occur through a centralized or distributed VCS. The Pyrseas tools may even be used by a single DbA in conjunction with a distributed VCS to quickly explore alternative designs. The tools can also help to share changes with a conventional QA team, but may require additional controls for final releases and production installations.

3.1.3 Data Maintenance

Pyrseas data administration tools (to be developed) aim to supplement the agile database development process mentioned above. While there are tools such as [pgAdmin III](#) that can be used for routine data entry tasks, their scope of action is usually a single table. For example, if you're entering data for a customer invoice, you need to know (or find by querying) the customer ID. On the other hand, [Django's admin site application](#) can present more than one table on a web page, but it requires defining the database "model" in Python and has limitations on how the database can be structured.

3.1.4 Naming

The project name comes from [Python](#), the programming language, and [Perseas](#)¹, the Greek mythological hero who rescued Andromeda from a sea monster². It is hoped that Pyrseas will rescue the Andromeda project <grin>. You can pronounce Pyrseas like the hero.

3.2 Installation

3.2.1 Summary

For the latest release, use:

```
pip install Pyrseas
```

For development:

```
git clone git://github.com/perseas/Pyrseas.git
cd Pyrseas
python setup.py install
```

3.2.2 Requirements

Pyrseas provides tools for [PostgreSQL](#), so obviously you need **PostgreSQL** to start with. Pyrseas has been tested with PG 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 and 10, and we'll certainly keep up with future releases. Please refer to section III, [Server Administration](#) of the PostgreSQL documentation for details on installation, setup and the various Linux, Unix and Windows platforms supported.

You will also need **Python**. Pyrseas has been tested with [Python 2.7](#), but should also work with 2.6. It has also been ported to Python 3 and tested against versions from 3.2 through 3.6. On Linux or *BSD, Python may already be part of your distribution or may be available as a package. For Windows and Mac OS please refer to the [Python download page](#) for installers and instructions.

¹ The common English name for Perseas is Perseus and the Ancient Greek name is Perseos. However, in modern Greek Περσεα is the more common spelling for the mythical hero.

² He is better known for having killed Medusa.

Pyrseas talks to the PostgreSQL DBMS via the **Psycopg2 adapter**. Pyrseas has been tested with `psycopg2` 2.2 and 2.4. `Psycopg2` is available as a package on most Linux or *BSD distributions and can also be downloaded or installed from PyPI. Please refer to the [Psycopg download page](#) for more details.

Note: If you install Pyrseas using `pip` (see below) and you have not already installed `Psycopg2`, e.g., when installing into a `virtualenv` environment created with `--no-site-packages`, you will need to have installed the PostgreSQL and Python development packages, and a C compiler, as `pip` will download and attempt to build and install `psycopg2` before installing Pyrseas.

The Pyrseas utilities rely on **PyYAML**, a **YAML** library. This may be available as a package for your operating system or it can be downloaded from the [Python Package Index](#).

3.2.3 Downloading

Pyrseas is available at the following locations:

- [Python Package Index \(PyPI\)](#)
- [PostgreSQL Extension Network \(PGXN\)](#)
- [PgFoundry](#)
- [GitHub repository](#)

You can download the distribution from PyPI in `gzip`-compressed tar or ZIP archive format, but you can download *and* install it using either `Pip` or `Easy Install`. See [Python Installers](#) below for details.

PGXN provides a ZIP archive which you can download or you can download *and* install using the PGXN client (see [PGXN Client](#) below).

PgFoundry offers the distribution in `gzip`-compressed tar or ZIP archive format, which can be downloaded and then installed as described [below](#).

The GitHub repository holds the Pyrseas source code, tagged according to the various releases, e.g., v0.2.0, and including unreleased modifications. To access it, you need `Git` which is available as a package in most OS distributions or can be downloaded from the [Git download page](#). You can fetch the Pyrseas sources by issuing one of the following commands:

```
git clone git://github.com/perseas/Pyrseas.git
```

or:

```
git clone https://github.com/perseas/Pyrseas.git
```

This will create a `Pyrseas` directory tree (you can use a different target name by adding it to the above commands). To list available releases, change to the subdirectory and invoke `git tag`. To switch to a particular release, use:

```
git checkout vn.n.n
```

where `vn.n.n` is the release identifier. Use `git checkout master` to revert to the main (master) branch. To fetch the latest updates, use:

```
git pull
```

3.2.4 Installation

Extracting Sources

Once you have downloaded an archive from PyPI, PGXN or PgFoundry, you need to extract the sources. For a gzip-compressed tar file, use:

```
tar xzf Pyrseas-n.n.n.tar.gz
```

where *n.n.n* is the release version. For a ZIP archive, use:

```
unzip Pyrseas-n.n.n.zip
```

Both commands above will create a directory `Pyrseas-n.n.n` and you will want to `cd` to it before proceeding with the installation.

Installing

If you have superuser or similar administrative privileges, you can install Pyrseas for access by multiple users on your system. On Linux and other Unix-flavored systems, you can install from the extracted `Pyrseas-n.n.n` source directory or from the root directory of the `git` clone, using the following command:

```
sudo python setup.py install
```

That will install the *dbtoyaml* and *yamltodb* utility scripts in a directory such as `/usr/local/bin`. The library sources and bytecode files will be placed in a `pyrseas` subdirectory under `site-packages` or `dist-packages`, e.g., `/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/pyrseas`.

On Windows, from an account with Administrator privileges, you can use:

```
python setup.py install
```

That will install the Pyrseas utilities in the `Scripts` folder of your Python installation. The source and bytecode files will go in the `site-packages` folder, e.g., `C:\Python27\Lib\site-packages\pyrseas`.

Python Installers

You can also download and install Pyrseas using `pip` or `easy_install`. For example, on Linux do:

```
sudo pip install Pyrseas
```

or:

```
sudo easy_install Pyrseas
```

If this is the first time you are installing a Python package, please do yourself a favor and read and follow the instructions in the “Distribute & Pip” subsection of the “Installing Python on ...” section for your platform of the [The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Python!](#).

Note: On FreeBSD, it has been reported that it is necessary to install the Python `distribute` package, prior to installing Pyrseas with `pip`. This may also be necessary on other BSD variants. See the *Hitchhiker’s Guide* above for further details.

Note: On Windows 64-bit, it has been reported that it is necessary to obtain unofficial versions of the `distribute` and `PyYAML` packages, available at [University of California, Irvine](#). For a detailed tutorial, see [this post](#).

`Pip` and `easy_install` can also be used in a Python `virtualenv` environment, in which case you *don't* need to prefix the commands with `sudo`.

`Pip` also provides the ability to uninstall `Pyrseas`.

PGXN Client

The `PGXN client` (available at `PyPI`) can be used to download and install `Pyrseas` from `PGXN`. Usage is:

```
pgxn install pyrseas
```

3.3 Configuration

The `Pyrseas` utilities allow you to configure various options through a number of `YAML` specification files.

3.3.1 Configuration File Name

The default configuration file name is `config.yaml`. If desired, you can override this with the environment variable `PYRSEAS_CONFIG_FILE`, but be aware that this will affect all three levels below.

3.3.2 System Configuration

The system configuration file is distributed with `Pyrseas` and is normally installed in the `pyrseas` library directory.

If desired, you can override this using the `PYRSEAS_SYS_CONFIG` environment variable. This can be defined as a full path, including a file name, or a directory location, in which case the default file name as mentioned above under *Configuration File Name* will be appended to the path.

Currently, this file includes specifications for functions, triggers and other objects used by the `dbaugment` utility.

3.3.3 User Configuration

Each user can have his or her own configuration file. The default location for this depends on the platform. Under `Linux`, `BSD`, `OS/X` and other `Unix` variants, place the file under your home directory, in the subdirectory `.config/pyrseas`. Under `Windows`, put the file in `%APPDATA%\pyrseas`.

You can override the location of the user configuration file using the `PYRSEAS_USER_CONFIG` environment variable. This can be defined as a full path, including a file name, or a directory location, in which case the default file name as mentioned above under *Configuration File Name* will be appended to the path.

If present, the user configuration file will be merged with the system configuration.

It is recommended that the user configuration file only be used for non-project-specific purposes. For example, if you frequently use `Pyrseas` against a remote database or on a non-standard port, you can specify the host or port in your personal configuration file.

3.3.4 Repository Configuration

A configuration file can be placed in a version control repository or project directory, so that it can be under version control together with other Pyrseas files such as the output from `dbtoyaml --multiple-files`. The default location for this can be specified in the user configuration, using the keys `repository` and `path`, for example:

```
repository:
  path: /home/user/project/repo
```

You can also use the `--repository` command line option specify (or override) the directory path to the root of the repository and the utilities will look for a configuration file in that location.

If present, the repository configuration file will be merged with the system and user configuration information.

3.3.5 Command Line Configuration

The utilities also allow you to specify a fourth configuration file on the command line, using the `--config` command line option. Again, if the file exists, its information will be merged with previously read files.

3.4 Configuration Items

The following lists the various sections allowed in a configuration file and the items that are recognized by the Pyrseas utilities.

3.4.1 Augmenter

This section is used by the `dbaument` utility (see *dbaument - Augment a database*). Most of these are specified in the system configuration file delivered with Pyrseas, but can also be included or overridden in user or repository configuration files.

- `audit_columns`: This section defines combinations of columns and triggers to be added to tables. Both columns and triggers are specified as YAML lists (to be consistent with `dbtoyaml` YAML output), although normally a single trigger will be necessary for column combination. The columns and triggers should reference previously defined items in the `columns` and `triggers` sections (see below). See *Predefined Database Augmentations* for audit columns defined in the system `config.yaml`.
- `columns`: This section defines prototype columns to be added to a table by Augmenter. For each column, a valid [Postgres data type](#) should be included.

You can also add a `not_null` constraint and a `default` specification. See *Predefined Database Augmentations* for columns defined in the system `config.yaml`. In a repository or user configuration file, you can also specify an alternate name for a previously defined column. For example, if you prefer that the `modified_timestamp` columns be named `last_update`, you can add the following to a configuration file:

```
augmenter:
  columns:
    modified_timestamp:
      name: last_update
```

- `function_templates`: This section defines the source text for the trigger functions (see below) using a template language. Any text enclosed in double braces, e.g., `{{modified_by_user}}`, will be replaced, typically by a previously defined column or its alternate name (see above).

- **functions:** This section defines prototype trigger functions to be invoked by audit columns or other augmentations. The following items can be specified for each function:
 - **description:** Text for a `COMMENT` statement on the function.
 - **language:** Procedural language, e.g., `plpgsql`, in which the function is written.
 - **returns:** Value should be `trigger`.
 - **security_definer:** Indicates whether the function is to be executed with the privileges of the user that created it. This is usually needed for audit column trigger functions.
 - **source:** This is usually a reference to a function template (see above) enclosed in double braces, e.g., `{{functempl_audit_default}}`. However, in user or repository configurations, this can also be the actual text of the function.

See *Predefined Database Augmentations* for functions defined in the system configuration file.

- **schema pyrseas:** This section currently defines three functions that may be installed in the `pyrseas` schema if the `full` audit columns specifications is added for Augmenter processing.
- **schemas and tables:** Multiple `schema schema-name` sections can be present, typically in a repository configuration file. Each such section can include `table table-name` items, and under each the `audit_columns` specifications to be added to the given table. For example:

```
augmenter:
  schema public:
    table t1:
      audit_columns: default
```

- **triggers:** This section defines the prototype triggers to be used with audit columns and other augmentations. The following items can be specified for each trigger:
 - **events:** This is a list that can include one or more of `insert`, `update` or `delete` (the latter is not used for audit columns but may be used in future augmentations).
 - **level:** This can take the values `row` or `statement` (usually the former).
 - **name:** This specifies the name to be given to a trigger. It can be a template using `{{table_name}}` which will then be replaced with the actual table name on which the trigger will act.
 - **procedure:** This is the invocation name, e.g., `audit_default()` of the function to be called when the trigger fires.
 - **timing:** This can take the values `before` or `after` (usually the former).

3.4.2 Database

This section is primarily for a user configuration file. If you frequently connect to a particular host, port or as a given user, that are *not* the Postgres defaults, adding corresponding entries to your user configuration file allows you to automatically override the defaults. If for a given invocation you need to connect to or as a different host, port or user, you can still override the configuration using the command line options (see *Common Command Line Options*):

- **host:** Name of the host to connect. Please refer to the [Postgres connection host documentation](#) for details and defaults.
- **port:** Port number to connect to. See the [Postgres connection port documentation](#) for more.
- **username:** Name of the user to connect as. View the [Postgres connection user documentation](#) for more.

3.4.3 Datacopy

This section is normally in a user or repository configuration file. It is used by **dbtoyaml** and **yamltodb** to determine which tables should be exported from or imported to the database. It consists of schema names, using the format *schema schema_name*, followed by lists of table names. For example:

```
datacopy:
  schema public:
    - t1
    - t2
  schema s1:
    - t3
```

3.4.4 Repository

This section is used by all utilities (but **dbaument** does not fully support it). The “repository” is intended to be a version control, e.g., Git, Mercurial, or Subversion, repository.

- **data**: Path, relative to the root of the repository, where **dbtoyaml** and **yamltodb** place or expect the files containing data exported from or imported to the database. The tables to be exported or imported are specified in the `Datacopy` section. The default value (defined in the system `config.yaml`) is **metadata**.
- **metadata**: Path, relative to the root of the repository, where **dbtoyaml** and **yamltodb** place or expect the YAML specification files for the database objects when the `-multiple-files` option is used. The default value (defined in the system `config.yaml`) is **metadata**.
- **path**: Absolute path to the root of the repository. This should normally be specified in a user configuration file, or in a file given with the `--config` option. If not specified, this defaults to the current working directory from which the utility is run.

