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# **Preface**

This guide provides reference to the features of *CLSQL*. The first chapter provides an introduction to *CLSQL* and installation instructions. The reference sections document all user accessible symbols with examples of usage. There is a glossary of commonly used terms with their definitions.

# **Chapter 1. Introduction**

#### **Purpose**

*CLSQL* is a Common Lisp interface to SQL databases. A number of Common Lisp implementations and SQL databases are supported. The general structure of *CLSQL* is based on the CommonSQL package by Xanalys.

#### **History**

The *CLSQL* project was started by Kevin M. Rosenberg in 2001 to support SQL access on multiple Common Lisp implementations using the *UFFI* library. The initial code was based substantially on Pierre R. Mai's excellent *MaiSQL* package. In late 2003, the UncommonSQL library was orphaned by its author, onShore Development, Inc. In April 2004, Marcus Pearce ported the UncommonSQL library to *CLSQL*. The UncommonSQL library provides a CommonSQL-compatible API for *CLSQL*.

The main changes from MaiSQL and UncommonSQL are:

- Port from the CMUCL FFI to UFFI which provide compatibility with the major Common Lisp implementations.
- Optimized loading of integer and floating-point fields.
- Additional database backends: ODBC, AODBC, and SQLite.
- A compatibility layer for CMUCL specific code.
- Much improved robustness for the MySQL back-end along with version 4 client library support.
- Improved library loading and installation documentation.
- · Improved packages and symbol export.
- Pooled connections.
- Integrated transaction support for the classic *MaiSQL* iteration macros.

#### **Prerequisites**

#### **ASDF**

*CLSQL* uses ASDF to compile and load its components. ASDF is included in the *CCLAN* [http://cclan.sourceforge.net] collection.

#### UFFI

CLSQL uses UFFI [http://uffi.b9.com/] as a Foreign Function Interface (FFI) to support multiple ANSI Common Lisp implementations.

#### MD5

CLSQL's postgresql-socket interface uses Pierre Mai's md5 [ftp://clsql.b9.com/] module.

#### **Supported Common Lisp Implementation**

The implementations that support *CLSQL* is governed by the supported implementations of *UFFI*. The following implementations are supported:

- AllegroCL v6.2 and 7.0b on Debian Linux x86 & x86\_64 & PowerPC, FreeBSD 4.5, and Microsoft Windows XP.
- Lispworks v4.3 on Debian Linux and Microsoft Windows XP.
- CMUCL 18e on Debian Linux, FreeBSD 4.5, and Solaris 2.8.
- SBCL 0.8.5 on Debian Linux.
- SCL 1.1.1 on Debian Linux.
- OpenMCL 0.14 on Debian Linux PowerPC.

#### **Supported SQL Implementation**

Currently, *CLSQL* supports the following databases:

- MySQL v3.23.51 and v4.0.18.
- PostgreSQL v7.4 with both direct API and TCP socket connections.
- SQLite.
- Direct ODBC interface.
- · Oracle OCI.
- Allegro's DB interface (AODBC).

#### Installation

#### Ensure ASDF is loaded

Simply load the file asdf.lisp.

(load "asdf.lisp")

#### **Build C helper libraries**

*CLSQL* uses functions that require 64-bit integer parameters and return values. The *FFI* in most *CLSQL* implementations do not support 64-bit integers. Thus, C helper libraries are required to break these 64-bit integers into two compatible 32-bit integers. The helper libraries reside in the directories uffi and db-mysql.

#### **Microsoft Windows**

Files named Makefile.msvc are supplied for building the libraries under Microsoft Windows. Since Microsoft Windows does not come with that compiler, compiled DLL and LIB library files are supplied with *CLSQL*.

#### **UNIX**

Files named Makefile are supplied for building the libraries under UNIX. Loading the .asd files automatically invokes make when necessary. So, manual building of the helper libraries is not necessary on most UNIX systems. However, the location of the MySQL library files and include files may need to adjusted in db-mysql/Makefile on non-Debian systems.

#### Add *UFFI* path

Unzip or untar the *UFFI* distribution which creates a directory for the *UFFI* files. Add that directory to ASDF's asdf:\*central-registry\*. You can do that by pushing the pathname of the directory onto this variable. The following example code assumes the *UFFI* files reside in the /usr/share/lisp/uffi/ directory.

```
(push #P"/usr/share/lisp/uffi/" asdf:*central-registry*)
```

#### Add MD5 path

If you plan to use the clsql-postgresql-socket interface, you must load the md5 module. Unzip or untar the cl-md5 distribution, which creates a directory for the cl-md5 files. Add that directory to ASDF's asdf:\*central-registry\*. You can do that by pushing the pathname of the directory onto this variable. The following example code assumes the cl-md5 files reside in the /usr/share/lisp/cl-md5/ directory.

```
(push #P"/usr/share/lisp/cl-md5/" asdf:*central-registry*)
```

#### Add CLSQL path and load module

Unzip or untar the *CLSQL* distribution which creates a directory for the *CLSQL* files. Add that directory to ASDF's asdf:\*central-registry\*. You can do that by pushing the pathname of the directory onto this variable. The following example code assumes the *CLSQL* files reside in the /usr/share/lisp/clsql/ directory. You need to load the clsql system.

```
(push #P"/usr/share/lisp/clsql/" asdf:*central-registry*)
(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql) ; main CLSQL package
```

#### Run test suite (optional)

The test suite can be executed using the ASDF test-op operator. If CLSQL has not been loaded with asdf:load-op, the asdf:test-op operator will automatically load CLSQL. A configuration file named .clsql-test.config must be created in your home directory. There are instructures on the format of that file in the tests/README. After creating .clsql-test.config, you can run the test suite with ASDF:

```
(asdf:operate 'asdf:test-op 'clsql)
```

# **Chapter 2. CommonSQL Tutorial**

#### Based on the UncommonSQL Tutorial

#### Introduction

The goal of this tutorial is to guide a new developer thru the process of creating a set of *CLSQL* classes providing a Object-Oriented interface to persistent data stored in an SQL database. We will assume that the reader is familiar with how SQL works, how relations (tables) should be structured, and has created at least one SQL application previously. We will also assume a minor level of experience with Common Lisp.

CLSQL provides two different interfaces to SQL databases, a Functional interface, and an Object-Oriented interface. The Functional interface consists of a special syntax for embedded SQL expressions in Lisp, and provides lisp functions for SQL operations like SELECT and UPDATE. The object-oriented interface provides a way for mapping Common Lisp Objects System (CLOS) objects into databases and includes functions for inserting new objects, querying objects, and removing objects. Most applications will use a combination of the two.

*CLSQL* is based on the CommonSQL package from Xanalys, so the documentation that Xanalys makes available online is useful for *CLSQL* as well. It is suggested that developers new to *CLSQL* read their documentation as well, as any differences between CommonSQL and *CLSQL* are minor. Xanalys makes the following documents available:

- Xanalys Lispworks User Guide The CommonSQL Package [http://www.lispworks.com/reference/lw43/LWUG/html/lwuser-167.htm]
- Xanalys Lispworks Reference Manual The SQL Package [http://www.lispworks.com/reference/lw43/LWRM/html/lwref-383.htm]
- CommonSQL Tutorial by Nick Levine [http://www.ravenbrook.com/doc/2002/09/13/common-sql/]

### Data Modeling with CLSQL

Before we can create, query and manipulate *CLSQL* objects, we need to define our data model as noted by Philip Greenspun 1

When data modeling, you are telling the relational database management system (RDBMS) the following:

- What elements of the data you will store.
- How large each element can be.
- What kind of information each element can contain.
- What elements may be left blank.
- Which elements are constrained to a fixed range.
- Whether and how various tables are to be linked.

With SQL database one would do this by defining a set of relations, or tables, followed by a set of queries for joining the tables together in order to construct complex records. However, with *CLSQL* we do this by defining a set of CLOS classes, specifying how they will be turned into tables, and how they can be joined to one another via relations between their attributes. The SQL tables, as well as the queries for joining them together are created for us

1 Philip Greenspun's "SQL For Web Nerds" - Data Modeling [http://www.arsdigita.com/books/sql/data-modeling.html]

automatically, saving us from dealing with some of the tedium of SQL.

Let us start with a simple example of two SQL tables, and the relations between them.

This is of course the canonical SQL tutorial example, "The Org Chart".

In CLSQL, we would have two "view classes" (a fancy word for a class mapped into a database). They would be defined as follows:

```
(clsql:def-view-class employee ()
  ((emplid
    :db-kind :key
    :db-constraints :not-null
    :type integer
    :initarg :emplid)
   (first-name
    :accessor first-name
    :type (string 30)
    :initarg :first-name)
   (last-name
    :accessor last-name
    :type (string 30)
    :initarg :last-name)
   (email
    :accessor employee-email
    :type (string 100)
    :nulls-ok t
   :initarg :email)
   (companyid
    :type integer
    :initarg :companyid)
   (managerid
    :type integer
    :nulls-ok t
    :initarg :managerid))
  (:base-table employee))
(clsql:def-view-class company ()
  ((companyid
    :db-kind :key
    :db-constraints :not-null
    :type integer
    :initarg :companyid)
   (name
    type (string 100)
    :initarg :name)
   (presidentid
    type integer:
    :initarg :presidentid))
  (:base-table company))
```

The DEF-VIEW-CLASS macro is just like the normal CLOS DEFCLASS macro, except that it handles several slot options that DEFCLASS doesn't. These slot options have to do with the mapping of the slot into the database. We only use a few of the slot options in the above example, but there are several others.

- :column The name of the SQL column this slot is stored in. Defaults to the slot name. If the slot name is not a valid SQL identifier, it is escaped, so foo-bar becomes foo\_bar.
- :db-kind The kind of database mapping which is performed for this slot. :base indicates the slot maps to an ordinary column of the database view. :key indicates that this slot corresponds to part of the unique keys for this view, :join indicates a join slot representing a relation to another view and :virtual indicates that this slot is an ordinary CLOS slot. Defaults to :base.
- :db-reader If a string, then when reading values from the database, the string will be used for a format string, with the only value being the value from the database. The resulting string will be used as the slot value. If a function then it will take one argument, the value from the database, and return the value that should be put into the slot.
- :db-writer If a string, then when reading values from the slot for the database, the string will be used for a format string, with the only value being the value of the slot. The resulting string will be used as the column value in the database. If a function then it will take one argument, the value of the slot, and return the value that should be put into the database.
- :column- A string which will be used as the type specifier for this slots column definition in the database.
- :void-value The Lisp value to return if the field is NULL. The default is NIL.
- :db-info A join specification.

In our example each table as a primary key attribute, which is required to be unique. We indicate that a slot is part of the primary key (*CLSQL* supports multi-field primary keys) by specifying the :db-kind key slot option.

The SQL type of a slot when it is mapped into the database is determined by the :type slot option. The argument for the :type option is a Common Lisp datatype. The *CLSQL* framework will determine the appropriate mapping depending on the database system the table is being created in. If we really wanted to determine what SQL type was used for a slot, we could specify a :db-type option like "NUMBER(38)" and we would be guaranteed that the slot would be stored in the database as a NUMBER(38). This is not recomended because it could makes your view class unportable across database systems.

DEF-VIEW-CLASS also supports some class options, like :base-table. The :base-table option specifies what the table name for the view class will be when it is mapped into the database.