3.5 Development

The following details the tools needed to contribute to the development of Pyirseas. If you have any doubts or questions, please subscribe to the [Pyrseas-general mailing list](#) and post a message to the list. In addition, see *Version Control* below on how to set up a GitHub account to participate in development.

3.5.1 Requirements

- Git
- Python
- PostgreSQL
- Psycopg2
- PyYAML
- Tox

3.5.2 Version Control

Pyrseas uses [Git](#) to control changes to its source code. As mentioned under *Downloading*, the master Git repository is located at GitHub.

To install Git, either [download and install](#) the latest stable release for your platform or follow the *Pro Git installation instructions*. For most Linux users, `apt-get` or `yum` (depending on Linux flavor) will be the simplest means to install the `git-core` package. For Windows, downloading the installer and selecting `Git Bash` gives you not only Git but a Bash shell, which is handy if you're coming from a Linux/Unix background.

Once Git is installed, change to a suitable directory and clone the master repository:

```
git clone git://github.com/perseas/Pyrseas.git
```

or:

```
git clone https://github.com/perseas/Pyrseas.git
```

To be able to create a fork on GitHub, open an issue or participate in Pyirseas development, you'll first have to [create a GitHub account](#).

3.5.3 Programming Language

To contribute to Pyirseas, you need at least one version of [Python](#). You can develop using Python 3, but since we want to continue supporting Python 2, you'll want to install Python 2.7 in addition to Python 3.6 or 3.5.

If Python is not already available on your machine, either [download and install one or both](#) of the production releases for your platform, follow the applicable installation instructions given in [The Hitchhiker's Guide to Python!](#) or install it from your platform's package management system.

3.5.4 Database Installation

To participate in Pyirseas development, you'll also need one or more installations of [PostgreSQL](#), versions 10, 9.6, 9.5, 9.4 or 9.3. If you only have limited space, it is preferable to install one of the latest two versions.

The versions can be obtained as binary packages or installers from the [PostgreSQL.org website](#). The site also includes instructions for installing from package management systems or building it from source.

To access PostgreSQL from Python, you'll have to install the [Psycopg](#) adapter. You can either follow the instructions in [Psycopg's site](#), or install it from your package management system. Note that if you install both Python 2 and 3, you will have to install two packages, e.g., `python-psycopg2` and `python3-psycopg2`.

3.5.5 Other Libraries and Tools

The `dbtoyaml` and `yamltodb` utilities use the [PyYAML](#) library. You can install it from the [PyYAML site](#), or possibly from your package management system. For Windows 64-bit, please read the note under *Python Installers*.

To easily run the Pyirseas tests against various Python/PostgreSQL version combinations, install [Tox](#). Please refer to [Testing](#) for more information.

3.6 Testing

The majority of Pyirseas' capabilities are exercised and verified via unit tests written using [pytest](#). The tests can be run from the command line by most users, e.g.,

```
py.test tests/dbobject/test_table.py
py.test tests/dbobject/test_trigger.py -k test_create_trigger
py.test tests/functional
```

The first `python` command above runs all tests related to tables, mapping, creating, dropping, etc. The second one executes a single test to generate SQL to create a trigger. The third runs all the functional tests. Please review the [pytest documentation](#) for further options.

3.6.1 Environment Variables

By default, the tests use a PostgreSQL database named `pyrseas_testdb` which is created if it doesn't already exist. The tests are run as the logged in user, using the `USER` Unix/Linux environment variable (or `USERNAME` under Windows). They access PostgreSQL on the local host using the default port number (5432).

The following four environment variables can be used to change the defaults described above:

- `PYRSEAS_TEST_DB`
- `PYRSEAS_TEST_USER`
- `PYRSEAS_TEST_HOST`
- `PYRSEAS_TEST_USER`

3.6.2 Restrictions

Unless the test database exists and the user running the tests has access to it, the user role will need `CREATEDB` privilege.

Most tests do not require special privileges. However, tests that define dynamically loaded functions (e.g., `test_create_c_lang_function()` in `test_function.py`) require `SUPERUSER` privilege. Such tests will be skipped if the user lacks the privilege.

Most tests do not require installation of supporting PostgreSQL packages. However, tests that define dynamically loaded functions (see above) require that the `contrib/spi` module be installed.

On Windows, it is necessary to install Perl in order to run some of the tests. A suitable choice is Strawberry Perl which can be downloaded from <http://strawberryperl.com/releases.html>. However, the default installation is placed in `C:\strawberry` and can hold a single Perl version. Furthermore, some PostgreSQL versions may be linked with non-current Perl versions. It is recommended that the latest Perl version be installed as this will usually give the fewest test failures. See [this blog post](#) for more details.

The `COLLATION` tests, run under PostgreSQL 9.3 and later, require the `fr_FR.utf8` locale (or `French.France.1252` language on Windows) to be installed.

3.6.3 Testing Checklist

The following is a summary list of steps needed to test Pyrseas on a new machine. Refer to [Development](#) for details on how to accomplish a given installation task. “Package manager” refers to the platform’s package management system utility such as `apt-get` or `yum`. Installation from PyPI can be done with either `pip` or `easy_install`. Some operations require administrative or superuser privileges, at either the operating system or PostgreSQL level.

- Install Git using package manager or from <http://git-scm.com/download> (on Windows, prefer Git Bash)
- `git clone git://github.com/perseas/Pyrseas.git`
- Install Python 2.7 and 3.6 or 3.5, using package manager or from installers at <http://www.python.org/download/>.

- Install PostgreSQL 10, 9.6, 9.5, 9.4 and 9.3, using package manager or binary installers at <http://www.postgresql.org/download/>

Note: On Linux, make sure you install the contrib and plperl packages, e.g., on Debian, postgresql-contrib-n.n and postgresql-plperl-n.n (where *n.n* is the PostgreSQL version number)

- Install Psycopg2, using package manager, or from PyPI (<http://pypi.python.org/pypi/psycopg2>) or <http://initd.org/psycopg/download/>.

Note: On Windows, it is best to first install the 2008 Microsoft Visual Express Studio from [here](#). An alternative that may work is to use [MinGW](#). See [these blog posts](#) for more details.

- Install PyYAML, using package manager, or from PyPI (<http://pypi.python.org/pypi/PyYAML/>) or <http://pyyaml.org/download/pyyaml/>.
- Install Tox, from PyPI (<http://pypi.python.org/pypi/tox>)

Note: Psycopg2, PyYAML and Tox all have to be installed twice, i.e., once under Python 2.7 and another under 3.6 or 3.5.

- On Windows, install Perl (see discussion above under “Restrictions”). On Linux, usually Perl is already available.
- As **postgres** user, using psql or pgAdmin, create a test user, e.g., your name. The user running tests must have at a minimum createdb privilege, in order to create the test database. To run *all* the tests, the user also needs superuser privilege.
- Create a PostgreSQL password file, e.g., on Linux: `~/.pgpass`, on Windows: `%APPDATA%\postgresql\pgpass.conf`.
- Create directories to hold tablespaces, e.g., `/extra/pg/9.5/ts1` on Linux, `C:\extra\pg\9.5\ts1` on Windows. The directories need to be owned by the **postgres** user. This may be tricky on older Windows versions, but the command `cacls <dir> /E /G postgres:F` should suffice. Using psql or pgAdmin, create tablespaces **ts1** and **ts2**, e.g., `CREATE TABLESPACE ts1 LOCATION '<directory>'` (on Windows, you'll have to use, e.g., `E'C:\dir\ts1'`, to specify the directory).
 - On Windows, for PostgreSQL 9.2, the default installation is owned by the Network Service account, so the `cacls` command should be `cacls <dir> /E /G networkservices:F`.

Note: The creation of users/roles and tablespaces has to be repeated for each PostgreSQL version.

- Install the locale `fr_FR.utf8` on Linux/Unix or the language `French.France.1252` on Windows.
 - On Debian and derivatives, this can be done with the command:

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure locales
```

- On Windows, open the Control Panel, select Date, Time, Language, and Regional Options, then Regional and Language Options (or Add other languages), click on the Advanced tab in the dialog and then choose “French (France)” from the dropdown. Finally, click OK and respond to any subsequent prompts to install the locale, including rebooting the machine.

- Change to the Pyrseas source directory (created by the second step above).
 - Define the `PYTHONPATH` environment variable to the Pyrseas source directory, e.g., on Linux, `export PYTHONPATH=$PWD`, on Windows, set `PYTHONPATH=%USERPROFILE%\somedir\Pyrseas`.
 - Define the environment variables `PG92_PORT`, `PG93_PORT`, `PG94_PORT` and `PG95_PORT` to point to the corresponding PostgreSQL ports.
- Invoke `tox`. This will create two virtualenvs in a `.tox` subdirectory—one for Python 2.7 and another for 3.6 or 3.5, install Pyrseas and its prerequisites (Psychopg2 and PyYAML) into each virtualenv and run the unit tests for each combination of PostgreSQL and Python.

3.7 Known Issues

The following summarizes deficiencies in the current release of the Pyrseas utilities. For further details please refer to the discussions in the `pyrseas-general` mailing list or the Pyrseas issue tracker. Suggestions or patches to deal with these issues are welcome.

3.7.1 Memory utilization

The `yamltodb` utility compares the existing and input metadata by constructing parallel, in-memory representations of the database catalogs and the input YAML specification. If the database has a large number of objects, e.g., in the thousands of tables, the utility's memory usage may be noticeable.

3.7.2 Object renaming

Pyrseas provides support for generating SQL statements to rename various database objects, e.g., `ALTER TABLE t1 RENAME TO t2`, using an `'oldname'` tag which can be added to objects that support SQL `RENAME`. The tag has to be added manually to a YAML specification for `yamltodb` to act on it and cannot be kept in the YAML file for subsequent runs. This is not entirely satisfactory for storing the YAML file in a version control system.

3.7.3 Multiline Strings

The text of function source code, view definitions or object `COMMENT`s present a problem when they span multiple lines. The default YAML output format is to enclose the entire string in double quotes, to show newlines that are part of the text as escaped characters (i.e., `\n`) and to break the text into lines with a backslash-newline-indentation-backslash pattern. For example:

```
source: "\n        SELECT inventory_id\n        FROM inventory\n        WHERE film_id = \n        \ $1\n        AND store_id = $2\n        AND inventory_in_stock(inventory_id); \n"
```

This is not very readable, but it does allow YAML to read it back and correctly reconstruct the original string. To improve readability, Pyrseas 0.7 introduced special processing for these strings. By using YAML notation, the same string is represented as follows:

```
source: |2\n\n        SELECT inventory_id\n        FROM inventory\n        WHERE film_id = $1
```

```
AND store_id = $2
AND NOT inventory_in_stock(inventory_id);
```

However, due to Python 2.x issues with Unicode, the more readable format is *only* available if using Python 3.x.

Note also that if your function source code has trailing spaces at the end of lines, they would normally be represented in the original default format. However, in the interest of readability, **dbtoyaml** will remove the trailing spaces from the text.

3.7.4 Views Dependent on Primary Key

yamltoadb may fail to recreate a view if it takes advantage of the Postgres enhancement, introduced in version 9.1, where a `SELECT` with `GROUP BY` includes columns which are functionally dependent on the grouped columns and the latter are the primary key of the table containing the additional columns. Please refer to the [GROUP BY documentation](#) for further details.

A potential workaround, that may be used if such views are not referenced elsewhere, would be to edit the YAML specification to remove the views (either all or those affected by this) from a first pass through **yamltoadb**. This should create the tables with their primary keys and then a second pass will create the views.

3.8 Predefined Database Augmentations

These augmentations are specified in the `config.yaml` configuration file distributed with Pyrseas' **dbaument**.

3.8.1 Columns

These are predefined column specifications that can be added to tables, e.g., in various audit column combinations (see [Audit Columns](#) below).

- `created_by_ip_address`: An INET column to record the IP address which originated the current row.
- `created_by_user`: A VARCHAR(63) column to record the user, e.g., `CURRENT_USER`, who created the current row.
- `created_date`: A DATE column that defaults to `CURRENT_DATE`.
- `created_timestamp`: A TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE column to record the date and time when the current row was created.
- `modified_by_ip_address`: An INET column to record the IP address which originated the last modification to the current row.
- `modified_by_user`: A VARCHAR(63) column to record the user, e.g., `CURRENT_USER`, who last modified the current row.
- `modified_timestamp`: A TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE column to record the date and time when the current row was last modified.

3.8.2 Functions

The following are predefined trigger functions which are used to implement various augmentations. The source for each function, written in PL/pgSQL, is specified in a function template, named with a `functempl_` prefixed to the function name.

- Audit when modified (`audit_modified`): This function provides the `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` value for audit columns.
- Default audit (`audit_default`): This function provides the `CURRENT_USER` and `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` for audit columns.
- Full audit (`audit_full`): For SQL INSERTs, this function provides values for the user who created the row, the `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP` and the IP address for both the `created_` and `modified_` audit columns. For UPDATEs, it retains the existing values in the `created_` columns and supplies current values for the `modified_` columns.

In addition, the following helper functions are defined in schema `pyrseas`:

- `get_session_variable`
- `set_session_variable`

A variant of `get_session_variable` is invoked by the `audit_full` function to retrieve the actual (logged-on) user and IP address. In web applications, the user that connects to the database is typically the system user running the web server, rather than the web application user. The application can invoke the `pyrseas.set_session_variable` function to supply the application user and IP address so that the audit trail will reflect the application context correctly.

3.8.3 Audit Columns

These are predefined combinations of columns to be added to tables to record audit trail information. They may also include triggers to be invoked to maintain the column values.

- `created_date_only`: This is the simplest audit trail that adds a `created_date` column which defaults to the `CURRENT_DATE`.
- `modified_only`: This is another simple audit trail. It adds a `modified_timestamp` column which is supplied by a trigger named `table_name_20_audit_modified_only`.
- `default`: This is the default for audit columns. It adds the columns `modified_by_user` and `modified_timestamp` and a trigger named `table_name_20_aud_default` to fill in the columns.
- `full`: This is the most extensive audit trail combination. It adds `created_` and `modified_` columns for user, IP address and timestamp. It also adds a trigger named `table_name_20_audit_full`.

3.9 dbaugment - Augment a database

3.9.1 Name

`dbaugment` – Augment a PostgreSQL database in predefined ways

3.9.2 Synopsis