#### **Class Relations**

In an SQL only application, the EMPLOYEE and COMPANY tables can be queried to determine things like, "Who is Vladamir's manager?", "What company does Josef work for?", and "What employees work for Widgets Inc.". This is done by joining tables with an SQL query.

Who works for Widgets Inc.?

```
SELECT first_name, last_name FROM employee, company WHERE employee.companyid = company.companyid AND company.company_name = "Widgets Inc."
```

Who is Vladamir's manager?

```
SELECT managerid FROM employee
    WHERE employee.first_name = "Vladamir"
    AND employee.last_name = "Lenin"
```

What company does Josef work for?

With *CLSQL* however we do not need to write out such queries because our view classes can maintain the relations between employees and companies, and employees to their managers for us. We can then access these relations like we would any other attribute of an employee or company object. In order to do this we define some join slots for our view classes.

What company does an employee work for? If we add the following slot definition to the employee class we can then ask for it's COMPANY slot and get the appropriate result.

Who are the employees of a given company? And who is the president of it? We add the following slot definition to the company view class and we can then ask for it's EMPLOYEES slot and get the right result.

And lastly, to define the relation between an employee and their manager:

```
;; In the employee slot list
(manager
:accessor employee-manager
:db-kind :join
:db-info (:join-class employee
:home-key managerid
:foreign-key emplid
:set nil))
```

*CLSQL* join slots can represent one-to-one, one-to-many, and many-to-many relations. Above we only have one-to-one and one-to-many relations, later we will explain how to model many-to-many relations. First, let's go over the slot definitions and the available options.

In order for a slot to be a join, we must specify that it's :db-kind :join, as opposed to :base or :key. Once we do that, we still need to tell *CLSQL* how to create the join statements for the relation. This is what the :db-info option does. It is a list of keywords and values. The available keywords are:

• :join-class - The view class to which we want to join. It can be another view class, or the same view class as our

object.

- :home-key The slot(s) in the immediate object whose value will be compared to the foreign-key slot(s) in the join-class in order to join the two tables. It can be a single slot-name, or it can be a list of slot names.
- :foreign-key The slot(s) in the join-class which will be compared to the value(s) of the home-key.
- :set A boolean which if false, indicates that this is a one-to-one relation, only one object will be returned. If true, than this is a one-to-many relation, a list of objects will be returned when we ask for this slots value.

There are other :join-info options available in *CLSQL*, but we will save those till we get to the many-to-many relation examples.

### **Object Creation**

Now that we have our model laid out, we should create some object. Let us assume that we have a database connect set up already. We first need to create our tables in the database:

Note: the file examples/clsql-tutorial.lisp contains view class definitions which you can load into your list at this point in order to play along at home.

```
(clsql:create-view-from-class 'employee)
(clsql:create-view-from-class 'company)
```

Then we will create our objects. We create them just like you would any other CLOS object:

```
(defvar company1 (make-instance 'company
                               :companyid 1
                               :presidentid 1
                               :name "Widgets Inc."))
(defvar employee1 (make-instance 'employee
                                :emplid 1
                                :first-name "Vladamir"
                                :last-name "Lenin"
                                :email "lenin@soviet.org"
                                :companyid 1))
(defvar employee2 (make-instance 'employee
                                :emplid 2
                                :first-name "Josef"
                                :last-name "Stalin"
                                :email "stalin@soviet.org"
                                :companyid 1
                                :managerid 1))
```

In order to insert an objects into the database we use the UPDATE-RECORDS-FROM-INSTANCE function as follows:

```
(clsql:update-records-from-instance employee1)
(clsql:update-records-from-instance employee2)
(clsql:update-records-from-instance company1)
```

After you make any changes to an object, you have to specifically tell *CLSQL* to update the SQL database. The UPDATE-RECORDS-FROM-INSTANCE method will write all of the changes you have made to the object into the database.

Since *CLSQL* objects are just normal CLOS objects, we can manipulate their slots just like any other object. For instance, let's say that Lenin changes his email because he was getting too much spam from the German Socialists.

```
;; Print Lenin's current email address, change it and save it to the
;; database. Get a new object representing Lenin from the database
;; and print the email
;; This lets us use the functional CLSQL interface with [] syntax
(clsql:locally-enable-sql-reader-syntax)
(format t "The email address of ~A ~A is ~A"
        (first-name employee1)
        (last-name employee1)
        (employee-email employee1))
(setf (employee-email employee1) "lenin-nospam@soviets.org")
;; Update the database
(clsql:update-records-from-instance employee1)
(let ((new-lenin (car (clsql:select 'employee
                        :where [= [slot-value 'employee 'emplid] 1]))))
      (format t "His new email is ~A"
          (employee-email new-lenin)))
```

Everything except for the last LET expression is already familiar to us by now. To understand the call to CLSQL:SELECT we need to discuss the Functional SQL interface and it's integration with the Object Oriented interface of *CLSQL*.

#### **Finding Objects**

Now that we have our objects in the database, how do we get them out when we need to work with them? *CLSQL* provides a functional interface to SQL, which consists of a special Lisp reader macro and some functions. The special syntax allows us to embed SQL in lisp expressions, and lisp expressions in SQL, with ease.

Once we have turned on the syntax with the expression:

```
(clsql:locally-enable-sql-reader-syntax)
```

We can start entering fragments of SQL into our lisp reader. We will get back objects which represent the lisp expressions. These objects will later be compiled into SQL expressions that are optimized for the database backed we are connected to. This means that we have a database independent SQL syntax. Here are some examples:

```
;; an attribute or table name
[foo] => #<CLSQL-SYS::SQL-IDENT-ATTRIBUTE FOO>
;; a attribute identifier with table qualifier
[foo bar] => #<CLSQL-SYS::SQL-IDENT-ATTRIBUTE FOO.BAR>
;; a attribute identifier with table qualifier
[= "Lenin" [first_name]] =>
   #<CLSQL-SYS::SQL-RELATIONAL-EXP ('Lenin' = FIRST_NAME)>
[< [emplid] 3] =>
   #<CLSQL-SYS::SQL-RELATIONAL-EXP (EMPLID < 3)>
[and [< [emplid] 2] [= [first_name] "Lenin"]] =>
   #<CLSQL-SYS::SQL-RELATIONAL-EXP ((EMPLID < 2) AND
                                       (FIRST_NAME = 'Lenin'))>
;; If we want to reference a slot in an object we can us the
;; SLOT-VALUE sql extension
[= [slot-value 'employee 'emplid] 1] =>
   #<CLSQL-SYS::SQL-RELATIONAL-EXP (EMPLOYEE.EMPLID = 1)>
[= [slot-value 'employee 'emplid]
  [slot-value 'company 'presidentid]] =>
```

```
#<CLSOL-SYS::SOL-RELATIONAL-EXP (EMPLOYEE.EMPLID = COMPANY.PRESIDENTID)>
```

The SLOT-VALUE operator is important because it let's us query objects in a way that is robust to any changes in the object->table mapping, like column name changes, or table name changes. So when you are querying objects, be sure to use the SLOT-VALUE SQL extension.

Since we can now formulate SQL relational expression which can be used as qualifiers, like we put after the WHERE keyword in SQL statements, we can start querying our objects. *CLSQL* provides a function SELECT which can return use complete objects from the database which conform to a qualifier, can be sorted, and various other SQL operations.

The first argument to SELECT is a class name. it also has a set of keyword arguments which are covered in the documentation. For now we will concern ourselves only with the :where keyword. Select returns a list of objects, or nil if it can't find any. It's important to remember that it always returns a list, so even if you are expecting only one result, you should remember to extract it from the list you get from SELECT.

```
;; all employees
(clsql:select 'employee)
;; all companies
(clsql:select 'company)
;; employees named Lenin
(clsql:select 'employee :where [= [slot-value 'employee 'last-name]
                                "Lenin"])
(clsql:select 'company :where [= [slot-value 'company 'name]
                                "Widgets Inc."])
;; Employees of Widget's Inc.
(clsql:select 'employee
            :where [and [= [slot-value 'employee 'companyid]
                           [slot-value 'company 'companyid]]
                        [= [slot-value 'company 'name]
                           "Widgets Inc."]])
;; Same thing, except that we are using the employee
;; relation in the company view class to do the join for us,
;; saving us the work of writing out the SQL!
(company-employees company1)
;; President of Widgets Inc.
(president company1)
;; Manager of Josef Stalin
(employee-manager employee2)
```

### **Deleting Objects**

Now that we know how to create objects in our database, manipulate them and query them (including using our predefined relations to save us the trouble writing alot of SQL) we should learn how to clean up after ourself. It's quite simple really. The function <code>DELETE-INSTANCE-RECORDS</code> will remove an object from the database. However, when we remove an object we are responsible for making sure that the database is left in a correct state.

For example, if we remove a company record, we need to either remove all of it's employees or we need to move them to another company. Likewise if we remove an employee, we should make sure to update any other employees who had them as a manager.

#### Conclusion

There are many nooks and crannies to *CLSQL*, some of which are covered in the Xanalys documents we refered to earlier, some are not. The best documentation at this time is still the source code for *CLSQL* itself and the inline documentation for its various functions.

# **Connection and Initialisation**

This section describes the CLSQL interface for initialising database interfaces of different types, creating and destroying databases and connecting and disconnecting from databases.

DATABASE -- The super-type of all CLSQL databases

Class DATABASE

## **Class Precedence List**

database, standard-object, t

# **Description**

This class is the superclass of all *CLSQL* databases. The different database back-ends derive subclasses of this class to implement their databases. No instances of this class are ever created by *CLSQL*.

 $*CONNECT-IF-EXISTS* -- Default \ value \ for \ the \ \textit{if-exists} \ parameter \ of \ \texttt{connect}.$ 

Variable \*CONNECT-IF-EXISTS\*

# **Value Type**

A valid argument to the *if-exists* parameter of connect, i.e. one of :new, :warn-new, :error, :warn-old, :old.

#### **Initial Value**

:error

# **Description**

The value of this variable is used in calls to connect as the default value of the *if-exists* parameter. See connect for the semantics of the valid values for this variable.

#### **Examples**

None.

# **Affected By**

None.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

\*DEFAULT-DATABASE\* -- The default database object to use.

Variable \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*

#### **Value Type**

Any object of type database, or nil to indicate no default database.

#### **Initial Value**

nil

#### **Description**

Any function or macro in *CLSQL* that operates on a database uses the value of this variable as the default value for it's *database* parameter.

The value of this parameter is changed by calls to connect, which sets \*default-database\* to the database object it returns. It is also changed by calls to disconnect, when the database object being disconnected is the same as the value of \*default-database\*. In this case disconnect sets \*default-database\* to the first database that remains in the list of active databases as returned by connected-databases, or nil if no further active databases exist.

The user may change \*default-database\* at any time to a valid value of his choice.

#### **Caution**

If the value of \*default-database\* is nil, then all calls to *CLSQL* functions on databases must provide a suitable database parameter, or an error will be signalled.

### **Examples**

```
(connected-databases)
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :database-type :mysql)
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48385F55}>
(connect '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :database-type :postgresql)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {483868FD}>
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :databasé-type :mysql :if-exists :new)
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48387265}>
*default-database*
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48387265}>
(disconnect)
=> T
*default-database*
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {483868FD}>
(disconnect)
*default-database*
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48385F55}>
(disconnect)
*default-database*
(connected-databases)
=> NIL
```

# **Affected By**

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

#### Note

This variable is intended to facilitate working with *CLSQL* in an interactive fashion at the top-level loop, and because of this, connect and disconnect provide some fairly complex behaviour to keep \*default-database\* set to useful values. Programmatic use of *CLSQL* should never depend on the value of \*default-database\* and should provide correct database objects via the *database* parameter to functions called.