```
dbaugment [option...] dbname [spec]
```


3.9.3 Description

dbaument is a utility for augmenting a PostgreSQL database with various standard attributes and procedures, such as automatically maintained audit columns. The augmentations are defined in a YAML-formatted `spec` file.

The specification file format is as follows:

```
augmenter:
  columns:
    modified_date:
      not_null: true
      type: date
schema public:
  table t1:
    audit_columns: default
  table t3:
    audit_columns: modified_only
```

The specification file lists each schema, and within it, each table to be augmented. Under each table the following values are recognized:

- `audit_columns`: This indicates that audit trail columns are to be added to the table, e.g., a timestamp column recording when a row was last modified.

The first section of the specification file, under the `augmenter` header, lists configuration information. This is in addition to the built-in configuration objects (see *Predefined Database Augmentations*).

dbaument first reads the database catalogs. It also initializes itself from predefined configuration information. **dbaument** then reads the specification file, which may include additional configuration objects, and outputs a YAML file, including the existing catalog information together with the desired enhancements. The YAML file is suitable for input to **yamltodb** to generate the SQL statements to implement the changes.

3.9.4 Options

dbaument accepts the following command-line arguments (in addition to the *Common Command Line Options*):

dbname

Specifies the name of the database whose schema is to be augmented.

spec

Location of the file with the augmenter specifications. If this is omitted, the specification is read from the program's standard input.

3.9.5 Examples

To augment a database called `moviesdb` according to the specifications in the file `moviesbl.yaml`:

```
dbaument moviesdb moviesbl.yaml
```

To add a column named `updated` to table `public.film` to hold the date and time each row was inserted or updated, create a YAML specification file, say `film.yaml` as follows:

```
augmenter:
  columns:
    modified_timestamp:
      name: updated
```

```
schema public:
  table film:
    audit_columns: modified_only
```

Then run the following command to generate the resulting database specification, alter the table and create the needed trigger and function.

```
dbaument moviesdb film.yaml | yamltodb moviesdb -u
```

3.9.6 See Also

Predefined Database Augmentations

3.10 dbtoyaml - Database to YAML

3.10.1 Name

dbtoyaml – extract the schema of a PostgreSQL database in YAML format

3.10.2 Synopsis

```
dbtoyaml [option...] dbname
```

3.10.3 Description

dbtoyaml is a utility for extracting the schema of a PostgreSQL database to a **YAML** formatted specification. By default, the specification is output as a single output stream, which can be redirected or explicitly sent to a file. As an alternative, the `--multiple-files` option allows you to break down the specification into multiple files, one for each object (see *Multiple File Output*).

Note that **JSON** is an official subset of **YAML** version 1.2, so the **dbtoyaml** output should also be compatible with **JSON** tools.

The output format is as follows:

```
schema public:
  owner: postgres
  privileges:
  - postgres:
    - all
  - PUBLIC:
    - all
  table t1:
    check_constraints:
      check_expr: (c2 > 123)
    columns:
      - c2
    columns:
      - c1:
        not_null: true
        type: integer
```

```

- c2:
  type: smallint
- c3:
  default: 'false'
  type: boolean
- c4:
  type: text
foreign_keys:
  t1_c2_fkey:
    columns:
      - c2
    references:
      columns:
        - c21
      schema: s1
      table: t2
owner: alice
primary_key:
  t1_pkey:
    columns:
      - c1
schema s1:
  owner: bob
  privileges:
    - bob:
      - all
    - alice:
      - all
table t2:
  columns:
    - c21:
      not_null: true
      type: integer
    - c22:
      type: character varying(16)
owner: bob
primary_key:
  t2_pkey:
    columns:
      - c21
privileges:
  - bob:
    - all
  - PUBLIC:
    - select
  - alice:
    - insert:
      grantable: true
    - delete:
      grantable: true
    - update:
      grantable: true
  - carol:
    grantor: alice
    privs:
      - insert

```

The above should be mostly self-explanatory. The example database has two tables, named `t1` and `t2`, the first –owned

by user ‘alice’ – in the `public` schema and the second – owned by user ‘bob’ – in a schema named `s1` (also owned by ‘bob’). The `columns:` specifications directly under each table list each column in that table, in the same order as shown by PostgreSQL. The specifications `primary_key:`, `foreign_keys:` and `check_constraints:` define PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY and CHECK constraints for a given table. Additional specifications (not shown) define unique constraints and indexes.

User ‘bob’ has granted all privileges to ‘alice’ on the `s1` schema. On table `t2`, he also granted SELECT to PUBLIC; INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE to ‘alice’ with GRANT OPTION; and she has in turn granted INSERT to user ‘carol’.

`dbtoyaml` currently supports extracting information about nearly all types of PostgreSQL database objects. See [API Reference](#) for a list of supported objects.

3.10.4 Multiple File Output

The `--multiple-files` option breaks down the output into multiple files under a given root directory. The root is created if it does not exist. The root directory name defaults to `metadata` in the system configuration file. The location of the root directory defaults to the configuration item `repository.path` or can be specified using the `-repository` option (see [Configuration](#) and [Common Command Line Options](#) for further details).

The first level contains `schema.<name>` subdirectories, `schema.<name>.yaml` files and `<objtype>.<name>.yaml` files, where `<name>` is the name of the corresponding objects and `<objtype>` is the type of top-level (non-schema) object. Note that non-schema refers to PostgreSQL extensions, casts, languages or foreign data wrappers.

The second level, i.e., the `schema.<name>` subdirectories contain `<objtype>.<name>.yaml` files for each object in the particular schema (but see below for caveats).

Object Name Conflicts

The names of PostgreSQL objects can include characters that are not allowed in filesystem object names. The most common example is the division operator (`/`), but even table names can include non-alphanumeric characters, if the identifiers are quoted.

In addition, one can define two or more objects with the same base name, e.g., function `foo(integer)` and function `foo(text)`, or a table named "My Table" and another named "my table" or "MY TABLE". On certain operating systems, i.e., Windows, it is not possible to create two files in the same directory that differ only in the case of their characters.

In order to deal with the aforementioned issues, `dbtoyaml` places certain objects in common files and transforms object identifiers so that they are suitable for use in files and directories. For example, the information for all user-defined casts are written to the file `cast.yaml` in the root directory. Functions with the same name but different arguments are written to a single file, e.g., `function.foo.yaml` in the first example above. Identifiers are also converted to all lowercase, non-alphanumeric characters (excluding underscore) are converted to underscores and, by default, schema object names are truncated to 32 characters.

If two object names, thus transformed, map to the same string, then the objects’ information is written to the same file, e.g., `table.my_table.yaml` in the second example above. If you prefer to change the default truncation length, please define the environment variable `PYRSEAS_MAX_IDENT_LEN` to some integer value (up to 63).

Version Control and Dropped Objects

It is expected that the output of `dbtoyaml --multiple-files` will be placed under version control. Further invocations should then update the files in the same directory tree. However, if an object is dropped from the database

`dbtoyaml` would normally only output files for new or changed objects—and thus keep the dropped object file under version control. To deal with dropped objects, `dbtoyaml -d` outputs a special YAML “index” file, named `database.<dbname>.yaml` in the root directory. When `dbtoyaml -d` is run a second time, it looks for this “index” file and if found, proceeds to delete the previous run’s `.yaml` files before outputting new ones.

3.10.5 Options

dbtoyaml accepts the following command-line arguments (in addition to the *Common Command Line Options*):

dbname

Specifies the name of the database whose schema is to be extracted.

-m, --multiple-files

Extracts the schema to a two-level directory tree. See *Multiple File Output* above.

-n <schema>

--schema <schema>

Extracts only a schema matching *schema*. By default, all schemas are extracted. Multiple schemas can be extracted by using multiple `-n` switches. Note that normally all objects that belong to the schema are extracted as well, unless excluded otherwise.

-N <schema>

--exclude-schema <schema>

Does not extract schema matching *schema*. This can be given more than once to exclude several schemas.

-O, --no-owner

Do not output object ownership information. By default, as seen in the sample output above, database objects (schemas, tables, etc.) that can be owned by some user, are shown with an “owner: *username*” element. The `-O` switch suppresses all those lines.

NOTE: If you specify `-no-owner`, you will most likely also want to specify `--no-privileges`. If the former is used without the latter the resulting YAML output will have privilege information without user data, which will cause errors if the YAML is then fed to *yamltodb - YAML to Database*.

-t <table>

--table <table>

Extract only tables matching *table*. Multiple tables can be extracted by using multiple `-t` switches. Note that selecting a table may cause other objects, such as an owned sequence, to be extracted as well

-T <table>

--exclude-table <table>

Do not extract tables matching *table*. Multiple tables can be excluded by using multiple `-T` switches.

-x, --no-privileges

Do not output access privilege information. By default, as seen in the sample output above, if specific GRANTS have been issued on various objects (schemas, tables, etc.), the privileges are shown under each object. The `-x` switch suppresses all those lines.

See also the NOTE under `--no-owner`.

3.10.6 Examples

To extract a database called `moviesdb` into a file:

```
dbtoyaml moviesdb > moviesdb.yaml
```

To extract only the schema named `store`:

```
dbtoyaml --schema=store moviesdb > moviesdb.yaml
```

To extract the tables named `film` and `genre`:

```
dbtoyaml -t film -t genre moviesdb -o moviesdb.yaml
```

To extract objects, to standard output, except those in schemas `product` and `store`:

```
dbtoyaml -N product -N store moviesdb
```

To extract objects to a directory under version control:

```
dbtoyaml moviesdb -d movies/dbspec
```

3.11 yamltodb - YAML to Database

3.11.1 Name

`yamltodb` – generate SQL statements to update a PostgreSQL database to match the schema specified in a YAML file

3.11.2 Synopsys

```
yamltodb [option...] dbname [spec]
```

3.11.3 Description

`yamltodb` is a utility for generating SQL statements to update a PostgreSQL database so that it will match the schema specified in an input [YAML](#) formatted specification file.

For example, given the input file shown under *dbtoyaml - Database to YAML*, `yamltodb` outputs the following SQL statements:

```
CREATE SCHEMA s1;
CREATE TABLE t1 (
    c1 integer NOT NULL,
    c2 smallint,
    c3 boolean DEFAULT false,
    c4 text);
CREATE TABLE s1.t2 (
    c21 integer NOT NULL,
    c22 character varying(16));
ALTER TABLE s1.t2 ADD CONSTRAINT t2_pkey PRIMARY KEY (c21);
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD CONSTRAINT t1_pkey PRIMARY KEY (c1);
ALTER TABLE t1 ADD CONSTRAINT t1_c2_fkey FOREIGN KEY (c2) REFERENCES s1.t2 (c21);
```

3.11.4 Options

`yamltodb` accepts the following command-line arguments (in addition to the *Common Command Line Options*):

dbname

Specifies the name of the database whose schema is to be analyzed.

spec

Specifies the location of the YAML specification. If this is omitted or specified as a single or double dash, the specification is read from the program's standard input. However, if the `--multiple-files` option is used, that takes precedence.

-m, --multiple-files

Specifies that input should be taken from YAML specification files present in a two-level (metadata) directory tree. See *Multiple File Output* under *dbtoyaml - Database to YAML* for further details.

-n <schema>

--schema <schema>

Compare only a schema matching *schema*. By default, all schemas are compared. Multiple schemas can be compared by using multiple `-n` switches.

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--single-transaction

Wrap the generated statements in BEGIN/COMMIT. This ensures that either all the statements complete successfully, or no changes are applied.

-u, --update

Execute the generated statements against the database mentioned in **dbname**. This implies the `--single-transaction` option.

--revert

Generate SQL in reversion mode, that is, to undo the changes that would normally be generated. For example, if without this option, the SQL would be a `DROP TABLE`, the `--revert` option generates a `CREATE TABLE` with all the columns, constraints and other objects associated with the table being dropped.

3.11.5 Examples

Given a YAML file named `moviesdb.yaml`, to generate SQL statements to update a database called *mymovies*:

```
yamltodb mymovies moviesdb.yaml
```

To generate the statements as above and immediately update *mymovies*:

```
yamltodb mymovies moviesdb.yaml | psql mymovies
```

or:

```
yamltodb --update mymovies moviesdb.yaml
```

To generate the statements directly from the output of **dbtoyaml** (against a different database), with statements enclosed in a single transaction, and save the statements in a file named `mymovies.sql`:

```
dbtoyaml devmovies | yamltodb -1 mymovies -o mymovies.sql
```

3.12 Common Command Line Options

The Pyrseas utilities support the following command line options:

-c <config-file>

- config** <config-file>
Specifies an additional *configuration file* to be read and merged with configuration information from other sources. See *Configuration* for more details.
- H** <host>
- host** <host>
Specifies the *host name* of the machine on which the PostgreSQL server is running. The default host name is determined by PostgreSQL (normally, a Unix-domain socket or `localhost`).
- h, --help**
Show help about the program's command line arguments, and exit.
- o** <file>
- output** <file>
Send output to the specified *file*. If this is omitted, the standard output is used.
- p** <port>
- port** <port>
Specifies the *port* on which the PostgreSQL server is listening for connections. The default port number is determined by PostgreSQL (normally, 5432).
- r** <path>
- repository** <path>
Specifies the *path* to a directory where metadata and static data files will be written to or read from, or where an additional configuration file can be found. Normally, this will be the root of a version control repository. If this is not specified on the command line or in a configuration file, it defaults to the current working directory.
- U** <username>
- user** <username>
User name to connect as. The default user name is determined by PostgreSQL (normally, the name of the user running the program).
- version**
Print the program version and exit.
- W, --password**
Force the program to prompt for a password before connecting to a database. If this option is not specified and password authentication is required, the program will resort to libpq defaults, i.e., `password file` or `PGPASSWORD` environment variable.

Short options (those only one character long) can be concatenated with their value arguments, e.g.:

```
dbtoyaml -p5433 dbname
```

Several short options can be joined together, using only a single - prefix, as long as only the last option (or none of them) requires a value.

Long options (those with names longer than a single-character) can be separated from their arguments by a '=' or passed as two separate arguments. For example:

```
dbtoyaml --port=5433 dbname
```

or:

```
dbtoyaml --port 5433 dbname
```

Long options can be abbreviated as long as the abbreviation is unambiguous:

```
dbtoyaml --pass dbname
```


Currently, the only external APIs are the class *Database* and the methods *to_map()* and *diff_map()* of the latter. Other classes and methods are documented mainly for developer use.

4.1 Database Objects

The `dbobject` module defines two low-level classes and an intermediate class. Most Pyrseas classes are derived from either *DbObject* or *DbObjectDict*.

4.1.1 Database Object

A *DbObject* represents a database object such as a schema, table, or column, defined in a PostgreSQL *system catalog*. It is initialized from a dictionary of attributes. Derived classes should define a `keylist` that is a list of attribute names that uniquely identify each object instance within the database.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.DbObject` (*name*, *description=None*, ***attrs*)

A single object in a database catalog, e.g., a schema, a table, a column

`DbObject.objtype`

Type of object as an uppercase string, for SQL syntax generation

This is used in most CREATE, ALTER and DROP statements. It is also used by *extern_key()* in lowercase form.

`DbObject.keylist = ['name']`

List of attributes that uniquely identify the object in the catalogs

See description of *key()* for further details.

`DbObject.key()`

Return a tuple that identifies the database object

Returns a single string or a tuple of strings

This is used as key for all internal maps. The first-level objects (schemas, languages and casts) use the object name as the key. Second-level (schema-owned) objects usually use the schema name and the object name as the key. Some object types need longer keys, e.g., operators need schema name, operator symbols, left argument and right argument.

Each class implementing an object type specifies a *keylist* attribute, i.e., a list giving the names of attributes making up the key.

The following methods are generally used to map objects for external output:

`DBObject`.**extern_key** ()

Return the key to be used in external maps for this object

Returns string

This is used for the first two levels of external maps. The first level is the one that includes schemas, as well as extensions, languages, casts and FDWs. The second level includes all schema-owned objects, i.e., tables, functions, operators, etc. All subsequent levels, e.g., primary keys, indexes, etc., currently use the object name as the external identifier, appearing in the map after an object grouping header, such as `primary_key`.

The common format for an external key is *object-type non-schema-qualified-name*, where *object-type* is the lowercase version of *objtype*, e.g., table tablename. Some object types require more, e.g., functions need the signature, so they override this implementation.

`DBObject`.**extern_filename** (*ext='yaml', truncate=False*)

Return a filename to be used to output external files

Parameters

- **ext** – file extension
- **truncate** – truncate filename to `MAX_IDENT_LEN`

Returns filename string

This is used for the first two levels of external maps. The first level is the one that includes schemas, as well as extensions, languages, casts and FDWs. The second level includes all schema-owned objects, i.e., tables, functions, operators, etc.

The common format for the filename is *objtype.objname.yaml*, e.g., for a table *t1* the filename is “table.t1.yaml”. For an object name that has characters not allowed in filesystems, the characters are replaced by underscores.

`DBObject`.**identifier** ()

Returns a full identifier for the database object

Returns string

This is used by `comment()`, `alter_owner()` and `drop()` to generate SQL syntax referring to the object. It does not include the object type, but it may include (in overridden methods) other elements, e.g., the arguments to a function.

`DBObject`.**to_map** (*db, no_owner=False, no_privs=False*)

Convert an object to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **db** – db used to tie the objects together
- **no_owner** – exclude object owner information
- **no_privs** – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

`DBObject.map_privs()`

Return a list of access privileges on the current object

Returns list

The following methods generate SQL statements from the object properties and sometimes from a second object:

`DBObject.comment()`

Return SQL statement to create a COMMENT on the object

Returns SQL statement

`DBObject.alter_owner(owner=None)`

Return ALTER statement to set the OWNER of an object

Returns SQL statement

`DBObject.drop()`

Generate SQL to drop the current object

Returns list of SQL statements

`DBObject.rename(oldname)`

Return SQL statement to RENAME the object

Parameters `oldname` – the old name for the object

Returns SQL statement

`DBObject.alter(inobj, no_owner=False)`

Generate SQL to transform an existing database object

Parameters `inobj` – a YAML map defining the new object

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the current object to an input object and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

`DBObject.diff_privileges(inobj)`

Generate SQL statements to grant or revoke privileges

Parameters `inobj` – a YAML map defining the input object

Returns list of SQL statements

`DBObject.diff_description(inobj)`

Generate SQL statements to add or change COMMENTS

Parameters `inobj` – a YAML map defining the input object

Returns list of SQL statements

4.1.2 Database Object Dictionary

A `DBObjectDict` represents a collection of `DBObject`'s and is derived from the Python built-in type `dict`. If a `DbConnection` object is used for initialization, an internal method is called to initialize the dictionary from the database catalogs. The `DBObjectDict.fetch()` method fetches all objects using the `query` defined by derived classes. Derived classes should also define a `cls` attribute for the associated `DBObject` class, e.g., `SchemaDict` sets `cls` to `Schema`.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.DbObjectDict(dbconn=None)`

A dictionary of database objects, all of the same type

`DBObjectDict.cls = <class 'pyrseas.dboject.DbObject'>`
The class, derived from `DBObject` that the objects belong to.

`DBObjectDict.to_map(db, opts)`
Convert the object dictionary to a regular dictionary

Parameters

- **db** – db used to tie the objects together
- **opts** – options to include/exclude information, etc.

Returns dictionary

Invokes the `to_map` method of each object to construct the dictionary. If `opts` specifies a directory, the objects are written to files in that directory.

`DBObjectDict.fetch()`
Fetch all objects from the catalogs using the class `query`

Returns list of `self.cls` objects

4.1.3 Schema Object

A `DbSchemaObject` is derived from `DBObject`. It is used as a base class for objects owned by a schema and to define certain common methods. This is different from the `Schema` that represents the schema itself.

`class pyrseas.dboject.DbSchemaObject(name, schema='public', description=None, **attrs)`
A database object that is owned by a certain schema

`DbSchemaObject.identifier()`
Return a full identifier for a schema object

Returns string

`DbSchemaObject.qualname(objname=None)`
Return the schema-qualified name of self or a related object

Returns string

No qualification is used if the schema is 'public'.

`DbSchemaObject.unqualify()`
Adjust the schema and table name if the latter is qualified

`DbSchemaObject.drop()`
Generate SQL to drop the current object

Returns list of SQL statements

`DbSchemaObject.rename(oldname)`

4.2 Databases

The database module defines `Database`.

4.2.1 Database

A *Database* is initialized from a *CatDbConnection* object (a specialized class derived from *DbConnection*). It consists of one or two *Dicts*. A *Dicts* object holds various dictionary objects derived from *DbObjectDict*, e.g., *SchemaDict*, *ClassDict*, and *ColumnDict*. The key for each dictionary is a Python tuple (or a single value in the case of *SchemaDict*). For example, the *ClassDict* dictionary is indexed by (*schema name*, *table name*). In addition, object instances in each dictionary are linked to related objects in other dictionaries, e.g., columns are linked to the tables where they belong.

The *db Dicts* object –always present– defines the database schemas, including their tables and other objects, by querying the system catalogs. The *ndb Dicts* object defines the schemas based on the *input_map* supplied to the *diff_map()* method.

The *to_map()* method returns and the *diff_map()* method takes as input, a dictionary as shown below. It uses ‘schema *schema_name*’ as the key for each schema. The value corresponding to each ‘schema *schema_name*’ is another dictionary using ‘sequences’, ‘tables’, etc., as keys and more dictionaries as values. For example:

```
{'schema public':
  {'sequence seq1': { ... },
   'sequence seq2': { ... },
   'table t1': { ... },
   'table t2': { ... },
   'table t3': { ... },
   'view v1': { ... }
  },
 'schema s1': { ... },
 'schema s2': { ... }
}
```

Refer to *Sequence*, *Table* and *View* for details on the lower level dictionaries.

class pyrseas.database.**Database** (*config*)

A database definition, from its catalogs and/or a YAML spec.

Methods *from_catalog()* and *from_map()* are for internal use. Methods *to_map()* and *diff_map()* are the external API.

Database.from_catalog (*single_db=False*)

Populate the database objects by querying the catalogs

The *db* holder is populated by various *DbObjectDict*-derived classes by querying the catalogs. A dependency graph is constructed by querying the *pg_depend* catalog. The objects in the dictionary are then linked to related objects, e.g., columns are linked to the tables they belong.

Database.from_map (*input_map*, *langs=None*)

Populate the new database objects from the input map

Parameters

- **input_map** – a YAML map defining the new database
- **langs** – list of language templates

The *ndb* holder is populated by various *DbObjectDict*-derived classes by traversing the YAML input map. The objects in the dictionary are then linked to related objects, e.g., columns are linked to the tables they belong.

Database.map_from_dir ()

Read the database maps starting from metadata directory

Returns dictionary

Database.**to_map** ()

Convert the db maps to a single hierarchy suitable for YAML

Returns a YAML-suitable dictionary (without Python objects)

Database.**diff_map** (*input_map*, *quote_reserved=True*)

Generate SQL to transform an existing database

Parameters

- **input_map** – a YAML map defining the new database
- **quote_reserved** – fetch reserved words

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the existing database definition, as fetched from the catalogs, to the input YAML map and generates SQL statements to transform the database into the one represented by the input.

4.3 Casts

The `cast` module defines two classes, `Cast` and `CastDict`, derived from `DBObject` and `DBObjectDict`, respectively.

4.3.1 Cast

`Cast` is derived from `DBObject` and represents a PostgreSQL cast.

class `pyrease.dbobject.cast.Cast` (*source*, *target*, *description*, *function*, *context*, *method*, *oid=None*)
A cast

static `Cast.from_map` (*source*, *target*, *inobj*)
Initialize a `Cast` instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **source** – source type name
- **target** – target type name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the cast

Returns cast instance

`Cast`.**extern_key** ()

Return the key to be used in external maps for this cast

Returns string

`Cast`.**identifier** ()

Return a full identifier for a cast object

Returns string

`Cast`.**to_map** (*db*, *no_owner=False*, *no_privs=False*)

Convert a cast to a YAML-suitable format

Returns dictionary

`Cast`.**create** (*obj*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the cast

Returns SQL statements

4.3.2 Cast Dictionary

CastDict is derived from *DBObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of casts in a database.

class pyrseas.dbobject.cast.**CastDict** (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of casts in a database

CastDict.**from_map** (*incasts, newdb*)

Initialize the dictionary of casts by converting the input map

Parameters

- **incasts** – YAML map defining the casts
- **newdb** – collection of dictionaries defining the database

4.4 Procedural Languages

The language module defines two classes, *Language* and *LanguageDict*, derived from *DBObject* and *DBObjectDict*, respectively.

4.4.1 Procedural Language

Language is derived from *DBObject* and represents a procedural language.

class pyrseas.dbobject.language.**Language** (*name, description=None, owner=None, privileges=[], trusted=False, oid=None*)

A procedural language definition

static **Language**.**from_map** (*name, inobj*)

Initialize a Language instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – Language name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the Language

Returns Language instance

Language.**to_map** (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)

Convert language to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters **no_owner** – exclude language owner information

Returns dictionary

Language.**drop** ()

Language.**create** (*dbversion=None*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the language

Returns SQL statements

4.4.2 Language Dictionary

LanguageDict is derived from *DBObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of procedural languages in a database. Internal languages ('internal', 'c' and 'sql') are excluded.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.language.LanguageDict` (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of procedural languages in a database.

`LanguageDict.from_map` (*inmap*)

Initialize the dictionary of languages by examining the input map

Parameters *inmap* – the input YAML map defining the languages

4.5 Schemas

The schema module defines two classes, *Schema* and *SchemaDict*, derived from *DBObject* and *DBObjectDict*, respectively.

4.5.1 Schema

Schema is derived from *DBObject* and represents a database schema, i.e., a collection of tables and other objects. The 'public' schema is special as in most contexts an unqualified object is assumed to be part of it, e.g., table "t" is usually shorthand for table "public.t."

For now, the schema name is the only attribute and is of course the identifying attribute in the *Schema* *keylist*.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.schema.Schema` (*name, description=None, owner=None, privileges=[], old-name=None, oid=None*)

A database schema definition, i.e., a named collection of tables, views, triggers and other schema objects.

static `Schema.from_map` (*name, inobj*)

Initialize a schema instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – schema name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the schema

Returns schema instance

`Schema.extern_dir` (*root='.'*)

Return the path to a directory to hold the schema objects.

Returns directory path

`Schema.to_map` (*db, dbschemas, opts*)

Convert tables, etc., dictionaries to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **dbschemas** – dictionary of schemas
- **opts** – options to include/exclude schemas/tables, etc.

Returns dictionary

`Schema.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the schema

Returns SQL statements

`Schema.drop()`

`Schema.data_import(opts)`

Generate SQL to import data from the tables in this schema

Parameters `opts` – options to include/exclude schemas/tables, etc.

Returns list of SQL statements

4.5.2 Schema Dictionary

`SchemaDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of schemas in a database. Certain internal schemas (information_schema, pg_catalog, etc.) owned by the ‘postgres’ user are excluded.

`class pyrseas.dboobject.schema.SchemaDict(dbconn=None)`

The collection of schemas in a database. Minimally, the ‘public’ schema.

Method `from_map()` is called from Database `from_map()` to start a recursive interpretation of the input map. The `inmap` argument is the same as input to the `diff_map()` method of Database. The `newdb` argument is the holder of `DBObjectDict`-derived dictionaries which is filled in as the recursive interpretation proceeds.

`SchemaDict.from_map(inmap, newdb)`

Initialize the dictionary of schemas by converting the input map

Parameters

- **inmap** – the input YAML map defining the schemas
- **newdb** – collection of dictionaries defining the database

Starts the recursive analysis of the input map and construction of the internal collection of dictionaries describing the database objects.

`SchemaDict.to_map(db, opts)`

Convert the schema dictionary to a regular dictionary

Parameters `opts` – options to include/exclude schemas/tables, etc.

Returns dictionary

Invokes the `to_map` method of each schema to construct a dictionary of schemas.

`SchemaDict.data_import(opts)`

Iterate over schemas with tables to be imported

Parameters `opts` – options to include/exclude schemas/tables, etc.

Returns list of SQL statements

4.6 Collations

The `collation` module defines two classes, `Collation` and `CollationDict`, derived from `DbSchemaObject` and `DBObjectDict`, respectively.

4.6.1 Collation

`Collation` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL collation (available on PostgreSQL 9.1 or later).

class `pyrease.dbobject.collation.Collation` (*name, schema, description, owner, lc_collate, lc_ctype, oid=None*)

A collation definition

static `Collation.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)
 Initialize a Collation instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – collation name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the collation

Returns Collation instance

`Collation.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the collation

Returns SQL statements

4.6.2 Collation Dictionary

`CollationDict` is derived from `DbObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of collations in a database.

class `pyrease.dbobject.collation.CollationDict` (*dbconn=None*)
 The collection of collations in a database.

`CollationDict.from_map` (*schema, inmap*)
 Initialize the dictionary of collations by examining the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – the schema owning the collations
- **inmap** – the input YAML map defining the collations

4.7 Conversions

The `conversion` module defines two classes, `Conversion` and `ConversionDict`, derived from `DbSchemaObject` and `DbObjectDict`, respectively.

4.7.1 Conversion

`Conversion` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL conversion between character set encodings.

class `pyrease.dbobject.conversion.Conversion` (*name, schema, description, owner, source_encoding, dest_encoding, function, default=False, oid=None*)

A conversion definition

`Conversion.to_map` (*db, no_owner=False, no_privs=False*)
 Convert a conversion to a YAML-suitable format

Returns dictionary

`Conversion.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the conversion

Returns SQL statements

4.7.2 Conversion Dictionary

`ConversionDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of conversions in a database.

`class pyrseas.dboobject.conversion.ConversionDict(dbconn=None)`
 The collection of conversions in a database.

`ConversionDict.from_map(schema, inmap)`
 Initialize the dictionary of conversions by examining the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – the schema owing the conversions
- **inmap** – the input YAML map defining the conversions

4.8 Event Triggers

The `eventtrig` module defines two classes, `EventTrigger` and `EventTriggerDict`, derived from `DBObject` and `DBObjectDict`, respectively.

4.8.1 Event Trigger

`EventTrigger` is derived from `DBObject` and represents an `event trigger` available from PostgreSQL 9.3 onwards.

`class pyrseas.dboobject.eventtrig.EventTrigger(name, description, owner, event, procedure, enabled=False, tags=None, oid=None)`
 An event trigger

`static EventTrigger.from_map(name, inobj)`
 Initialize an event trigger instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – trigger name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the event trigger

Returns event trigger instance

`EventTrigger.to_map(db, no_owner=False, no_privs=False)`
 Convert an event trigger definition to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters `db` – db used to tie the objects together

Returns dictionary

`EventTrigger.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the event trigger

Returns SQL statements

4.8.2 Event Trigger Dictionary

EventTriggerDict is derived from *DBObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of event triggers in a database.

class `pyrease.dboobject.eventtrig.EventTriggerDict` (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of event triggers in a database

`EventTriggerDict.from_map` (*intriggers, newdb*)

Initialize the dictionary of triggers by converting the input map

Parameters

- **intriggers** – YAML map defining the event triggers
- **newdb** – dictionary of input database

4.9 Extensions

The extension module defines two classes, *Extension* and *ExtensionDict*, derived from *DBObject* and *DBObjectDict*, respectively.

4.9.1 Extension

Extension is derived from *DBObject* and represents a PostgreSQL extension.

class `pyrease.dboobject.extension.Extension` (*name, description, owner, schema, version=None, oid=None*)

An extension

static `Extension.from_map` (*name, inobj*)

Initialize an Extension instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – extension name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the extension

Returns extension instance

`Extension.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the extension

Returns SQL statements

`Extension.alter` (*inobj, no_owner=True*)

Generate SQL to transform an existing extension

Parameters *inobj* – a YAML map defining the new extension

Returns list of SQL statements

This exists because ALTER EXTENSION does not permit altering the owner.

4.9.2 Extension Dictionary

ExtensionDict is derived from *DBObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of extensions in a database.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.extension.ExtensionDict` (*dbconn=None*)
 The collection of extensions in a database

`ExtensionDict.from_map` (*inexts, langtpls, newdb*)
 Initialize the dictionary of extensions by converting the input map

Parameters

- **inexts** – YAML map defining the extensions
- **langtpls** – list of language templates
- **newdb** – dictionary of input database

4.10 Functions

The function module defines four classes: class *Proc* derived from *DbSchemaObject*, classes *Function* and *Aggregate* derived from *Proc*, and class *ProcDict* derived from *DbObject*.

4.10.1 Procedure

Class *Proc* is derived from *DbSchemaObject* and represents a regular or aggregate function.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.function.Proc` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, arguments*)
 A procedure such as a FUNCTION or an AGGREGATE

`Proc.extern_key` ()
 Return the key to be used in external maps for this function

Returns string

`Proc.identifier` ()
 Return a full identifier for a function object

Returns string

4.10.2 Function

Function is derived from *Proc* and represents a PostgreSQL user-defined function.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.function.Function` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, arguments, language, returns, source, obj_file=None, configuration=None, volatility=None, leakproof=False, strict=False, security_definer=False, cost=0, rows=0, allargs=None, oid=None*)

A procedural language function

static `Function.from_map` (*name, schema, arguments, inobj*)
 Initialize a function instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – function name
- **name** – schema name
- **arguments** – arguments

- **inobj** – YAML map of the function

Returns function instance

`Function.to_map(db, no_owner, no_privs)`

Convert a function to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **no_owner** – exclude function owner information
- **no_privs** – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

`Function.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return SQL statements to CREATE or REPLACE the function

Parameters **newsrc** – new source for a changed function

Returns SQL statements

`Function.alter(infunction, dbversion=None, no_owner=False)`

Generate SQL to transform an existing function

Parameters **infunction** – a YAML map defining the new function

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the function to an input function and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

`Function.drop()`

4.10.3 Aggregate Function

Aggregate is derived from *Proc* and represents a PostgreSQL user-defined aggregate function.

```
class pyrseas.dbobject.function.Aggregate(name, schema, description, owner, privileges, arguments, sfunc, stype, sspace=0, finalfunc=None, finalfunc_extra=False, initcond=None, sortop=None, msfunc=None, minvfunc=None, mstype=None, msspace=0, mfinalfunc=None, mfinalfunc_extra=False, minitcond=None, kind='normal', combinefunc=None, serialfunc=None, deserialfunc=None, parallel='unsafe', oid=None)
```

An aggregate function

static `Aggregate.from_map(name, schema, arguments, inobj)`

Initialize an aggregate instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – aggregate name
- **name** – schema name
- **arguments** – arguments
- **inobj** – YAML map of the aggregate

Returns aggregate instance

`Aggregate.to_map` (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)
Convert an aggregate to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **no_owner** – exclude aggregate owner information
- **no_privs** – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

`Aggregate.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
Return SQL statements to CREATE the aggregate

Parameters **dbversion** – Posgres version

Returns SQL statements

4.10.4 Procedure Dictionary

`ProcDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of regular and aggregate functions in a database.

`class` `pyrease.dbobject.function.ProcDict` (*dbconn=None*)
The collection of regular and aggregate functions in a database

`ProcDict.from_map` (*schema, infuncs*)
Initialize the dictionary of functions by converting the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the functions
- **infuncs** – YAML map defining the functions

4.11 Operators

The `operator` module defines two classes: `class Operator` derived from `DbSchemaObject` and `class OperatorDict` derived from `DBObjectDict`.

4.11.1 Operator

`Operator` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL user-defined operator.

`class` `pyrease.dbobject.operator.Operator` (*name, schema, description, owner, procedure, leftarg=None, rightarg=None, commutator=None, negator=None, restrict=None, join=None, hashes=False, merges=False, oid=None*)

An operator

`static` `Operator.from_map` (*name, schema, leftarg, rightarg, inobj*)
Initialize an operator instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – operator name
- **name** – schema name
- **leftarg** – left-hand argument

- **rightarg** – right-hand argument
- **inobj** – YAML map of the operator

Returns operator instance

`Operator.extern_key()`

Return the key to be used in external maps for this operator

Returns string

`Operator.qualname()`

Return the schema-qualified name of the operator

Returns string

No qualification is used if the schema is 'public'.

`Operator.identifier()`

Return a full identifier for an operator object

Returns string

`Operator.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return SQL statements to CREATE or REPLACE the operator

Returns SQL statements

4.11.2 Operator Dictionary

`OperatorDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of operators in a database.

class `pyseas.dbobject.operator.OperatorDict` (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of operators in a database

`OperatorDict.from_map` (*schema, inopers*)

Initialize the dictionary of operators by converting the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the operators
- **inopers** – YAML map defining the operators

4.12 Operator Families

The `operfamily` module defines two classes: class `OperatorFamily` derived from `DbSchemaObject` and class `OperatorFamilyDict` derived from `DBObjectDict`.

4.12.1 Operator Family

`OperatorFamily` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL operator family.

class `pyseas.dbobject.operfamily.OperatorFamily` (*name, schema, index_method, description, owner, oid=None*)

An operator family

static `OperatorFamily.from_map` (*name, schema, index_method, inobj*)

Initialize an operator family instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – operator family name
- **name** – schema name
- **index_method** – index method
- **inobj** – YAML map of the operator family

Returns operator family instance

`OperatorFamily.extern_key()`

Return the key to be used in external maps for the operator family

Returns string

`OperatorFamily.identifier()`

Return a full identifier for an operator family object

Returns string

`OperatorFamily.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return SQL statements to CREATE the operator family

Returns SQL statements

4.12.2 Operator Family Dictionary

`OperatorFamilyDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of operator families in a database.

`class pyrseas.dbobject.operfamily.OperatorFamilyDict (dbconn=None)`

The collection of operator families in a database

`OperatorFamilyDict.from_map(schema, inopfams)`

Initialize the dict of operator families by converting the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the operators
- **inopfams** – YAML map defining the operator families

4.13 Operator Classes

The `operclass` module defines two classes: class `OperatorClass` derived from `DbSchemaObject` and class `OperatorClassDict` derived from `DBObjectDict`.

4.13.1 Operator Class

`OperatorClass` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL operator class.

`class pyrseas.dbobject.operclass.OperatorClass (name, schema, index_method, description, owner, family, type, default=None, storage=None, oid=None)`

An operator class

static `OperatorClass.from_map (name, schema, index_method, inobj)`

Initialize an operator class instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – operator class name
- **name** – schema name
- **index_method** – index method
- **inobj** – YAML map of the operator class

Returns operator class instance

`OperatorClass.extern_key()`

Return the key to be used in external maps for this operator

Returns string

`OperatorClass.identifier()`

Return a full identifier for an operator class

Returns string

`OperatorClass.to_map(db, no_owner)`

Convert operator class to a YAML-suitable format

Returns dictionary

`OperatorClass.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return SQL statements to CREATE the operator class

Returns SQL statements

4.13.2 Operator Class Dictionary

`OperatorClassDict` is derived from `DbObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of operator classes in a database.

`class pyrseas.dbobject.operclass.OperatorClassDict (dbconn=None)`

The collection of operator classes in a database

`OperatorClassDict.from_map(schema, inopcls)`

Initialize the dictionary of operator classes from the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the operator classes
- **inopcls** – YAML map defining the operator classes

4.14 Types and Domains

The `dbtype` module defines six classes, `DbType` derived from `DbSchemaObject`, `BaseType`, `Composite`, `Enum` and `Domain` derived from `DbType`, and `TypeDict` derived from `DbObjectDict`.

4.14.1 Database Type

Class `DbType` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a SQL type or domain as defined in the PostgreSQL `pg_type` catalog. Note: Only enumerated types are implemented currently.

class pyrseas.dbobject.dbtype.**DbType** (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges*)
 A composite, domain or enum type

4.14.2 Base Type

BaseType is derived from *DbType* and represents a PostgreSQL user-defined base type.

The map returned by `to_map()` and expected as argument by `diff_map()` has the following structure (not all fields need be present):

```
{'type t1':
  {'alignment': 'double',
   'analyze': 'analyze_func',
   'input': 'input_func',
   'internallength': 'variable',
   'output': 'output_func',
   'receive': 'receive_func',
   'send': 'send_func',
   'storage': 'plain',
   'typmod_in': 'typmod_in_func',
   'typmod_out': 'typmod_out_func'
  }
}
```

class pyrseas.dbobject.dbtype.**BaseType** (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, input, output, receive=None, send=None, typmod_in=None, typmod_out=None, analyze=None, internallength=1, alignment=None, storage=None, delimiter=',', category=None, preferred=False, oid=None*)

A base type

BaseType.**to_map** (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)
 Convert a type to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters *no_owner* – exclude type owner information

Returns dictionary

BaseType.**to_map** (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)
 Convert a type to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters *no_owner* – exclude type owner information

Returns dictionary

BaseType.**create** (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the base type

Returns SQL statements

BaseType.**drop** ()
 Generate SQL to drop the type

Returns list of SQL statements

The CASCADE thing is mandatory to drop the functions too. There is a cyclic dependency so the dependency graph cannot be used. The functions will not be explicitly dropped.

4.14.3 Composite

Composite is derived from `DbType` and represents a standalone composite type.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.dbtype.Composite` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, oid=None*)

A composite type

static `Composite.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)
Initialize a `Composite` instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – Composite name
- **schema** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the `Composite`

Returns `Composite` instance

`Composite.to_map` (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)
Convert a type to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters **no_owner** – exclude type owner information

Returns dictionary

`Composite.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
Return SQL statements to CREATE the composite type

Returns SQL statements

`Composite.alter` (*intype*)
Generate SQL to transform an existing composite type

Parameters **intype** – the new composite type

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the type to an input type and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

4.14.4 Enum

Enum is derived from `DbType` and represents an enumerated type.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.dbtype.Enum` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, labels, oid=None*)

An enumerated type definition

static `Enum.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)
Initialize an `Enum` instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – Enum name
- **schema** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the `Enum`

Returns `Enum` instance

`Enum.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
Return SQL statements to CREATE the enum

Returns SQL statements

4.14.5 Domain

Domain is derived from *DbType* and represents a domain.