\*DEFAULT-DATABASE-TYPE\* -- The default database type to use

Variable \*DEFAULT-DATABASE-TYPE\*

# **Value Type**

Any keyword representing a valid database back-end of CLSQL, or nil.

#### **Initial Value**

nil

# **Description**

The value of this variable is used in calls to initialize-database-type and connect as the default value of the database-type parameter.

#### **Caution**

If the value of this variable is nil, then all calls to initialize-database-type or connect will have to specify the *database-type* to use, or a general-purpose error will be signalled.

## **Examples**

```
(setf *default-database-type* :mysql)
=> :mysql
(initialize-database-type)
=> t
```

## **Affected By**

None.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

\*INITIALIZED-DATABASE-TYPES\* -- List of all initialized database types

Variable \*INITIALIZED-DATABASE-TYPES\*

## **Value Type**

A list of all initialized database types, each of which represented by it's corresponding keyword.

#### **Initial Value**

ni

# **Description**

This variable is updated whenever initialize-database-type is called for a database type which hasn't already been initialized before, as determined by this variable. In that case the keyword representing the database type is pushed onto the list stored in \*INITIALIZED-DATABASE-TYPES\*.

#### **Caution**

Attempts to modify the value of this variable will result in undefined behaviour.

### **Examples**

```
(setf *default-database-type* :mysql)
=> :mysql
(initialize-database-type)
=> t
*initialized-database-types*
=> (:MYSQL)
```

# **Affected By**

## See Also

#### **Notes**

Direct access to this variable is primarily provided because of compatibility with Harlequin's Common SQL.

CONNECT -- create a connection to a database.

Function CONNECT

#### **Syntax**

### **Syntax**

connect connection-spec &key if-exists database-type pool make-default => database

#### **Arguments and Values**

connection-spec A vendor specific connection specification supplied as a list or as a string.

if-exists This indicates the action to take if a connection to the same database exists already.

See below for the legal values and actions. It defaults to the value of

\*connect-if-exists\*.

database-type A database type specifier, i.e. a keyword. This defaults to the value of

\*default-database-type\*

A boolean flag. If T, acquire connection from a pool of open connections. If the pool

is empty, a new connection is created. The default is NIL. This is a CLSQL extension.

make-default A boolean flag. If T, \*default-database\* is set to the new connection, otherwise

\*default-database\* is not changed. The default is T. This is a *CLSQL* extension.

database The database object representing the connection.

#### **Description**

This function takes a connection specification and a database type and creates a connection to the database specified by those. The type and structure of the connection specification depend on the database type.

The parameter *if-exists* specifies what to do if a connection to the database specified exists already, which is checked by calling find-database on the database name returned by database-name-from-spec when called with the *connection-spec* and *database-type* parameters. The possible values of *if-exists* are:

:new Go ahead and create a new connection.

:warn-new This is just like :new, but also signals a warning of type clsql-exists-warning, indicating the

old and newly created databases.

:error This will cause connect to signal a correctable error of type clsql-exists-error. The user may

choose to proceed, either by indicating that a new connection shall be created, via the restart create-new, or by indicating that the existing connection shall be used, via the restart use-old.

:old This will cause connect to use an old connection if one exists.

:warn-old This is just like :old, but also signals a warning of type clsql-exists-warning, indicating the old

database used, via the slots old-db and new-db

The database name of the returned database object will be the same under string= as that which would be returned by a call to database-name-from-spec with the given *connection-spec* and *database-type* parameters.

#### **Examples**

```
(database-name-from-spec '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :mysql)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :database-type :mysql)
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48036F6D}>
(database-name *)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :database-type :mysql)
>> In call to CONNECT:
     There is an existing connection #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48036F6D}> to database dent/newes
>>
>> Restarts:
     0: [CREATE-NEW] Create a new connection.
>>
>>
     1: [USE-OLD
                   ] Use the existing connection.
                   ] Return to Top-Level.
>>
     2: [ABORT
>>
>> Debug (type H for help)
>>
>> (CONNECT ("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :IF-EXISTS NIL :DATABASE-TYPE ...)
>> Source:
>> ; File: /prj/CLSQL/sql/sql.cl
>> (RESTART-CASE (ERROR 'CLSQL-EXISTS-ERROR :OLD-DB OLD-DB)
                 (CREATE-NEW NIL : REPORT "Create a new connection."
>>
>>
                  (SETQ RESULT #))
                 (USE-OLD NIL : REPORT "Use the existing connection."
                  (SETQ RESULT OLD-DB)))
>>
>> 0] 0
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {480451F5}>
```

#### **Side Effects**

A database connection is established, and the resultant database object is registered, so as to appear in the list returned by connected-databases. \*default-database\* may be rebound to the created object.

### Affected by

#### **Exceptional Situations**

If the connection specification is not syntactically or semantically correct for the given database type, an error of type sql-user-error is signalled. If during the connection attempt an error is detected (e.g. because of permission problems, network trouble or any other cause), an error of type sql-database-error is signalled.

If a connection to the database specified by *connection-spec* exists already, conditions are signalled according to the *if-exists* parameter, as described above.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

CONNECTED-DATABASES -- Return the list of active database objects.

Function CONNECTED-DATABASES

#### **Syntax**

connected-databases => databases

#### **Arguments and Values**

databases

The list of active database objects.

## **Description**

This function returns the list of active database objects, i.e. all those database objects created by calls to connect, which have not been closed by calling disconnect on them.

#### **Caution**

The consequences of modifying the list returned by connected-databases are undefined.

#### **Examples**

```
(connected-databases)
=> NIL
(connect '(nil "templatel" "dent" nil) :database-type :postgresql)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {4830BC65}>
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent")
                                           :database-type :mysql)
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {4830C5AD}>
(connected-databases)
=> (#<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {4830C5AD}>
    #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE (4830BC65)>)
(disconnect)
(connected-databases)
=> (#<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {4830BC65}>)
(disconnect)
(connected-databases)
=> NIL
```

#### **Side Effects**

None.

## **Affected By**

### **Exceptional Situations**

# See Also

## **Notes**

DATABASE-NAME -- Get the name of a database object

Generic Function DATABASE-NAME

### **Syntax**

database-name database => name

#### **Arguments and Values**

database A database object, either of type database or of type closed-database.

name A string describing the identity of the database to which this database object is connected to.

#### **Description**

This function returns the database name of the given database. The database name is a string which somehow describes the identity of the database to which this database object is or has been connected. The database name of a database object is determined at connect time, when a call to database-name-from-spec derives the database name from the connection specification passed to connect in the *connection-spec* parameter.

The database name is used via find-database in connect to determine whether database connections to the specified database exist already.

Usually the database name string will include indications of the host, database name, user, or port that where used during the connection attempt. The only important thing is that this string shall try to identify the database at the other end of the connection. Connection specifications parts like passwords and credentials shall not be used as part of the database name.

#### **Examples**

```
(database-name-from-spec '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :mysql)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :database-type :mysql)
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48391DCD}>
(database-name *default-database*)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"

(database-name-from-spec '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :postgresql)
=> "/template1/dent"
(connect '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :database-type :postgresql)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
(database-name *default-database*)
=> "/template1/dent"

(database-name-from-spec '("www.pmsf.de" "template1" "dent" nil) :postgresql)
=> "www.pmsf.de/template1/dent"
```

#### **Side Effects**

None.

## **Affected By**

# **Exceptional Situations**

Will signal an error if the object passed as the database parameter is neither of type database nor of type closed-database.

# See Also

## **Notes**

DATABASE-NAME-FROM-SPEC -- Return the database name string corresponding to the given connection specification.

Generic Function DATABASE-NAME-FROM-SPEC

#### **Syntax**

database-name-from-spec connection-spec database-type => name

#### **Arguments and Values**

A connection specification, whose structure and interpretation are dependent on the database-type.

A database type specifier, i.e. a keyword.

A string denoting a database name.

#### **Description**

This generic function takes a connection specification and a database type and returns the database name of the database object that would be created had connect been called with the given connection specification and database types.

This function is useful in determining a database name from the connection specification, since the way the connection specification is converted into a database name is dependent on the database type.

#### **Examples**

```
(database-name-from-spec '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :mysql)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :database-type :mysql)
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48391DCD}>
(database-name *default-database*)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"
(database-name-from-spec '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :postgresql)
=> "/template1/dent"
(connect '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :database-type :postgresql)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
(database-name *default-database*)
=> "/template1/dent"
(database-name-from-spec '("www.pmsf.de" "templatel" "dent" nil) :postgresql)
=> "www.pmsf.de/template1/dent'
(find-database "dent/newesim/dent")
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {484E91C5}>
(find-database "/template1/dent")
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
(find-database "www.pmsf.de/template1/dent" nil)
=> NIL
(find-database **)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
```

#### **Side Effects**

None.

# Affected by

None.

# **Exceptional Situations**

If the value of connection-spec is not a valid connection specification for the given database type, an error of type clsql-invalid-spec-error might be signalled.

# See Also

#### **Notes**

database-name-from-spec is a CLSQL extension.

DATABASE-TYPE -- Get the type of a database object.

Generic Function DATABASE-TYPE

### **Syntax**

```
database-type DATABASE => type
```

## **Arguments and Values**

database A database object, either of type database or of type closed-database.

type A keyword symbol denoting a known database back-end.

# **Description**

Returns the type of database.

#### **Examples**

```
(connect '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :database-type :postgresql)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
(database-type *default-database*)
=> :postgresql
```

#### **Side Effects**

None.

## Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

Will signal an error if the object passed as the database parameter is neither of type database nor of type closed-database.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

database-type is a CLSQL extension.

DISCONNECT -- close a database connection

Function **DISCONNECT** 

#### **Syntax**

disconnect &key database error => result

#### **Arguments and Values**

error A boolean flag indicating whether to signal an error if database is non-nil but cannot be found.

database The database to disconnect, which defaults to the database indicated by \*default-database\*.

result A Boolean indicating whether a connection was successfully disconnected.

#### **Description**

This function takes a database object as returned by connect, and closes the connection. If no matching database is found and *error* and *database* are both non-nil an error is signaled, otherwise nil is returned. If the database is from a pool it will be released to this pool.

The status of the object passed is changed to closed after the disconnection succeeds, thereby preventing further use of the object as an argument to *CLSQL* functions, with the exception of database-name and database-type. If the user does pass a closed database to any other *CLSQL* function, an error of type sql-fatal-error is signalled.

### **Examples**

```
(disconnect :database (find-database "dent/newesim/dent"))
=> T
```

#### **Side Effects**

The database connection is closed, and the database object is removed from the list of connected databases as returned by connected-databases.

The state of the database object is changed to closed.

If the database object passed is the same under eq as the value of \*default-database\*, then \*default-database\* is set to the first remaining database from connected-databases or to nil if no further active database exists.

## Affected by

#### **Exceptional Situations**

If during the disconnection attempt an error is detected (e.g. because of network trouble or any other cause), an error of type sql-error might be signalled.

# See Also

## **Notes**

DISCONNECT-POOLED -- closes all pooled database connections

Function **DISCONNECT-POOLED** 

## **Syntax**

disconnect-pooled => t

#### **Description**

This function disconnects all database connections that have been placed into the pool by calling connect with :pool T.