```
class pyrseas.dbobject.dbtype.Domain(name, schema, description, owner, privileges, type,
                                     not_null=False, default=None, oid=None)
```

A domain definition

```
static Domain.from_map(name, schema, inobj)
```

Initialize an Domain instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – Domain name
- **schema** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the Domain

Returns Domain instance

```
Domain.to_map(db, no_owner, no_privs)
```

Convert a domain to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters **no_owner** – exclude domain owner information

Returns dictionary

```
Domain.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)
```

Return SQL statements to CREATE the domain

Returns SQL statements

4.14.6 Type Dictionary

TypeDict is derived from *DBObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of domains and enums in a database.

```
class pyrseas.dbobject.dbtype.TypeDict(dbconn=None)
```

The collection of domains and enums in a database

```
TypeDict.from_map(schema, inobjs, newdb)
```

Initialize the dictionary of types by converting the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the types
- **inobjs** – YAML map defining the schema objects
- **newdb** – collection of dictionaries defining the database

4.15 Tables, Views and Sequences

The table module defines six classes, *DbClass* derived from *DbSchemaObject*, classes *Sequence*, *Table* and *View* derived from *DbClass*, *MaterializedView* derived from *View*, and *ClassDict*, derived from *DBObjectDict*.

4.15.1 Database Class

Class *DbClass* is derived from *DbSchemaObject* and represents a table, view or sequence as defined in the PostgreSQL *pg_class* catalog.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.table.DbClass` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges*)
 A table, sequence, index or view

4.15.2 Sequence

Class *Sequence* is derived from *DbClass* and represents a sequence generator. Its `keylist` attributes are the schema name and the sequence name.

A *Sequence* has the following attributes: `start_value`, `increment_by`, `max_value`, `min_value` and `cache_value`.

The map returned by `to_map()` and expected as argument by `diff_map()` has the following structure:

```
{'sequence seq1':
  {'start_value': 1,
   'increment_by': 1,
   'max_value': None,
   'min_value': None,
   'cache_value': 1
  }
}
```

Only the inner dictionary is passed to `diff_map()`. The values are defaults so in practice an empty dictionary is also acceptable.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.table.Sequence` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, start_value=1, increment_by=1, max_value=9223372036854775807, min_value=1, cache_value=1, data_type='bigint', owner_table=None, owner_column=None, oid=None*)

A sequence generator definition

static `Sequence.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)
 Initialize a sequence instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – sequence name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the sequence

Returns sequence instance

`Sequence.get_attrs` (*dbconn*)
 Get the attributes for the sequence

Parameters *dbconn* – a `DbConnection` object

`Sequence.get_dependent_table` (*dbconn*)
 Get the table and column name that uses or owns the sequence

Parameters *dbconn* – a `DbConnection` object

`Sequence.to_map` (*db, opts*)
 Convert a sequence definition to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters `opts` – options to include/exclude tables, etc.

Returns dictionary

Sequence.**create** (*obj*, *args, **kwargs)

Return a SQL statement to CREATE the sequence

Returns SQL statements

Sequence.**add_owner** ()

Return statement to ALTER the sequence to indicate its owner table

Returns SQL statement

Sequence.**alter** (*inseq*, *no_owner=False*)

Generate SQL to transform an existing sequence

Parameters `inseq` – a YAML map defining the new sequence

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the sequence to an input sequence and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

Sequence.**drop** ()

Generate SQL to drop the current sequence

Returns list of SQL statements

4.15.3 Table

Class *Table* is derived from *DbClass* and represents a database table. Its `keylist` attributes are the schema name and the table name.

The map returned by `to_map()` and expected as argument by `diff_map()` has a structure similar to the following:

```
{'table t1':
  {'columns':
    [
      {'c1': {'type': 'integer', 'not_null': True}},
      {'c2': {'type': 'text'}},
      {'c3': {'type': 'smallint'}},
      {'c4': {'type': 'date', 'default': 'now()'}}
    ],
    'description': "this is the comment for table t1",
    'primary_key':
      {'t1_prim_key':
        {'columns': ['c1', 'c2']}}
      },
    'foreign_keys':
      {'t1_fgn_key1':
        {'columns': ['c2', 'c3'],
         'references':
           {'table': 't2', 'columns': ['pc2', 'pc1']}}
        },
        't1_fgn_key2':
          {'columns': ['c2'],
           'references': {'table': 't3', 'columns': ['qc1']}}
          }
      },
    'unique_constraints': {...},
```

```

    'indexes': {...}
  }
}

```

The values for `unique_constraints` and `indexes` follow a pattern similar to `primary_key`, but there can be more than one such specification.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.table.Table` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, tablespace=None, unlogged=False, options=None, partition_bound_spec=None, partition_by=None, partition_cols=None, partition_exprs=None, oid=None*)

A database table definition

A table is identified by its schema name and table name. It should have a list of columns. It may have a `primary_key`, zero or more `foreign_keys`, zero or more `unique_constraints`, and zero or more `indexes`.

static `Table.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)
 Initialize a table instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – table name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the table

Returns table instance

`Table.column_names` ()
 Return a list of column names in the table

Returns list

`Table.to_map` (*db, dbschemas, opts*)
 Convert a table to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **dbschemas** – database dictionary of schemas
- **opts** – options to include/exclude tables, etc.

Returns dictionary

`Table.create` (*dbversion=None*)
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the table

Returns SQL statements

`Table.drop` ()
 Return a SQL DROP statement for the table

Returns SQL statement

`Table.diff_options` (*newopts*)
 Compare options lists and generate SQL SET or RESET clause

Newopts list of new options

Returns SQL SET / RESET clauses

Generate ([SET|RESET storage_parameter=value) clauses from two lists in the form of 'key=value' strings.

`Table.alter` (*intable*)
 Generate SQL to transform an existing table

Parameters `intable` – a YAML map defining the new table

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the table to an input table and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

Table `.alter_drop_columns` (*intable*)

Generate SQL to drop columns from an existing table

Parameters `intable` – a YAML map defining the new table

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the table to an input table and generates SQL statements to drop any columns missing from the one represented by the input.

Table `.data_export` (*dbconn*, *dirpath*)

Copy table data out to a file

Parameters

- `dbconn` – database connection to use
- `dirpath` – full path to the directory for the file to be created

Table `.data_import` (*dirpath*)

Generate SQL to import data into a table

Parameters `dirpath` – full path for the directory for the file

Returns list of SQL statements

4.15.4 Class Dictionary

Class `ClassDict` is derived from `DbObjectDict` and represents the collection of tables, views and sequences in a database.

`class` `pyrseas.dbobject.table.ClassDict` (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of tables and similar objects in a database

`ClassDict.from_map` (*schema*, *inobjs*, *newdb*)

Initialize the dictionary of tables by converting the input map

Parameters

- `schema` – schema owning the tables
- `inobjs` – YAML map defining the schema objects
- `newdb` – collection of dictionaries defining the database

4.15.5 View

Class `View` is derived from `DbClass` and represents a database view. Its `keylist` attributes are the schema name and the view name.

The map returned by `to_map()` and expected as argument by `diff_map()` has a structure similar to the following:

```
{'view v1':
  {'definition': " SELECT ...;",
   'description': "this is the comment for view v1"}}
```

```
}
}
```

class `pyrseas.dboject.view.View` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, definition, oid=None*)

A database view definition

A view is identified by its schema name and view name.

static `View.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)

Initialize a view instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – view name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the view

Returns view instance

`View.to_map` (*db, opts*)

Convert a view to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters **opts** – options to include/exclude tables, etc.

Returns dictionary

`View.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the view

Returns SQL statements

`View.alter` (*inview, dbversion=None*)

Generate SQL to transform an existing view

Parameters **inview** – a YAML map defining the new view

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the view to an input view and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

4.15.6 Materialized View

Class `MaterializedView` is derived from `View` and represents a [materialized view](#), available from PostgreSQL 9.3 onwards. Its `keylist` attributes are the schema name and the view name.

class `pyrseas.dboject.view.MaterializedView` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, definition, with_data=False, oid=None*)

A materialized view definition

A materialized view is identified by its schema name and view name.

static `MaterializedView.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)

Initialize a materialized view instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – view name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the view

Returns materialized view instance

MaterializedView.**to_map**(*db*, *opts*)

Convert a materialized view to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters *opts* – options to include/exclude tables, etc.

Returns dictionary

MaterializedView.**create**(*obj*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the materialized view

Returns SQL statements

4.16 Columns

The `column` module defines two classes, `Column` derived from `DbSchemaObject` and `ColumnDict`, derived from `DBObjectDict`.

4.16.1 Column

`Column` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a column in a table, or an attribute in a composite type. Its `keylist` attributes are the schema name and the table name.

A `Column` has the following attributes: `name`, `type`, `not_null` and `default`. The `number` attribute is also present but is not made visible externally.

```
class pyrseas.dbobject.column.Column(name, schema, table, number, type, description=None,
                                     privileges=[], not_null=True, default=None, identity=None,
                                     collation=None, statistics=None, inherited=False, dropped=False)
```

A table column or attribute of a composite type

static Column.**from_map**(*name*, *table*, *num*, *inobj*)

Initialize a Column instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – column name
- **table** – table map
- **num** – column number
- **inobj** – YAML map of the column

Returns Column instance

Column.**to_map**(*db*, *no_privs*)

Convert a column to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters *no_privs* – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

Column.**add**()

Return a string to specify the column in a CREATE or ALTER TABLE

Returns partial SQL statement

Column.**add_privs**()

Generate SQL statements to grant privileges on new column

Returns list of SQL statements

Column.**diff_privileges** (*incol*)

Generate SQL statements to grant or revoke privileges

Parameters *incol* – a YAML map defining the input column

Returns list of SQL statements

Column.**comment** ()

Return a SQL COMMENT statement for the column

Returns SQL statement

Column.**drop** ()

Return string to drop the column via ALTER TABLE

Returns SQL statement

Column.**rename** (*newname*)

Return SQL statement to RENAME the column

Parameters *newname* – the new name of the object

Returns SQL statement

Column.**alter** (*incol*)

Generate SQL to transform an existing column

Parameters *insequence* – a YAML map defining the new column

Returns list of partial SQL statements

Compares the column to an input column and generates partial SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

4.16.2 Column Dictionary

Class *ColumnDict* is a dictionary derived from *DBObjectDict* and represents the collection of columns in a database, across multiple tables. It is indexed by the schema name and table name, and each value is a list of *Column* objects.

class `pyrseas.dboobject.column.ColumnDict` (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of columns in tables in a database

ColumnDict.**from_map** (*table, incols*)

Initialize the dictionary of columns by converting the input list

Parameters

- **table** – table or type owning the columns/attributes
- **incols** – YAML list defining the columns

4.17 Constraints

The `constraint` module defines six classes: *Constraint* derived from *DbSchemaObject*, classes *CheckConstraint*, *PrimaryKey*, *ForeignKey* and *UniqueConstraint* derived from *Constraint*, and *ConstraintDict* derived from *DBObjectDict*.

4.17.1 Constraint

Class *Constraint* is derived from *DbSchemaObject* and represents a constraint on a database table. Its `keylist` attributes are the schema name, the table name and the constraint name.

class `pyrease.dboobject.constraint.Constraint` (*name, schema, table, description*)

A constraint definition, such as a primary key, foreign key or unique constraint. This also covers check constraints on domains.

`Constraint.key_columns()`

Return comma-separated list of key column names

Returns string

`Constraint.add(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return string to add the constraint via ALTER TABLE

Returns SQL statement

Works as is for primary keys and unique constraints but has to be overridden for check constraints and foreign keys.

`Constraint.drop()`

Return string to drop the constraint via ALTER TABLE

Returns SQL statement

`Constraint.comment()`

Return SQL statement to create COMMENT on constraint

Returns SQL statement

4.17.2 Check Constraint

CheckConstraint is derived from *Constraint* and represents a CHECK constraint.

class `pyrease.dboobject.constraint.CheckConstraint` (*name, schema, table, description, columns, expression, is_domain_check=False, inherited=False, oid=None*)

A check constraint definition

static `CheckConstraint.from_map` (*name, table, target, inobj*)

Initialize a CheckConstraint instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – constraint name
- **table** – table map
- **target** – column (default) or domain indicator
- **inobj** – YAML map of the constraint

Returns CheckConstraint instance

`CheckConstraint.to_map` (*db, dbcols*)

Convert a check constraint definition to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters `dbcols` – dictionary of dboobject columns

Returns dictionary

`CheckConstraint.add(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return string to add the CHECK constraint via ALTER TABLE

Returns SQL statement

`CheckConstraint.drop()`

`CheckConstraint.alter(inchk)`

Generate SQL to transform an existing CHECK constraint

Parameters `inchk` – a YAML map defining the new CHECK constraint

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the CHECK constraint to an input constraint and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

4.17.3 Primary Key

`PrimaryKey` is derived from `Constraint` and represents a primary key constraint.

`class pyrseas.dboject.constraint.PrimaryKey(name, schema, table, description, columns, access_method='btree', tablespace=None, cluster=False, inherited=False, deferrable=False, deferred=False, oid=None)`

A primary key constraint definition

static `PrimaryKey.from_map(name, table, inobj)`

Initialize a PrimaryKey instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – key name
- **table** – table map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the primary key

Returns PrimaryKey instance

`PrimaryKey.to_map(db, dbccls)`

Convert a primary key definition to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters `dbccls` – dictionary of dboject columns

Returns dictionary

`PrimaryKey.alter(inpk)`

Generate SQL to transform an existing primary key

Parameters `inpk` – a YAML map defining the new primary key

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the primary key to an input primary key and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

4.17.4 Foreign Key

`ForeignKey` is derived from `Constraint` and represents a foreign key constraint.

The following shows a foreign key segment of a map returned by `to_map()` and expected as argument by `ConstraintDict.diff_map()` exemplifying various possibilities:

```
{'t1_fgn_key1':
  {
    'columns': ['c2', 'c3'],
    'on_delete': 'restrict',
    'on_update': 'set null',
    'references':
      {'columns': ['pc2', 'pc1'], 'schema': 's1', 'table': 't2'}
  }
}
```

class `pyrease.dboobject.constraint.ForeignKey` (*name, schema, table, description, columns, ref_table, ref_cols, on_update, on_delete, match, access_method='btree', tablespace=None, cluster=False, inherited=False, deferrable=False, deferred=False, oid=None*)

A foreign key constraint definition

static `ForeignKey.from_map` (*name, table, inobj*)
Initialize a `ForeignKey` instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – key name
- **table** – table map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the foreign key

Returns `ForeignKey` instance

`ForeignKey.ref_columns` ()
Return comma-separated list of reference column names

Returns string

`ForeignKey.to_map` (*db, dbcpls, refcols*)
Convert a foreign key definition to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters **dbcpls** – dictionary of `dboobject` columns

Returns dictionary

`ForeignKey.add` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
Return string to add the foreign key via ALTER TABLE

Returns SQL statement

`ForeignKey.alter` (*infk*)
Generate SQL to transform an existing foreign key

Parameters **infk** – a YAML map defining the new foreign key

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the foreign key to an input foreign key and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

4.17.5 Unique Constraint

UniqueConstraint is derived from *Constraint* and represents a UNIQUE, non-primary key constraint.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.constraint.UniqueConstraint` (*name, schema, table, description, columns, access_method='btree', tablespace=None, cluster=False, inherited=False, deferrable=False, deferred=False, oid=None*)

A unique constraint definition

static `UniqueConstraint.from_map` (*name, table, inobj*)
 Initialize a UniqueConstraint instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – constraint name
- **table** – table map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the constraint

Returns UniqueConstraint instance

`UniqueConstraint.to_map` (*db, dbccls*)
 Convert a unique constraint definition to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters `dbccls` – dictionary of dbobject columns

Returns dictionary

`UniqueConstraint.alter` (*inuc*)
 Generate SQL to transform an existing unique constraint

Parameters `inuc` – a YAML map defining the new unique constraint

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the unique constraint to an input unique constraint and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

4.17.6 Constraint Dictionary

Class `ConstraintDict` is a dictionary derived from `DBObjectDict` and represents the collection of constraints in a database.

class `pyrseas.dbobject.constraint.ConstraintDict` (*dbconn=None*)
 The collection of table or column constraints in a database

`ConstraintDict.from_map` (*table, inconstrs, target=',, rtables=None*)
 Initialize the dictionary of constraints by converting the input map

Parameters

- **table** – table affected by the constraints
- **inconstrs** – YAML map defining the constraints

4.18 Indexes

The `index` module defines two classes, `Index` and `IndexDict`, derived from `DbSchemaObject` and `DBObjectDict`, respectively.

4.18.1 Index

Class *Index* is derived from *DbSchemaObject* and represents an index on a database table, other than a primary key or unique constraint index. Its `keylist` attributes are the schema name, the table name and the index name.

An *Index* has the following attributes: `access_method`, `unique`, and `keycols`.

```
class pyrseas.dbobject.index.Index(name, schema, table, description, unique=False, access_method='btree', keys=[], predicate=None, tablespace=None, cluster=False, keyexprs=None, defn=None, oid=None)
```

A physical index definition, other than a primary key or unique constraint index.

An index is identified by its schema name and index name. However, at this time, Pyrseas uses the triple schema-table-index names as the identifier. TODO: This should be fixed in this or a subsequent release.

static `Index.from_map(name, table, inobj)`

Initialize an index instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – index name
- **table** – map of table
- **inobj** – YAML map of the index

Returns Index instance

`Index.key_expressions()`

Return comma-separated list of key column names and qualifiers

Returns string

`Index.to_map(db)`

Convert an index definition to a YAML-suitable format

Returns dictionary

`Index.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return a SQL statement to CREATE the index

Returns SQL statements

`Index.alter(inindex)`

Generate SQL to transform an existing index

Parameters `inindex` – a YAML map defining the new index

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the index to an input index and generates SQL statements to transform it into the one represented by the input.

`Index.drop()`

Generate SQL to drop the current index

Returns list of SQL statements

4.18.2 Index Dictionary

Class *IndexDict* is derived from *DbObjectDict* and represents the collection of indexes in a database.

class `pyrseas.dboobject.index.IndexDict` (*dbconn=None*)
 The collection of indexes on tables in a database

`IndexDict.from_map` (*table, inindexes*)
 Initialize the dictionary of indexes by converting the input map

Parameters

- **table** – table owning the indexes
- **inindexes** – YAML map defining the indexes

4.19 Rules

The rule module defines two classes, *Rule* and *RuleDict*, derived from *DbSchemaObject* and *DBObjectDict*, respectively.

4.19.1 Rule

Rule is derived from *DbSchemaObject* and represents a PostgreSQL rewrite rule.

class `pyrseas.dboobject.rule.Rule` (*name, schema, table, description, event, instead=False, actions=None, condition=None, definition=None, oid=None*)

A rewrite rule definition

static `Rule.from_map` (*name, table, inobj*)
 Initialize a Rule instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – rule name
- **table** – map of the table associated with the rule
- **inobj** – YAML map of the rule

Returns Rule instance

`Rule.identifier` ()
 Return a full identifier for a rule object

Returns string

`Rule.to_map` (*db*)
 Convert rule to a YAML-suitable format

Returns dictionary

`Rule.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the rule

Returns SQL statements

4.19.2 Rule Dictionary

RuleDict is derived from *DBObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of rewrite rules in a database.

class `pyrseas.dboobject.rule.RuleDict` (*dbconn=None*)
 The collection of rewrite rules in a database.

`RuleDict.from_map(table, inmap)`

Initialize the dictionary of rules by examining the input map

Parameters

- **table** – the input YAML map of the associated table
- **inmap** – the input YAML map defining the rules

4.20 Triggers

The `trigger` module defines two classes, `Trigger` and `TriggerDict`, derived from `DbSchemaObject` and `DBObjectDict`, respectively.

4.20.1 Trigger

`Trigger` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL regular `trigger` or `constraint trigger`.

`class pyrseas.dboobject.trigger.Trigger(name, schema, table, description, procedure, timing, level, events, constraint=False, deferrable=False, initially_deferred=False, columns=[], condition=None, arguments='', oid=None)`

A procedural language trigger

`static Trigger.from_map(name, table, inobj)`

Initialize a trigger instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – trigger name
- **table** – table map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the trigger

Returns trigger instance

`Trigger.identifier()`

Returns a full identifier for the trigger

Returns string

`Trigger.to_map(db)`

Convert a trigger to a YAML-suitable format

Returns dictionary

`Trigger.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return SQL statements to CREATE the trigger

Returns SQL statements

4.20.2 Trigger Dictionary

`TriggerDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of triggers in a database.

`class pyrseas.dboobject.trigger.TriggerDict(dbconn=None)`

The collection of triggers in a database

`TriggerDict.from_map` (*table, intriggers*)

Initialize the dictionary of triggers by converting the input map

Parameters

- **table** – table owning the triggers
- **intriggers** – YAML map defining the triggers

4.21 Text Search Objects

The `textsearch` module defines eight classes: classes `TSConfiguration`, `TSDictionary`, `TSParser` and `TSTemplate` derived from `DbSchemaObject`, and classes `TSConfigurationDict`, `TSDictionaryDict`, `TSParserDict` and `TSTemplateDict` derived from `DbObjectDict`.

4.21.1 Text Search Configuration

`TSConfiguration` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL text search configuration.

class `pyrease.dboobject.textsearch.TSConfiguration` (*name, schema, description, owner, parser, oid=None*)

A text search configuration definition

static `TSConfiguration.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)

Initialize a configuration instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – configuration name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the configuration

Returns configuration instance

`TSConfiguration.to_map` (*db, no_owner*)

Convert a text search configuration to a YAML-suitable format

Returns dictionary

`TSConfiguration.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the configuration

Returns SQL statements

4.21.2 Text Search Configuration Dictionary

`TSConfigurationDict` is derived from `DbObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of text search configurations in a database.

class `pyrease.dboobject.textsearch.TSConfigurationDict` (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of text search configurations in a database

`TSConfigurationDict.from_map` (*schema, inconfigs*)

Initialize the dictionary of configs by examining the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the configurations

- **inconfigs** – input YAML map defining the configurations

4.21.3 Text Search Dictionary

TSDictionary is derived from *DbSchemaObject* and represents a PostgreSQL text search dictionary.

class pyrseas.dboobject.textsearch.**TSDictionary** (*name, schema, description, owner, template, options, oid=None*)

A text search dictionary definition

static TSDictionary.**from_map** (*name, schema, inobj*)

Initialize a dictionary instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – dictionary name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the dictionary

Returns dictionary instance

TSDictionary.**create** (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the dictionary

Returns SQL statements

4.21.4 Text Search Dictionary Dictionary

TSDictionaryDict is derived from *DbObjectDict*. It is a Python dictionary that represents the collection of text search dictionaries in a database.

class pyrseas.dboobject.textsearch.**TSDictionaryDict** (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of text search dictionaries in a database

TSDictionaryDict.**from_map** (*schema, indict*s)

Initialize the dictionary of dictionaries by examining the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the dictionaries
- **indict**s – input YAML map defining the dictionaries

4.21.5 Text Search Parser

TSParser is derived from *DbSchemaObject* and represents a PostgreSQL text search parser.

class pyrseas.dboobject.textsearch.**TSParser** (*name, schema, description, start, gettoken, end, headline, lextypes, oid=None*)

A text search parser definition

static TSParser.**from_map** (*name, schema, inobj*)

Initialize a parser instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – parser name
- **name** – schema map

- **inobj** – YAML map of the parser

Returns parser instance

`TSParser.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return SQL statements to CREATE the parser

Returns SQL statements

4.21.6 Text Search Parser Dictionary

`TSParserDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of text search parsers in a database.

class `pyrease.dbobject.textsearch.TSParserDict(dbconn=None)`

The collection of text search parsers in a database

`TSParserDict.from_map(schema, inparsers)`

Initialize the dictionary of parsers by examining the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the parsers
- **inparsers** – input YAML map defining the parsers

4.21.7 Text Search Template

`TSTemplate` is derived from `DbSchemaObject` and represents a PostgreSQL text search template.

class `pyrease.dbobject.textsearch.TSTemplate(name, schema, description, init, lexize, oid=None)`

A text search template definition

static `TSTemplate.from_map(name, schema, inobj)`

Initialize a template instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – template name
- **name** – schema map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the template

Returns template instance

`TSTemplate.create(obj, *args, **kwargs)`

Return SQL statements to CREATE the template

Returns SQL statements

4.21.8 Text Search Template Dictionary

`TSTemplateDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of text search templates in a database.

class `pyrease.dbobject.textsearch.TSTemplateDict(dbconn=None)`

The collection of text search templates in a database

`TSTemplateDict.from_map(schema, intemplates)`
 Initialize the dictionary of templates by examining the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the templates
- **intemplates** – input YAML map defining the templates

4.22 Foreign Data Objects

The `foreign` module defines nine classes: `DBObjectWithOptions` derived from `DBObject`, classes `ForeignDataWrapper`, `ForeignServer` and `UserMapping` derived from `DBObjectWithOptions`, `ForeignTable` derived from `DBObjectWithOptions` and `Table`, classes `ForeignDataWrapperDict`, `ForeignServerDict` and `UserMappingDict` derived from `DBObjectDict`, and `ForeignTableDict` derived from `ClassDict`.

4.22.1 Database Object With Options

`DBObjectWithOptions` is derived from `DBObject`. It is a helper function dealing with the `OPTIONS` clauses common to the foreign data objects.

`class pyrseas.dbobject.foreign.DbObjectWithOptions(name, options)`
 Helper class for database objects with `OPTIONS` clauses

`DBObjectWithOptions.to_map(db, no_owner=False, no_privs=False)`
 Convert objects to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **no_owner** – exclude object owner information
- **no_privs** – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

`DBObjectWithOptions.options_clause()`
 Create the `OPTIONS` clause

Parameters `optdict` – the dictionary of options

Returns SQL `OPTIONS` clause

`DBObjectWithOptions.diff_options(newopts)`
 Compare options lists and generate SQL `OPTIONS` clause

Newopts list of new options

Returns SQL `OPTIONS` clause

Generate ([`ADDSETIDROP` key 'value'] clauses from two lists in the form of 'key=value' strings.

`DBObjectWithOptions.alter(inobj)`
 Generate SQL to transform an existing object

Parameters `inobj` – a YAML map defining the new object

Returns list of SQL statements

4.22.2 Foreign Data Wrapper

ForeignDataWrapper is derived from *DbObjectWithOptions* and represents a PostgreSQL foreign data wrapper. For PostgreSQL versions 9.1 and later see also [Foreign Data](#) and [Writing A Foreign Data Wrapper](#).

class `pyrease.dbobject.foreign.ForeignDataWrapper` (*name, options, description, owner, privileges, handler=None, validator=None, oid=None*)

A foreign data wrapper definition

static `ForeignDataWrapper.from_map` (*name, inobj*)
Initialize an FDW instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – FDW name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the FDW

Returns FDW instance

`ForeignDataWrapper.to_map` (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)
Convert wrappers and subsidiary objects to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **no_owner** – exclude object owner information
- **no_privs** – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

`ForeignDataWrapper.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
Return SQL statements to CREATE the data wrapper

Returns SQL statements

4.22.3 Foreign Data Wrapper Dictionary

ForeignDataWrapperDict is derived from *DbObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of foreign data wrappers in a database.

class `pyrease.dbobject.foreign.ForeignDataWrapperDict` (*dbconn=None*)
The collection of foreign data wrappers in a database

`ForeignDataWrapperDict.from_map` (*inwrappers, newdb*)
Initialize the dictionary of wrappers by examining the input map

Parameters

- **inwrappers** – input YAML map defining the data wrappers
- **newdb** – collection of dictionaries defining the database

4.22.4 Foreign Server

ForeignServer is derived from *DbObjectWithOptions* and represents a PostgreSQL foreign server.

class `pyrease.dbobject.foreign.ForeignServer` (*name, options, description, owner, privileges, wrapper, type=None, version=None, oid=None*)

A foreign server definition

static `ForeignServer.from_map` (*name, wrapper, inobj*)
 Initialize a foreign server instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – server name
- **wrapper** – FDW name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the server

Returns foreign server instance

`ForeignServer.identifier` ()
 Returns a full identifier for the foreign server

Returns string

`ForeignServer.to_map` (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)
 Convert servers and subsidiary objects to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters

- **no_owner** – exclude server owner information
- **no_privs** – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

`ForeignServer.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the server

Returns SQL statements

4.22.5 Foreign Server Dictionary

`ForeignServerDict` is derived from `DBObjectDict`. It is a Python dictionary that represents the collection of foreign servers in a database.

class `pyrseas.dboobject.foreign.ForeignServerDict` (*dbconn=None*)
 The collection of foreign servers in a database

`ForeignServerDict.from_map` (*wrapper, inservers, newdb*)
 Initialize the dictionary of servers by examining the input map

Parameters

- **wrapper** – associated foreign data wrapper
- **inservers** – input YAML map defining the foreign servers
- **newdb** – collection of dictionaries defining the database

`ForeignServerDict.to_map` (*db, no_owner, no_privs*)
 Convert the server dictionary to a regular dictionary

Parameters

- **no_owner** – exclude server owner information
- **no_privs** – exclude privilege information

Returns dictionary

Invokes the `to_map` method of each server to construct a dictionary of foreign servers.

4.22.6 User Mapping

UserMapping is derived from *DBObjectWithOptions* and represents a PostgreSQL user mapping of a user to a foreign server.

class `pyrease.dbobject.foreign.UserMapping` (*name, options, wrapper, server, oid=None*)
 A user mapping definition

static `UserMapping.from_map` (*name, server, inobj*)
 Initialize a user mapping instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – mapping name
- **server** – foreign server map
- **inobj** – YAML map of the user mapping

Returns user mapping instance

`UserMapping.extern_key` ()
 Return the key to be used in external maps for this user mapping

Returns string

`UserMapping.identifier` ()
 Return a full identifier for a user mapping object

Returns string

`UserMapping.create` (*dbversion=None*)
 Return SQL statements to CREATE the user mapping

Returns SQL statements

4.22.7 User Mapping Dictionary

UserMappingDict is derived from *DBObjectDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of user mappings in a database.

class `pyrease.dbobject.foreign.UserMappingDict` (*dbconn=None*)
 The collection of user mappings in a database

`UserMappingDict.from_map` (*server, inusermaps*)
 Initialize the dictionary of mappings by examining the input map

Parameters

- **server** – foreign server associated with mappings
- **inusermaps** – input YAML map defining the user mappings

`UserMappingDict.to_map` (*db*)
 Convert the user mapping dictionary to a regular dictionary

Returns dictionary

Invokes the *to_map* method of each mapping to construct a dictionary of user mappings.

`UserMappingDict.alter` (*inusermaps*)
 Generate SQL to transform existing user mappings

Parameters `input_map` – a YAML map defining the new user mappings

Returns list of SQL statements

Compares the existing user mapping definitions, as fetched from the catalogs, to the input map and generates SQL statements to transform the user mappings accordingly.

4.22.8 Foreign Table

ForeignTable is derived from *DBObjectWithOptions* and *Table*. It represents a PostgreSQL foreign table (available on PostgreSQL 9.1 or later).

class `pyrease.dbobject.foreign.ForeignTable` (*name, schema, description, owner, privileges, server=None, options={}, oid=None*)

A foreign table definition

static `ForeignTable.from_map` (*name, schema, inobj*)

Initialize a foreign table instance from a YAML map

Parameters

- **name** – foreign table name
- **name** – schema name
- **inobj** – YAML map of the table

Returns foreign table instance

`ForeignTable.to_map` (*db, opts*)

Convert a foreign table to a YAML-suitable format

Parameters **opts** – options to include/exclude tables, etc.

Returns dictionary

`ForeignTable.create` (*obj, *args, **kwargs*)

Return SQL statements to CREATE the foreign table

Returns SQL statements

`ForeignTable.drop` ()

Return a SQL DROP statement for the foreign table

Returns SQL statement

4.22.9 Foreign Table Dictionary

ForeignTableDict is derived from *ClassDict*. It is a dictionary that represents the collection of foreign tables in a database.

class `pyrease.dbobject.foreign.ForeignTableDict` (*dbconn=None*)

The collection of foreign tables in a database

`ForeignTableDict.from_map` (*schema, inobjs, newdb*)

Initialize the dictionary of tables by converting the input map

Parameters

- **schema** – schema owning the tables
- **inobjs** – YAML map defining the schema objects
- **newdb** – collection of dictionaries defining the database

5.1 Augmenter Databases

The `augmentdb` module defines *AugmentDatabase*.

5.1.1 Augmenter Database

An *AugmentDatabase* is derived from *Database*. It contains two “dictionary” objects.

One is the `Dicts` container from its parent class. The *db* `Dicts` object, defines the database schemas, including their tables and other objects, by querying the system catalogs.

The second container is an `AugDicts` object. The *adb* `AugDicts` object specifies the schemas to be augmented and the augmenter configuration objects. The latter objects may be supplied either by other Augmenter modules or from the ‘augmenter’ configuration tree on the *aug_map* supplied to the *apply* method.

class `pyrseas.augmentdb.AugmentDatabase` (*config*)

A database that is to be augmented

`AugmentDatabase.apply` (*aug_map*)

Apply augmentations to an existing database

Parameters `aug_map` – a YAML map defining the desired augmentations

Merges an existing database definition, as fetched from the catalogs, with an input YAML defining augmentations on various objects and an optional configuration map or the predefined configuration.

`AugmentDatabase.from_augmap` (*aug_map*)

Populate the augment objects from the input augment map

Parameters `aug_map` – a YAML map defining the desired augmentations

The *adb* holder is populated by various `DbAugmentDict`-derived classes by traversing the YAML augmentation map. The objects in the dictionary are then linked to related objects, e.g., tables are linked to the schemas they belong.

5.2 Augmenter Configuration Objects

These configuration objects are predefined in the Augmenter modules or can be defined or overridden by configuration elements in the augmenter map.

5.2.1 Configuration Functions

A *CfgFunction* class specifies a function to be used by other augmenter objects. For example, this includes procedures to be invoked by triggers used to maintain audit columns. The *CfgFunctionDict* class holds all the *CfgFunction* objects, indexed by the function name and its arguments. A *CfgFunctionSource* class represents the source code for a function or part of that source code. A *CfgFunctionTemplate* class represents the source code for a function, which may include other elements that can be substituted in the final result. The class *CfgFunctionSourceDict* holds all the templates currently defined.