#### **Examples**

```
(disconnect-pool)
=> T
```

#### **Side Effects**

Database connections will be closed and entries in the pool are removed.

## Affected by

# **Exceptional Situations**

If during the disconnection attempt an error is detected (e.g. because of network trouble or any other cause), an error of type clsql-error might be signalled.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

disconnect-pooled is a CLSQL extension.

FIND-DATABASE -- >Locate a database object through it's name.

Function FIND-DATABASE

## **Syntax**

find-database database &optional errorp => result

#### **Arguments and Values**

databaseA database object or a string, denoting a database name.errorpA generalized boolean. Defaults to t.db-typeA keyword symbol denoting a known database back-end. This is a CLSQL extension.resultEither a database object, or, if errorp is nil, possibly nil.

#### **Description**

find-database locates an active database object given the specification in *database*. If *database* is an object of type database, find-database returns this. Otherwise it will search the active databases as indicated by the list returned by connected-databases for a database of type *db-type* whose name (as returned by database-name is equal as per string= to the string passed as *database*. If it succeeds, it returns the first database found.

If *db-type* is nil all databases matching the string *database* are considered. If no matching databases are found and *errorp* is nil then nil is returned. If *errorp* is nil and one or more matching databases are found, then the most recently connected database is returned as a first value and the number of matching databases is returned as a second value. If no, or more than one, matching databases are found and *errorp* is true, an error is signalled.

#### **Examples**

```
(database-name-from-spec '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :mysql)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"
(connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent") :database-type :mysql)
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {48391DCD}>
(database-name *default-database*)
=> "dent/newesim/dent"
(database-name-from-spec '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :postgresql)
=> "/template1/dent"
(connect '(nil "template1" "dent" nil) :database-type :postgresql)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
(database-name *default-database*)
=> "/template1/dent"
(database-name-from-spec '("www.pmsf.de" "template1" "dent" nil) :postgresql)
=> "www.pmsf.de/template1/dent"
(find-database "dent/newesim/dent")
=> #<CLSQL-MYSQL:MYSQL-DATABASE {484E91C5}>
(find-database "/template1/dent")
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
(find-database "www.pmsf.de/template1/dent" nil)
=> NIL
(find-database **)
=> #<CLSQL-POSTGRESQL:POSTGRESQL-DATABASE {48392D2D}>
```

# **Side Effects**

None.

# **Affected By**

# **Exceptional Situations**

Will signal an error of type clsql-error if no matching database can be found, and errorp is true. Will signal an error if the value of database is neither an object of type database nor a string.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

None.

INITIALIZE-DATABASE-TYPE -- Initializes a database type

Function INITIALIZE-DATABASE-TYPE

#### **Syntax**

initialize-database-type &key database-type => result

#### **Arguments and Values**

database-type The database type to initialize, i.e. a keyword symbol denoting a known database

back-end. Defaults to the value of \*default-database-type\*.

result Either nil if the initialization attempt fails, or t otherwise.

#### **Description**

If the back-end specified by <code>database-type</code> has not already been initialized, as seen from \*initialized-database-types\*, an attempt is made to initialize the database. If this attempt succeeds, or the back-end has already been initialized, the function returns t, and places the keyword denoting the database type onto the list stored in \*initialized-database-types\*, if not already present.

If initialization fails, the function returns nil, and/or signals an error of type clsql-error. The kind of action taken depends on the back-end and the cause of the problem.

#### **Examples**

```
*initialized-database-types*
=> NIL
(setf *default-database-type* :mysql)
=> :MYSQL
(initialize-database-type)
>> Compiling LAMBDA (#:G897 #:G898 #:G901 #:G902):
>> Compiling Top-Level Form:
>>
=> T
*initialized-database-types*
=> (:MYSQL)
(initialize-database-type)
=> T
*initialized-database-types*
=> (:MYSQL)
```

#### Side Effects

The database back-end corresponding to the database type specified is initialized, unless it has already been initialized. This can involve any number of other side effects, as determined by the back-end implementation (like e.g. loading of foreign code, calling of foreign code, networking operations, etc.). If initialization is attempted and succeeds, the <code>database-type</code> is pushed onto the list stored in \*initialized-database-types\*.

## Affected by

# **Exceptional Situations**

If an error is encountered during the initialization attempt, the back-end may signal errors of kind clsql-error.

## See Also

## **Notes**

None.

RECONNECT -- Re-establishes the connection between a database object and its RDBMS.

Function RECONNECT

## **Syntax**

```
reconnect &key database error force => result
```

#### **Arguments and Values**

database	The database to reconnect, which defaults to the database indicated by *default-database*.
error	A boolean flag indicating whether to signal an error if database is non-nil but cannot be found. The default value is NIL.
force	A Boolean indicating whether to signal an error if the database connection has been lost. The default value is T.
result	A Boolean indicating whether the database was successfully reconnected.

## **Description**

Reconnects database which defaults to \*default-database\* to the underlying database management system. On success, T is returned and the variable \*default-database\* is set to the newly reconnected database. If database is a database instance, this object is closed. If database is a string, then a connected database whose name matches database is sought in the list of connected databases. If no matching database is found and error and database are both non-nil an error is signaled, otherwise nil is returned.

When the current database connection has been lost, if force is non-nil as it is by default, the connection is closed and errors are suppressed. If force is nil and the database connection cannot be closed, an error is signalled.

## **Examples**

```
*default-database*
=> #<CLSQL-SQLITE:SQLITE-DATABASE :memory: OPEN {48CFBEA5}>
(reconnect)
=> #<CLSQL-SQLITE:SQLITE-DATABASE :memory: OPEN {48D64105}>
```

#### Side Effects

A database connection is re-established and \*default-database\* may be rebound to the supplied database object.

## Affected by

## **Exceptional Situations**

An error may be signalled if the specified database cannot be located or if the database cannot be closed.

# See Also

## **Notes**

None.

STATUS -- Print information about connected databases.

**Function STATUS** 

## **Syntax**

status &optional full =>

## **Arguments and Values**

£u11 A boolean indicating whether to print additional table information. The default value is NIL.

## **Description**

Prints information about the currently connected databases to \*STANDARD-OUTPUT\*. The argument full is nil by default and a value of t means that more detailed information about each database is printed.

## **Examples**

(status)

CLSQL STATUS: 2004-06-13 15:07:39

	DATABASE	TYPE	RECORDING
*	<pre>localhost/test/petrov localhost/test/petrov localhost/test/petrov mysql-test/petrov :memory:</pre>	mysql postgresql postgresql-socket odbc sqlite	nil nil nil nil nil

(status t)

CLSQL STATUS: 2004-06-13 15:08:08

DATABASE	TYPE	RECORDING	POOLED	TABLES	VIEWS
<pre>localhost/test/petrov localhost/test/petrov localhost/test/petrov test/petrov * :memory:</pre>	mysql postgresql postgresql-socket odbc sqlite	nil nil nil nil nil	nil nil nil nil nil	7 7 7 7 7 0	0 0 0 0 0

#### **Side Effects**

None.

## Affected by

None.

# **Exceptional Situations**

None.

# See Also

## **Notes**

None.

CREATE-DATABASE -- create a database

Function CREATE-DATABASE

#### **Syntax**

create-database connection-spec &key database-type => success

## **Arguments and Values**

connection-spec A connection specification

database-type A database type specifier, i.e. a keyword. This defaults to the value of

\*default-database-type\*

success A boolean flag. If T, a new database was successfully created.

#### **Description**

This function creates a database in the database system specified by database-type.

#### **Examples**

```
(create-database '("localhost" "new" "dent" "dent") :database-type :mysql)
=> T

(create-database '("localhost" "new" "dent" "badpasswd") :database-type :mysql)
=>
Error: While trying to access database localhost/new/dent
    using database-type MYSQL:
    Error database-create failed: mysqladmin: connect to server at 'localhost' failed
error: 'Access denied for user: 'root@localhost' (Using password: YES)'
has occurred.
    [condition type: CLSQL-ACCESS-ERROR]
```

#### **Side Effects**

A database will be created on the filesystem of the host.

#### **Exceptional Situations**

An exception will be thrown if the database system does not allow new databases to be created or if database creation fails.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

This function may invoke the operating systems functions. Thus, some database systems may require the administra-

#### CREATE-DATABASE

tion functions to be available in the current PATH. At this time, the :mysql backend requires mysqladmin :postgresql backend requires createdb.	n and the
create-database is a CLSQL extension.	

DESTROY-DATABASE -- destroys a database

Function DESTROY-DATABASE

#### **Syntax**

destroy-database connection-spec &key database-type => success

#### **Arguments and Values**

connection-spec A connection specification

database-type A database type specifier, i.e. a keyword. This defaults to the value of

\*default-database-type\*

success A boolean flag. If T, the database was successfully destroyed.

## **Description**

This function destroys a database in the database system specified by database-type.

#### **Examples**

```
(destroy-database '("localhost" "new" "dent" "dent") :database-type :postgresql)
=> T

(destroy-database '("localhost" "new" "dent" "dent") :database-type :postgresql)
=>
Error: While trying to access database localhost/test2/root
    using database-type POSTGRESQL:
    Error database-destory failed: dropdb: database removal failed: ERROR: database "test2" does not has occurred.
    [condition type: CLSQL-ACCESS-ERROR]
```

#### **Side Effects**

A database will be removed from the filesystem of the host.

#### **Exceptional Situations**

An exception will be thrown if the database system does not allow databases to be removed, the database does not exist, or if database removal fails.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

This function may invoke the operating systems functions. Thus, some database systems may require the administration functions to be available in the current PATH. At this time, the :mysql backend requires mysqladmin and the

#### DESTROY-DATABASE

:postgresql backend requires dropdb.						
destroy-database is a CLSQL extension.						

PROBE-DATABASE -- tests for existence of a database

Function PROBE-DATABASE

#### **Syntax**

probe-database connection-spec &key database-type => success

# **Arguments and Values**

connection-spec A connection specification

database-type A database type specifier, i.e. a keyword. This defaults to the value of

\*default-database-type\*

success A boolean flag. If T, the database exists in the database system.

#### **Description**

This function tests for the existence of a database in the database system specified by database-type.

#### **Examples**

```
(probe-database '("localhost" "new" "dent" "dent") :database-type :postgresql)
=> T
```

#### **Side Effects**

None

#### **Exceptional Situations**

An exception maybe thrown if the database system does not receive administrator-level authentication since function may need to read the administrative database of the database system.

#### See Also

## **Notes**

probe-database is a CLSQL extension.

LIST-DATABASES -- List databases matching the supplied connection spec and database type.

Function LIST-DATABASES

#### **Syntax**

list-databases connection-spec &key database-type => result

#### **Arguments and Values**

connection-spec A connection specification

database-type A database type specifier, i.e. a keyword. This defaults to the value of

\*default-database-type\*

result A list of matching databases.

## **Description**

This function returns a list of databases existing in the database system specified by database-type.

## **Examples**

```
(list-databases '("localhost" "new" "dent" "dent") :database-type :postgresql)
=> ("address-book" "sql-test" "template1" "template0" "test1" "dent" "test")
```

#### **Side Effects**

None.

#### Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

An exception maybe thrown if the database system does not receive administrator-level authentication since function may need to read the administrative database of the database system.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

list-databases is a CLSQL extension.

WITH-DATABASE -- Execute a body of code with a variable bound to a specified database object.

Macro WITH-DATABASE

#### **Syntax**

with-database db-var connection-spec &rest connect-args &body => result

#### **Arguments and Values**

db-var A variable to which the specified database is bound.

connection-spec A vendor specific connection specification supplied as a list or as a string.

connect-args Other optional arguments to connect.

body A Lisp code body.

result Determined by the result of executing the last expression in body.

## **Description**

Evaluate body in an environment, where db-var is bound to the database connection given by connection-spec and connect-args. The connection is automatically closed or released to the pool on exit from the body.

## **Examples**

#### **Side Effects**

See connect and disconnect.

#### Affected by

See connect and disconnect.

## **Exceptional Situations**

See connect and disconnect.

#### See Also

## **Notes**

with-database is a  ${\it CLSQL}$  extension.

WITH-DEFAULT-DATABASE -- Execute a body of code with \*default-database\* bound to a specified database.

Macro WITH-DEFAULT-DATABASE

# **Syntax**

```
with-default-database database &rest body => result
```

#### **Arguments and Values**

database An active database object.

body A Lisp code body.

result Determined by the result of executing the last expression in body.

## **Description**

Perform BODY with DATABASE bound as \*default-database\*.

## **Examples**

#### **Side Effects**

None.

## Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

Calls to CLSQL functions in body may signal errors if database is not an active database object.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

with-default-database is a CLSQL extension.

# The Symbolic SQL Syntax

*CLSQL* provides a symbolic syntax allowing the construction of SQL expressions as lists delimited by square brackets. The syntax is turned off by default. This section describes utilities for enabling and disabling the square bracket reader syntax and for constructing symbolic SQL expressions.

ENABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX -- Globally enable square bracket reader syntax.

Macro ENABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX

## **Syntax**

enable-sql-reader-syntax =>

## **Arguments and Values**

None.

# **Description**

Turns on the SQL reader syntax setting the syntax state such that if the syntax is subsequently disabled, restore-sql-reader-syntax-state will enable it again.

## **Examples**

None.

#### **Side Effects**

Sets the internal syntax state to enabled.

Modifies the default readtable.

# Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

None.

## See Also

#### **Notes**

DISABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX -- Globally disable square bracket reader syntax.

Macro DISABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX

## **Syntax**

disable-sql-reader-syntax =>

## **Arguments and Values**

None.

# **Description**

Turns off the SQL reader syntax setting the syntax state such that if the syntax is subsequently enabled, restore-sql-reader-syntax-state will disable it again.

## **Examples**

None.

#### **Side Effects**

Sets the internal syntax state to disabled.

Modifies the default readtable.

## Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

None.

## See Also

#### **Notes**

LOCALLY-ENABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX -- Globally enable square bracket reader syntax.

Macro LOCALLY-ENABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX

## **Syntax**

```
locally-enable-sql-reader-syntax =>
```

#### **Arguments and Values**

None.

## **Description**

Turns on the SQL reader syntax without changing the syntax state such that restore-sql-reader-syntax-state will re-establish the current syntax state.

## **Examples**

Intended to be used in a file for code which uses the square bracket syntax without changing the global state.

```
#.(locally-enable-sql-reader-syntax)
... CODE USING SYMBOLIC SQL SYNTAX ...
#.(restore-sql-reader-syntax-state)
```

#### **Side Effects**

Modifies the default readtable.

## Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

None.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

LOCALLY-DISABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX -- Locally disable square bracket reader syntax.

Macro LOCALLY-DISABLE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX

## **Syntax**

```
locally-disable-sql-reader-syntax =>
```

## **Arguments and Values**

None.

## **Description**

Turns off the SQL reader syntax without changing the syntax state such that restore-sql-reader-syntax-state will re-establish the current syntax state.

#### **Examples**

Intended to be used in a file for code in which the square bracket syntax should be disabled without changing the global state.

```
#.(locally-disable-sql-reader-syntax)
... CODE NOT USING SYMBOLIC SQL SYNTAX ...
#.(restore-sql-reader-syntax-state)
```

#### **Side Effects**

Modifies the default readtable.

#### Affected by

None.

### **Exceptional Situations**

None.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

RESTORE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX-STATE -- Restore square bracket reader syntax to its previous state.

Macro RESTORE-SQL-READER-SYNTAX-STATE

## **Syntax**

restore-sql-reader-syntax-state =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

None.

## **Description**

Enables the SQL reader syntax if enable-sql-reader-syntax has been called more recently than disable-sql-reader-syntax and otherwise disables the SQL reader syntax. By default, the SQL reader syntax is disabled.

## **Examples**

See locally-enable-sql-reader-syntax and locally-disable-sql-reader-syntax.

#### **Side Effects**

Reverts the internal syntax state.

Modifies the default readtable.

## Affected by

The current internal syntax state.

## **Exceptional Situations**

None.

## **See Also**

#### **Notes**

SQL -- Construct an SQL string from supplied expressions.

Function SQL

#### **Syntax**

```
sql &rest args => sql-expression
```

#### **Arguments and Values**

args A set of expressions.

sql-expression A string representing an SQL expression.

## **Description**

Returns an SQL string generated from the expressions args. The expressions are translated into SQL strings and then concatenated with a single space delimiting each expression.

## **Examples**

## **Side Effects**

None.

## Affected by

None.

# **Exceptional Situations**

An error of type sql-user-error is signalled if any element in args is not of the supported types (a symbol, string, number or symbolic SQL expression) or a list or vector containing only these supported types.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

None.

SQL-EXPRESSION -- Constructs an SQL expression from supplied keyword arguments.

Function SQL-EXPRESSION

#### **Syntax**

sql-expression &key string table alias attribute type => result

## **Arguments and Values**

string A string.

table A symbol representing a database table identifier.

alias A table alias.

attribute A symbol representing an attribute identifier.

type A type specifier.

result A object of type sql-expression.

## **Description**

Returns an SQL expression constructed from the supplied arguments which may be combined as follows:

- attribute and type;
- attribute;
- alias or table and attribute and type;
- alias or table and attribute;
- table, attribute and type;
- table and attribute;
- table and alias;
- table;
- string.

# **Examples**

```
(sql-expression :table 'foo :attribute 'bar)
=> #<CLSQL-SYS:SQL-IDENT-ATTRIBUTE FOO.BAR>
(sql-expression :attribute 'baz)
=> #<CLSQL-SYS:SQL-IDENT-ATTRIBUTE BAZ>
```

# **Side Effects**

None.

# Affected by

None.

# **Exceptional Situations**

An error of type sql-user-error is signalled if an unsupported combination of keyword arguments is specified.

#### See Also

## **Notes**

None.

SQL-OPERATION -- Constructs an SQL expression from a supplied operator and arguments.

Function SQL-OPERATION

## **Syntax**

```
sql-operation operator &rest args => result
sql-operation 'function func &rest args => result
```

### **Arguments and Values**

operator A symbol denoting an SQL operator.

func A string denoting an SQL function.

args A set of arguments for the specified SQL operator or function.

A object of type sql-expression.

## **Description**

Returns an SQL expression constructed from the supplied SQL operator or function operator and its arguments args. If operator is passed the symbol 'function then the first value in args is taken to be a valid SQL function and the remaining values in args its arguments.

#### **Examples**

#### **Side Effects**

None.

## Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

An error of type sql-user-error is signalled if operator is not a symbol representing a supported SQL operator.

# See Also

## **Notes**

None.

SQL-OPERATOR -- Returns the symbol for the supplied SQL operator.

Function SQL-OPERATOR

#### **Syntax**

```
sql-operator operator => result
```

## **Arguments and Values**

operator A symbol denoting an SQL operator.

result The Lisp symbol used by *CLSQL* to represent the specified operator.

## **Description**

Returns the Lisp symbol corresponding to the SQL operator represented by the symbol operator. If operator does not represent a supported SQL operator or is not a symbol, nil is returned.

#### **Examples**

```
(sql-operator 'like)
=> SQL-LIKE
```

#### **Side Effects**

None.

#### Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

None.

## See Also

#### **Notes**

CLSQL's symbolic SQL syntax currently has support for the following SQL operators:

as well as the pseudo-operator function. Note that some of these operators are not supported by all of the RDBMS supported by *CLSQL*.

# Functional Data Definition Language (FDDL)

CREATE-TABLE --

**CREATE-TABLE** 

## **Syntax**

(CREATE-TABLE NAME DESCRIPTION &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*) (CONSTRAINTS NIL) (TRANSACTIONS T)) [:

#### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Creates a table called NAME, which may be a string, symbol or SQL table identifier, in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. DESCRIPTION is a list whose elements are lists containing the attribute names, types, and other constraints such as not-null or primary-key for each column in the table. CONSTRAINTS is a string representing an SQL table constraint expression or a list of such strings. With MySQL databases, if TRANSACTIONS is t an InnoDB table is created which supports transactions.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

DESCRIBE-TABLE --

DESCRIBE-TABLE

# **Syntax**

(DESCRIBE-TABLE TABLE &KEY DATABASE) [generic] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Describes a table, returns a list of name/type for columns in table

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

DROP-TABLE --

**DROP-TABLE** 

## **Syntax**

(DROP-TABLE NAME &KEY (IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST :ERROR) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Drops the table called NAME from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. If the table does not exist and IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :ignore then DROP-TABLE returns nil whereas an error is signalled if IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :error.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-TABLES --

LIST-TABLES

## **Syntax**

(LIST-TABLES &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Returns a list of strings representing table names in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only tables owned by users are listed. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only tables owned by OWNER are listed. If OWNER is :all then all tables are listed.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

TABLE-EXISTS-P --

TABLE-EXISTS-P

## **Syntax**

(TABLE-EXISTS-P NAME &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Tests for the existence of an SQL table called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only tables owned by users are examined. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only tables owned by OWNER are examined. If OWNER is all then all tables are examined.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

CREATE-VIEW ---

**CREATE-VIEW** 

# **Syntax**

(CREATE-VIEW NAME &KEY AS COLUMN-LIST (WITH-CHECK-OPTION NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function]

# **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Creates a view called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. The view is created using the query AS and the columns of the view may be specified using the COLUMN-LIST parameter. The WITH-CHECK-OPTION is nil by default but if it has a non-nil value, then all insert/update commands on the view are checked to ensure that the new data satisfy the query AS.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

DROP-VIEW --

**DROP-VIEW** 

## **Syntax**

(DROP-VIEW NAME &KEY (IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST :ERROR) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Drops the view called NAME from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. If the view does not exist and IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :ignore then DROP-VIEW returns nil whereas an error is signalled if IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :error.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-VIEWS --

LIST-VIEWS

## **Syntax**

(LIST-VIEWS &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Returns a list of strings representing view names in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only views owned by users are listed. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only views owned by OWNER are listed. If OWNER is :all then all views are listed.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

VIEW-EXISTS-P --

VIEW-EXISTS-P

## **Syntax**

(VIEW-EXISTS-P NAME &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Tests for the existence of an SQL view called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only views owned by users are examined. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only views owned by OWNER are examined. If OWNER is :all then all views are examined.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

CREATE-INDEX --

**CREATE-INDEX** 

## **Syntax**

(CREATE-INDEX NAME &KEY ON (UNIQUE NIL) ATTRIBUTES (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Creates an index called NAME on the table specified by ON in DATABASE which default to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. The table attributes to use in constructing the index NAME are specified by ATTRIB-UTES. The UNIQUE argument is nil by default but if it has a non-nil value then the indexed attributes must have unique values.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