```
class pyrseas.augment.function.CfgFunction (**attrs)
    A configuration function definition
```

```
CfgFunction.apply (schema, trans_tbl, augdb)
    Add a function to a given schema.
```

Parameters

- **schema** – name of the schema in which to create the function
- **trans_tbl** – translation table
- **augdb** – augmenter dictionaries

```
class pyrseas.augment.function.CfgFunctionDict (config)
    The collection of configuration functions
```

```
CfgFunctionDict.from_map (infuncs)
    Initialize the dictionary of functions by converting the input list
```

Parameters **infuncs** – YAML list defining the functions

```
class pyrseas.augment.function.CfgFunctionSource (**attrs)
    A configuration function source or part thereof
```

```
class pyrseas.augment.function.CfgFunctionTemplate (**attrs)
    A configuration function source template
```

```
class pyrseas.augment.function.CfgFunctionSourceDict (cfg_templates)
```

5.2.2 Configuration Columns

A *CfgColumn* class defines a column to be added to a table by other augmenter objects. For example, this includes various columns that serve to capture audit trail information. The columns can be combined in various ways by the *CfgAuditColumn* objects. The *CfgColumnDict* class holds all the *CfgColumn* objects, indexed by column name.

```
class pyrseas.augment.column.CfgColumn (**attrs)
    A configuration column definition
```

```
CfgColumn.apply (table)
    Add columns to the table passed in.
```

Parameters **table** – table to which the columns will be added

class `pyrseas.augment.column.CfgColumnDict` (*config*)
 The collection of configuration columns

`CfgColumnDict.from_map` (*incols*)
 Initialize the dictionary of columns by converting the input dict

Parameters `incols` – YAML dictionary defining the columns

5.2.3 Configuration Triggers

A `CfgTrigger` class defines a trigger to be added to a table by other augmentation objects. For example, this includes triggers to maintain audit trail columns. The `CfgTriggerDict` class holds all the `CfgTrigger` objects, indexed by trigger name.

class `pyrseas.augment.trigger.CfgTrigger` (***attrs*)
 A configuration trigger definition

`CfgTrigger.apply` (*table*)
 Create a trigger for the table passed in.

Parameters `table` – table on which the trigger will be created

class `pyrseas.augment.trigger.CfgTriggerDict` (*config*)
 The collection of configuration triggers

`CfgTriggerDict.from_map` (*intrigs*)
 Initialize the dictionary of triggers by converting the input dict

Parameters `intrigs` – YAML dictionary defining the triggers

5.2.4 Configuration Audit Columns

A `CfgAuditColumn` class defines a set of attributes (columns, triggers) to be added to a table. The `CfgAuditColumnDict` class holds all the `CfgAuditColumn` objects, indexed by augmentation name.

class `pyrseas.augment.audit.CfgAuditColumn` (***attrs*)
 An augmentation that adds automatically maintained audit columns

`CfgAuditColumn.apply` (*table*, *augdb*)
 Apply audit columns to argument table.

Parameters

- `table` – table to which columns/triggers will be added
- `augdb` – augment dictionaries

class `pyrseas.augment.audit.CfgAuditColumnDict` (*config*)
 The collection of audit column augmentations

`CfgAuditColumnDict.from_map` (*inaudcols*)
 Initialize the dictionary of functions by converting the input map

Parameters `inaudcols` – YAML map defining the audit column configuration

5.3 Augmentation Objects

These objects are defined in the `aug_map` argument to the `apply` method of `AugmentDatabase`. They tie the desired augmentations, e.g., audit columns, to the tables to be affected, and the schemas owning the tables.

5.3.1 Augmentation Schema

class `pyrseas.augment.schema.AugSchema` (***attrs*)

A database schema definition, i.e., a named collection of tables, views, triggers and other schema objects.

`AugSchema.apply` (*augdb*)

Augment objects in a schema.

Parameters `augdb` – the augmenter dictionaries

class `pyrseas.augment.schema.AugSchemaDict`

The collection of schemas in a database

`AugSchemaDict.from_map` (*augmap*, *augdb*)

Initialize the dictionary of schemas by converting the augmenter map

Parameters

- `augmap` – the input YAML map defining the augmentations
- `augdb` – collection of dictionaries defining the augmentations

Starts the recursive analysis of the input map and construction of the internal collection of dictionaries describing the database objects.

`AugSchemaDict.link_current` (*schemas*)

Connect schemas to be augmented to actual database schemas

Parameters `schemas` – schemas in current database

`AugSchemaDict.link_refs` (*dbtables*)

Connect tables and functions to their respective schemas

Parameters `dbtables` – dictionary of tables

Fills in the *tables* dictionary for each schema by traversing the *dbtables* dictionary.

5.3.2 Augmentation Table

class `pyrseas.augment.table.AugDbClass` (***attrs*)

A table, sequence or view

class `pyrseas.augment.table.AugTable` (***attrs*)

A database table definition

`AugTable.apply` (*augdb*)

Augment tables in a schema.

Parameters `augdb` – the augmenter dictionaries

class `pyrseas.augment.table.AugClassDict`

The collection of tables and similar objects in a database

`AugClassDict.from_map` (*schema*, *inobjs*, *augdb*)

Initialize the dictionary of tables by converting the input map

Parameters

- `schema` – schema owning the tables
- `inobjs` – YAML map defining the schema objects
- `augdb` – collection of dictionaries defining the augmentations

AugClassDict.**link_current** (*tables*)

Connect tables to be augmented to actual database tables

Parameters **tables** – tables in current schema

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