DROP-INDEX --

**DROP-INDEX** 

## **Syntax**

(DROP-INDEX NAME &KEY (IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST :ERROR) (ON NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Drops the index called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. If the index does not exist and IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :ignore then DROP-INDEX returns nil whereas an error is signalled if IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :error. The argument ON allows the optional specification of a table to drop the index from.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

INDEX-EXISTS-P --

INDEX-EXISTS-P

## **Syntax**

(INDEX-EXISTS-P NAME &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Tests for the existence of an SQL index called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only indexes owned by users are examined. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only indexes owned by OWNER are examined. If OWNER is :all then all indexes are examined.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

LIST-INDEXES --

LIST-INDEXES

## **Syntax**

(LIST-INDEXES &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Returns a list of strings representing index names in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only indexes owned by users are listed. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only indexes owned by OWNER are listed. If OWNER is :all then all indexes are listed.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-TABLE-INDEXES --

LIST-TABLE-INDEXES

## **Syntax**

(LIST-TABLE-INDEXES TABLE &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Returns a list of strings representing index names on the table specified by TABLE in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only indexes owned by users are listed. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only indexes owned by OWNER are listed. If OWNER is all then all indexes are listed.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

ATTRIBUTE-TYPE --

ATTRIBUTE-TYPE

## **Syntax**

(ATTRIBUTE-TYPE ATTRIBUTE TABLE &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Returns a string representing the field type of the supplied attribute ATTRIBUTE in the table specified by TABLE in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that the attribute specified by ATTRIBUTE, if it exists, must be user owned else nil is returned. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, the attribute, if it exists, must be owned by OWNER else nil is returned, whereas if OWNER is all then the attribute, if it exists, will be returned regardless of its owner.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-ATTRIBUTE-TYPES --

LIST-ATTRIBUTE-TYPES

## **Syntax**

(LIST-ATTRIBUTE-TYPES TABLE &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Returns a list containing information about the SQL types of each of the attributes in the table specified by TABLE in DATABASE which has a default value of \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only attributes owned by users are listed. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only attributes owned by OWNER are listed. If OWNER is :all then all attributes are listed. The elements of the returned list are lists where the first element is the name of the attribute, the second element is its SQL type, the third is the type precision, the fourth is the scale of the attribute and the fifth is 1 if the attribute accepts null values and otherwise 0.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-ATTRIBUTES --

LIST-ATTRIBUTES

## **Syntax**

(LIST-ATTRIBUTES NAME &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Returns a list of strings representing the attributes of table NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only attributes owned by users are listed. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only attributes owned by OWNER are listed. If OWNER is all then all attributes are listed.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

CREATE-SEQUENCE --CREATE-SEQUENCE

# **Syntax**

(CREATE-SEQUENCE NAME &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Creates a sequence called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

DROP-SEQUENCE --DROP-SEQUENCE

## **Syntax**

(DROP-SEQUENCE NAME &KEY (IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST :ERROR) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Drops the sequence called NAME from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. If the sequence does not exist and IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :ignore then DROP-SEQUENCE returns nil whereas an error is signalled if IF-DOES-NOT-EXIST is :error.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-SEQUENCES --LIST-SEQUENCES

## **Syntax**

(LIST-SEQUENCES &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Returns a list of strings representing sequence names in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only sequences owned by users are listed. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only sequences owned by OWNER are listed. If OWNER is :all then all sequences are listed.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

SEQUENCE-EXISTS-P --

SEQUENCE-EXISTS-P

## **Syntax**

(SEQUENCE-EXISTS-P NAME &KEY (OWNER NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Tests for the existence of an SQL sequence called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. OWNER is nil by default which means that only sequences owned by users are examined. If OWNER is a string denoting a user name, only sequences owned by OWNER are examined. If OWNER is all then all sequences are examined.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

SEQUENCE-LAST --SEQUENCE-LAST

# **Syntax**

(SEQUENCE-LAST NAME &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Return the last value of the sequence called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

SEQUENCE-NEXT --SEQUENCE-NEXT

# **Syntax**

(SEQUENCE-NEXT NAME &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Return the next value in the sequence called NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

SET-SEQUENCE-POSITION --SET-SEQUENCE-POSITION

## **Syntax**

(SET-SEQUENCE-POSITION NAME POSITION &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Explicitly set the the position of the sequence called NAME in DATABASE, which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABSE\*, to POSITION.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

# Functional Data Manipulation Language (FDML)

\*CACHE-TABLE-QUERIES-DEFAULT\* --

\*CACHE-TABLE-QUERIES-DEFAULT\*

# **Value Type**

#### **Initial Value**

nil

# **Description**

# **Examples**

# **Affected By**

None.

## See Also

None.

#### **Notes**

None.

BIND-PARAMETER --

**BIND-PARAMETER** 

# **Syntax**

(BIND-PARAMETER PREPARED-STMT POSITION VALUE) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Sets the value of a parameter in a prepared statement.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

CACHE-TABLE-QUERIES --CACHE-TABLE-QUERIES

## **Syntax**

(CACHE-TABLE-QUERIES TABLE &KEY (ACTION NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Controls the caching of attribute type information on the table specified by TABLE in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. ACTION specifies the caching behaviour to adopt. If its value is t then attribute type information is cached whereas if its value is nil then attribute type information is not cached. If ACTION is :flush then all existing type information in the cache for TABLE is removed, but caching is still enabled. TABLE may be a string representing a table for which the caching action is to be taken while the caching action is applied to all tables if TABLE is t. Alternativly, when TABLE is :default, the default caching action specified by \*CACHE-TABLE-QUERIES-DEFAULT\* is applied to all table for which a caching action has not been explicitly set.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

DELETE-RECORDS --

**DELETE-RECORDS** 

## **Syntax**

(DELETE-RECORDS &KEY (FROM NIL) (WHERE NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Deletes records satisfying the SQL expression WHERE from the table specified by FROM in DATABASE specifies a database which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

DO-QUERY --

DO-QUERY

Syntax

(DO-QUERY &KEY (DATABASE '\*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*) (RESULT-TYPES :AUTO) &REST QUERY-EXPRESSION &BODY) [1

#### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Repeatedly executes BODY within a binding of ARGS on the fields of each row selected by the SQL query QUERY-EXPRESSION, which may be a string or a symbolic SQL expression, in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. The values returned by the execution of BODY are returned. RESULT-TYPES is a list of symbols which specifies the lisp type for each field returned by QUERY-EXPRESSION. If RESULT-TYPES is nil all results are returned as strings whereas the default value of :auto means that the lisp types are automatically computed for each field.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

EXECUTE-COMMAND --

**EXECUTE-COMMAND** 

## **Syntax**

(EXECUTE-COMMAND EXPRESSION &KEY DATABASE) [generic] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Executes the SQL command EXPRESSION, which may be an SQL expression or a string representing any SQL statement apart from a query, on the supplied DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

FOR-EACH-ROW --

FOR-EACH-ROW

# **Syntax**

(FOR-EACH-ROW &KEY FROM ORDER-BY WHERE DISTINCT LIMIT &REST FIELDS &BODY BODY) [macro] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

**Description** 

**Examples** 

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

FREE-PREPARED-SQL --FREE-PREPARED-SQL

# **Syntax**

(FREE-PREPARED-SQL PREPARED-STMT) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Delete the objects associated with a prepared statement.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

INSERT-RECORDS --

**INSERT-RECORDS** 

#### **Syntax**

(INSERT-RECORDS &KEY (INTO NIL) (ATTRIBUTES NIL) (VALUES NIL) (AV-PAIRS NIL) (QUERY NIL) (DATABASE \*DEF

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Inserts records into the table specified by INTO in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. There are five ways of specifying the values inserted into each row. In the first VALUES contains a list of values to insert and ATTRIBUTES, AV-PAIRS and QUERY are nil. This can be used when values are supplied for all attributes in INTO. In the second, ATTRIBUTES is a list of column names, VALUES is a corresponding list of values and AV-PAIRS and QUERY are nil. In the third, ATTRIBUTES, VALUES and QUERY are nil and AV-PAIRS is an alist of (attribute value) pairs. In the fourth, VALUES, AV-PAIRS and ATTRIBUTES are nil and QUERY is a symbolic SQL query expression in which the selected columns also exist in INTO. In the fifth method, VALUES and AV-PAIRS are nil and ATTRIBUTES is a list of column names and QUERY is a symbolic SQL query expression which returns values for the specified columns.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LOOP-FOR-AS-TUPLES -- Iterate over all the tuples of a query via a loop clause

LOOP-FOR-AS-TUPLES

#### Compatibility

#### **Caution**

loop-for-as-tuples only works with CMUCL.

## **Syntax**

```
\textit{var} \ [\textit{type-spec}] \ \textit{being} \ \{\textit{each} \ | \ \textit{the}\} \ \{\textit{records} \ | \ \textit{tuple} \ | \ \textit{tuples}\} \ \{\textit{in} \ | \ \textit{of}\} \ \textit{query} \ [\textit{from} \ \textit{database}]
```

## **Arguments and Values**

var	A d-var-spec, as defined in the grammar for loop-clauses in the ANSI Standard for Common Lisp. This allows for the usual loop-style destructuring.
type-spec	An optional type-spec either simple or destructured, as defined in the grammar for loop-clauses in the ANSI Standard for Common Lisp.
query	An sql expression that represents an SQL query which is expected to return a (possibly empty) result set, where each tuple has as many attributes as function takes arguments.
database	An optional database object. This will default to the value of *default-database*.

#### **Description**

This clause is an iteration driver for loop, that binds the given variable (possibly destructured) to the consecutive tuples (which are represented as lists of attribute values) in the result set returned by executing the SQL query expression on the database specified.

#### **Examples**

```
(defvar *my-db* (connect '("dent" "newesim" "dent" "dent"))
  "My database"
=> *MY-DB*
(loop with time-graph = (make-hash-table :test #'equal)
      with event-graph = (make-hash-table :test #'equal)
      for (time event) being the tuples of "select time, event from log"
      from *my-db*
      do
      (incf (gethash time time-graph 0))
      (incf (gethash event event-graph 0))
      (flet ((show-graph (k v) (format t "~40A => ~5D~%" k v)))
        (format t "~&Time-Graph:~%=======~%")
        (maphash #'show-graph time-graph)
        (format t "~&~%Event-Graph:~%=============="")
        (maphash #'show-graph event-graph))
      (return (values time-graph event-graph)))
>> Time-Graph:
>> ========
>> D
                                            => 53000
```

```
>> X
>> test-me
                                                                 3000
                                                            =>
>> Event-Graph:
>> =========
>> CLOS Benchmark entry.
                                                                  9000
>> Demo Text...
                                                                  3000
>> doit-text
          Benchmark entry.
                                                            => 12000
>> C
>> CLOS Benchmark entry

=> #<EQUAL hash table, 3 entries {48350A1D}>

=> #<EQUAL hash table, 5 entries {48350FCD}>
                                                            => 32000
```

#### **Side Effects**

Whatever effects the execution of the SQL query has on the underlying database, if any.

## Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

If the execution of the SQL query leads to any errors, an error of type sql-database-error is signalled.

Otherwise, any of the exceptional situations of loop applies.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

None.

MAP-QUERY -- Map a function over all the tuples from a query

**MAP-QUERY** 

## **Syntax**

map-query output-type-spec function query-expression &key database result-types => result

## **Arguments and Values**

output-type-spec A sequence type specifier or nil.

function A function designator. function takes a single argument which is the atom value for

a query single with a single column or is a list of values for a multi-column query.

query-expression An sql expression that represents an SQL query which is expected to return a (possibly

empty) result set.

database A database object. This will default to the value of \*default-database\*.

result-types A field type specifier. The default is NIL. See query for the semantics of this argu-

ment.

result If output-type-spec is a type specifier other than nil, then a sequence of the type it

denotes. Otherwise nil is returned.

#### **Description**

Applies function to the successive tuples in the result set returned by executing the SQL query-expression. If the output-type-spec is nil, then the result of each application of function is discarded, and map-query returns nil. Otherwise the result of each successive application of function is collected in a sequence of type output-type-spec, where the jths element is the result of applying function to the attributes of the jths tuple in the result set. The collected sequence is the result of the call to map-query.

If the output-type-spec is a subtype of list, the result will be a list.

If the result-type is a subtype of vector, then if the implementation can determine the element type specified for the result-type, the element type of the resulting array is the result of upgrading that element type; or, if the implementation can determine that the element type is unspecified (or \*), the element type of the resulting array is t; otherwise, an error is signaled.

If RESULT-TYPES is nil all results are returned as strings whereas the default value of :auto means that the lisp types are automatically computed for each field.

#### **Examples**

```
#'(lambda (tuple)
               (multiple-value-bind (salary name) tuple
                 (declare (ignorable name))
                 (let ((*read-default-float-format* 'double-float))
                     coerce (read-from-string salary) 'double-float))
                     "select salary, name from simple where salary > 8000")))
=> #(10000.0d0 8000.5d0)
(type-of *)
=> (SIMPLE-ARRAY DOUBLE-FLOAT (2))
(let (list)
  (values (map-query nil #'(lambda (tuple)
                              (multiple-value-bind (salary name) tuple
                                (push (cons name (read-from-string salary)) list))
                     "select salary, name from simple where salary > 8000")
          list))
=> NIL
=> (("Hacker, Random J." . 8000.5) ("Mai, Pierre" . 10000.0))
```

#### **Side Effects**

Whatever effects the execution of the SQL query has on the underlying database, if any.

#### Affected by

None.

## **Exceptional Situations**

If the execution of the SQL query leads to any errors, an error of type sql-database-error is signalled.

An error of type type-error must be signaled if the *output-type-spec* is not a recognizable subtype of list, not a recognizable subtype of vector, and not nil.

An error of type type-error should be signaled if output-type-spec specifies the number of elements and the size of the result set is different from that number.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

None.

PREPARE-SQL --

PREPARE-SQL

## **Syntax**

(PREPARE-SQL SQL-STMT TYPES &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*) (RESULT-TYPES :AUTO) FIELD-NAMES) [funct:

## **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Prepares a SQL statement for execution. TYPES contains a list of types corresponding to the input parameters. Returns a prepared-statement object. A type can be :int :double :null (:string n)

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

PRINT-QUERY --PRINT-QUERY

#### **Syntax**

(PRINT-QUERY QUERY-EXP &KEY TITLES (FORMATS T) (SIZES T) (STREAM T) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [fund

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Prints a tabular report of the results returned by the SQL query QUERY-EXP, which may be a symbolic SQL expression or a string, in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. The report is printed onto STREAM which has a default value of t which means that \*STANDARD-OUTPUT\* is used. The TITLE argument, which defaults to nil, allows the specification of a list of strings to use as column titles in the tabular output. SIZES accepts a list of column sizes, one for each column selected by QUERY-EXP, to use in formatting the tabular report. The default value of t means that minimum sizes are computed. FORMATS is a list of format strings to be used for printing each column selected by QUERY-EXP. The default value of FORMATS is t meaning that ~A is used to format all columns or ~VA if column sizes are used.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

QUERY --

**QUERY** 

#### **Syntax**

(QUERY QUERY-EXPRESSION &KEY DATABASE RESULT-TYPES FLATP FIELD-NAMES) [generic] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Executes the SQL query expression QUERY-EXPRESSION, which may be an SQL expression or a string, on the supplied DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. RESULT-TYPES is a list of symbols which specifies the lisp type for each field returned by QUERY-EXPRESSION. If RESULT-TYPES is nil all results are returned as strings whereas the default value of :auto means that the lisp types are automatically computed for each field. FIELD-NAMES is t by default which means that the second value returned is a list of strings representing the columns selected by QUERY-EXPRESSION. If FIELD-NAMES is nil, the list of column names is not returned as a second value. FLATP has a default value of nil which means that the results are returned as a list of lists. If FLATP is t and only one result is returned for each record selected by QUERY-EXPRESSION, the results are returned as elements of a list.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

RUN-PREPARED-SQL --RUN-PREPARED-SQL

## **Syntax**

(RUN-PREPARED-SQL PREPARED-STMT) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Execute the prepared sql statment. All input parameters must be bound.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

SELECT --

**SELECT** 

#### **Syntax**

(SELECT &REST SELECT-ALL-ARGS) [function] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Executes a query on DATABASE, which has a default value of \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*, specified by the SQL expressions supplied using the remaining arguments in SELECT-ALL-ARGS. The SELECT argument can be used to generate queries in both functional and object oriented contexts. In the functional case, the required arguments specify the columns selected by the query and may be symbolic SQL expressions or strings representing attribute identifiers. Type modified identifiers indicate that the values selected from the specified column are converted to the specified lisp type. The keyword arguments ALL, DISTINCT, FROM, GROUP-by, HAVING, ORDER-BY, SET-OPERATION and WHERE are used to specify, using the symbolic SQL syntax, the corresponding components of the SQL query generated by the call to SELECT. RESULT-TYPES is a list of symbols which specifies the lisp type for each field returned by the query. If RESULT-TYPES is nil all results are returned as strings whereas the default value of :auto means that the lisp types are automatically computed for each field. FIELD-NAMES is t by default which means that the second value returned is a list of strings representing the columns selected by the query. If FIELD-NAMES is nil, the list of column names is not returned as a second value. In the object oriented case, the required arguments to SELECT are symbols denoting View Classes which specify the database tables to query. In this case, SELECT returns a list of View Class instances whose slots are set from the attribute values of the records in the specified table. Slot-value is a legal operator which can be employed as part of the symbolic SQL syntax used in the WHERE keyword argument to SELECT. REFRESH is nil by default which means that the View Class instances returned are retrieved from a cache if an equivalent call to SELECT has previously been issued. If REFRESH is true, the View Class instances returned are updated as necessary from the database and the generic function IN-STANCE-REFRESHED is called to perform any necessary operations on the updated instances. In both object oriented and functional contexts, FLATP has a default value of nil which means that the results are returned as a list of lists. If FLATP is t and only one result is returned for each record selected in the query, the results are returned as elements of a list.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

#### **Exceptional Situations**

## See Also

TRUNCATE-DATABASE --

Function TRUNCATE-DATABASE

## **Syntax**

(TRUNCATE-DATABASE &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

**Description** 

**Examples** 

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

**UPDATE-RECORDS --**

**UPDATE-RECORDS** 

#### **Syntax**

(UPDATE-RECORDS TABLE &KEY (ATTRIBUTES NIL) (VALUES NIL) (AV-PAIRS NIL) (WHERE NIL) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-I

#### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Updates the attribute values of existing records satsifying the SQL expression WHERE in the table specified by TABLE in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. There are three ways of specifying the values to update for each row. In the first, VALUES contains a list of values to use in the update and ATTRIBUTES, AVPAIRS and QUERY are nil. This can be used when values are supplied for all attributes in TABLE. In the second, ATTRIBUTES is a list of column names, VALUES is a corresponding list of values and AV-PAIRS and QUERY are nil. In the third, ATTRIBUTES, VALUES and QUERY are nil and AV-PAIRS is an alist of (attribute value) pairs.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

## **Transaction Handling**

ADD-TRANSACTION-COMMIT-HOOK -- ADD-TRANSACTION-COMMIT-HOOK

## **Syntax**

(ADD-TRANSACTION-COMMIT-HOOK DATABASE COMMIT-HOOK) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

**Description** 

**Examples** 

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

ADD-TRANSACTION-ROLLBACK-HOOK -- ADD-TRANSACTION-ROLLBACK-HOOK

## **Syntax**

(ADD-TRANSACTION-ROLLBACK-HOOK DATABASE ROLLBACK-HOOK) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

**Description** 

**Examples** 

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

COMMIT --

**COMMIT** 

## **Syntax**

(COMMIT &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

If DATABASE, which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*, is currently within the scope of a transaction, commits changes made since the transaction began.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

IN-TRANSACTION-P --

**IN-TRANSACTION-P** 

## **Syntax**

(IN-TRANSACTION-P &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

A predicate to test whether DATABASE, which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*, is currently within the scope of a transaction.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

ROLLBACK --

**ROLLBACK** 

## **Syntax**

(ROLLBACK &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

If DATABASE, which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*, is currently within the scope of a transaction, rolls back changes made since the transaction began.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

SET-AUTOCOMMIT --SET-AUTOCOMMIT

## **Syntax**

(SET-AUTOCOMMIT VALUE &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Sets autocommit on or off. Returns old value of of autocommit flag.

## **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

START-TRANSACTION --START-TRANSACTION

## **Syntax**

(START-TRANSACTION &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Starts a transaction block on DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\* and which continues until ROLLBACK or COMMIT are called.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

WITH-TRANSACTION --

WITH-TRANSACTION

### **Syntax**

(WITH-TRANSACTION &KEY (DATABASE '\*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*) &REST BODY) [macro] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Starts a transaction in the database specified by DATABASE, which is \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\* by default, and executes BODY within that transaction. If BODY aborts or throws, DATABASE is rolled back and otherwise the transaction is committed.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

# Object Oriented Data Definition Language (OODDL)

STANDARD-DB-OBJECT -- Superclass for all  ${\it CLSQL}$  View Classes.

STANDARD-DB-OBJECT

### **Class Precedence List**

standard-db-object, standard-object, t

## **Description**

This class is the superclass of all CLSQL View Classes.

#### **Class details**

(defclass STANDARD-DB-OBJECT ()(...))

#### **Slots**

\*DEFAULT-VARCHAR-LENGTH\* --

\*DEFAULT-VARCHAR-LENGTH\*

## **Value Type**

#### **Initial Value**

nil

## **Description**

## **Examples**

## **Affected By**

None.

### See Also

None.

#### **Notes**

None.

CREATE-VIEW-FROM-CLASS -- CREATE-VIEW-FROM-CLASS

## **Syntax**

(CREATE-VIEW-FROM-CLASS VIEW-CLASS-NAME &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Creates a table as defined by the View Class VIEW-CLASS-NAME in DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

DEF-VIEW-CLASS -DEF-VIEW-CLASS

#### **Syntax**

(DEF-VIEW-CLASS CLASS SUPERS SLOTS &REST CL-OPTIONS) [macro] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Creates a View Class called CLASS whose slots SLOTS can map onto the attributes of a table in a database. If SU-PERS is nil then the superclass of CLASS will be STANDARD-DB-OBJECT, otherwise SUPERS is a list of superclasses for CLASS which must include STANDARD-DB-OBJECT or a descendent of this class. The syntax of DE-FCLASS is extended through the addition of a class option :base-table which defines the database table onto which the View Class maps and which defaults to CLASS. The DEFCLASS syntax is also extended through additional slot options. The :db-kind slot option specifies the kind of DB mapping which is performed for this slot and defaults to :base which indicates that the slot maps to an ordinary column of the database table. A :db-kind value of :key indicates that this slot is a special kind of :base slot which maps onto a column which is one of the unique keys for the database table, the value :join indicates this slot represents a join onto another View Class which contains View Class objects, and the value virtual indicates a standard CLOS slot which does not map onto columns of the database table. If a slot is specified with :db-kind :join, the slot option :db-info contains a list which specifies the nature of the join. For slots of :db-kind :base or :key, the :type slot option has a special interpretation such that Lisp types, such as string, integer and float are automatically converted into appropriate SQL types for the column onto which the slot maps. This behaviour may be over-ridden using the :db-type slot option which is a string specifying the vendor-specific database type for this slot's column definition in the database. The column slot option specifies the name of the SQL column which the slot maps onto, if :db-kind is not :virtual, and defaults to the slot name. The :void-value slot option specifies the value to store if the SQL value is NULL and defaults to NIL. The :db-constraints slot option is a string representing an SQL table constraint expression or a list of such strings.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

DROP-VIEW-FROM-CLASS --

DROP-VIEW-FROM-CLASS

## **Syntax**

(DROP-VIEW-FROM-CLASS VIEW-CLASS-NAME &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Removes a table defined by the View Class VIEW-CLASS-NAME from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-CLASSES --

LIST-CLASSES

### **Syntax**

(LIST-CLASSES &KEY (TEST #'IDENTITY) (ROOT-CLASS (FIND-CLASS 'STANDARD-DB-OBJECT)) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE \*DEFAULT-

### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Returns a list of all the View Classes which are connected to DATABASE, which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*, and which descend from the class ROOT-CLASS and which satisfy the function TEST. By default ROOT-CLASS is STANDARD-DB-OBJECT and TEST is IDENTITY.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

# Object Oriented Data Manipulation Language (OODML)

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\*DB-AUTO-SYNC\* --

\*DB-AUTO-SYNC\*

## **Value Type**

#### **Initial Value**

nil

## **Description**

## **Examples**

## **Affected By**

None.

## See Also

None.

#### **Notes**

None.

\*DEFAULT-UPDATE-OBJECTS-MAX-LEN\* --

\*DEFAULT-UPDATE-OBJECTS-MAX-LEN\*

## **Value Type**

#### **Initial Value**

nil

## **Description**

## **Examples**

## **Affected By**

None.

### See Also

None.

#### **Notes**

None.

DELETE-INSTANCE-RECORDS --

DELETE-INSTANCE-RECORDS

### **Syntax**

(DELETE-INSTANCE-RECORDS OBJECT) [generic] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Deletes the records represented by OBJECT in the appropriate table of the database associated with OBJECT. If OBJECT is not yet associated with a database, an error is signalled.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

INSTANCE-REFRESHED --

**INSTANCE-REFRESHED** 

## **Syntax**

(INSTANCE-REFRESHED OBJECT) [generic] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Provides a hook which is called within an object oriented call to SELECT with a non-nil value of REFRESH when the View Class instance OBJECT has been updated from the database. A method specialised on STANDARD-DB-OBJECT is provided which has no effects. Methods specialised on particular View Classes can be used to specify any operations that need to be made on View Classes instances which have been updated in calls to SELECT.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

UPDATE-INSTANCE-FROM-RECORDS --

UPDATE-INSTANCE-FROM-RECORDS

### **Syntax**

(UPDATE-INSTANCE-FROM-RECORDS OBJECT &KEY DATABASE) [generic] =>

### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Updates the slot values of the View Class instance OBJECT using the attribute values of the appropriate table of DATABASE which defaults to the database associated with OBJECT or, if OBJECT is not associated with a database, \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. Join slots are updated but instances of the class on which the join is made are not updated.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

UPDATE-OBJECTS-JOINS --UPDATE-OBJECTS-JOINS

#### **Syntax**

(UPDATE-OBJECTS-JOINS OBJECTS &KEY (SLOTS T) (FORCE-P T) CLASS-NAME (MAX-LEN \*DEFAULT-UPDATE-OBJECTS-MAX

#### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Updates from the records of the appropriate database tables the join slots specified by SLOTS in the supplied list of View Class instances OBJECTS. SLOTS is t by default which means that all join slots with :retrieval :immediate are updated. CLASS-NAME is used to specify the View Class of all instance in OBJECTS and default to nil which means that the class of the first instance in OBJECTS is used. FORCE-P is t by default which means that all join slots are updated whereas a value of nil means that only unbound join slots are updated. MAX-LEN defaults to \*DEFAULT-UPDATE-OBJECTS-MAX-LEN\* and when non-nil specifies that UPDATE-OBJECT-JOINS may issue multiple database queries with a maximum of MAX-LEN instances updated in each query.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

UPDATE-RECORD-FROM-SLOT --UPDATE-RECORD-FROM-SLOT

#### **Syntax**

(UPDATE-RECORD-FROM-SLOT OBJECT SLOT &KEY DATABASE) [generic] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Updates the value stored in the column represented by the slot, specified by the CLOS slot name SLOT, of View Class instance OBJECT. DATABASE defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\* and specifies the database in which the update is made only if OBJECT is not associated with a database. In this case, a record is created in DATABASE and the attribute represented by SLOT is initialised from the value of the supplied slots with other attributes having default values. Furthermore, OBJECT becomes associated with DATABASE.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

UPDATE-RECORD-FROM-SLOTS --UPDATE-RECORD-FROM-SLOTS

#### **Syntax**

(UPDATE-RECORD-FROM-SLOTS OBJECT SLOTS &KEY DATABASE) [generic] =>

## **Arguments and Values**

#### **Description**

Updates the values stored in the columns represented by the slots, specified by the CLOS slot names SLOTS, of View Class instance OBJECT. DATABASE defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\* and specifies the database in which the update is made only if OBJECT is not associated with a database. In this case, a record is created in the appropriate table of DATABASE and the attributes represented by SLOTS are initialised from the values of the supplied slots with other attributes having default values. Furthermore, OBJECT becomes associated with DATABASE.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

UPDATE-RECORDS-FROM-INSTANCE --

UPDATE-RECORDS-FROM-INSTANCE

## **Syntax**

(UPDATE-RECORDS-FROM-INSTANCE OBJECT &KEY DATABASE) [generic] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Using an instance of a View Class, OBJECT, update the table that stores its instance data. DATABASE defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\* and specifies the database in which the update is made only if OBJECT is not associated with a database. In this case, a record is created in the appropriate table of DATABASE using values from the slot values of OBJECT, and OBJECT becomes associated with DATABASE.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

UPDATE-SLOT-FROM-RECORD --UPDATE-SLOT-FROM-RECORD

## **Syntax**

(UPDATE-SLOT-FROM-RECORD OBJECT SLOT &KEY DATABASE) [generic] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Updates the slot value, specified by the CLOS slot name SLOT, of the View Class instance OBJECT using the attribute values of the appropriate table of DATABASE which defaults to the database associated with OBJECT or, if OBJECT is not associated with a database, \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. Join slots are updated but instances of the class on which the join is made are not updated.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

## **SQL I/O Recording**

ADD-SQL-STREAM --ADD-SQL-STREAM

## **Syntax**

(ADD-SQL-STREAM STREAM &KEY (TYPE :COMMANDS) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

#### **Arguments and Values**

### **Description**

Adds the supplied stream STREAM (or T for \*standard-output\*) as a component of the recording broadcast stream for the SQL recording type specified by TYPE on DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. TYPE must be one of :commands, :results, or :both, defaulting to :commands, depending on whether the stream is to be added for recording SQL commands, results or both.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

DELETE-SQL-STREAM --DELETE-SQL-STREAM

### **Syntax**

(DELETE-SQL-STREAM STREAM &KEY (TYPE :COMMANDS) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Removes the supplied stream STREAM from the recording broadcast stream for the SQL recording type specified by TYPE on DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. TYPE must be one of :commands, :results, or :both, defaulting to :commands, depending on whether the stream is to be added for recording SQL commands, results or both.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

LIST-SQL-STREAMS --LIST-SQL-STREAMS

# **Syntax**

(LIST-SQL-STREAMS &KEY (TYPE :COMMANDS) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Returns the list of component streams for the broadcast stream recording SQL commands sent to and/or results returned from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. TYPE must be one of :commands, :results, or :both, defaulting to :commands, and determines whether the listed streams contain those recording SQL commands, results or both.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

**See Also** 

SQL-RECORDING-P --SQL-RECORDING-P

## **Syntax**

(SQL-RECORDING-P &KEY (TYPE : COMMANDS) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Predicate to test whether the SQL recording specified by TYPE is currently enabled for DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. TYPE may be one of :commands, :results, :both or :either, defaulting to :commands, otherwise nil is returned.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

SQL-STREAM --SQL-STREAM

## **Syntax**

(SQL-STREAM &KEY (TYPE :COMMANDS) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Returns the broadcast stream used for recording SQL commands sent to or results returned from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. TYPE must be one of :commands or :results, defaulting to :commands, and determines whether the stream returned is that used for recording SQL commands or results.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

START-SQL-RECORDING --START-SQL-RECORDING

### **Syntax**

(START-SQL-RECORDING &KEY (TYPE :COMMANDS) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

### **Arguments and Values**

### **Description**

Starts recording of SQL commands sent to and/or results returned from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. The SQL is output on one or more broadcast streams, initially just \*STANDARD-OUTPUT\*, and the functions ADD-SQL-STREAM and DELETE-SQL-STREAM may be used to add or delete command or result recording streams. The default value of TYPE is :commands which means that SQL commands sent to DATABASE are recorded. If TYPE is :results then SQL results returned from DATABASE are recorded. Both commands and results may be recorded by passing TYPE value of :both.

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

STOP-SQL-RECORDING --STOP-SQL-RECORDING

### **Syntax**

(STOP-SQL-RECORDING &KEY (TYPE :COMMANDS) (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

### **Arguments and Values**

## **Description**

Stops recording of SQL commands sent to and/or results returned from DATABASE which defaults to \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*. The default value of TYPE is :commands which means that SQL commands sent to DATABASE will no longer be recorded. If TYPE is :results then SQL results returned from DATABASE will no longer be recorded. Recording may be stopped for both commands and results by passing TYPE value of :both.

#### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

# **CLSQL Condition System**

\*BACKEND-WARNING-BEHAVIOR\* --

\*BACKEND-WARNING-BEHAVIOR\*

# **Value Type**

#### **Initial Value**

nil

### **Description**

Action to perform on warning messages from backend. Default is to :warn. May also be set to :error to signal an error or :ignore/nil to silently ignore the warning.

# **Examples**

# **Affected By**

None.

#### See Also

None.

#### **Notes**

None.

 ${\bf SQL\text{-}CONDITION} \ {\bf --} \ {\bf the \ super-type \ of \ all \ \it CLSQL\hbox{-} specific \ conditions}$   ${\bf SQL\text{-}CONDITION}$ 

### **Class Precedence List**

sql-condition, condition, t

# **Description**

This is the super-type of all *CLSQL*-specific conditions defined by *CLSQL*, or any of it's database-specific interfaces. There are no defined initialization arguments nor any accessors.

SQL-ERROR -- the super-type of all  ${\it CLSQL}$ -specific errors

SQL-ERROR

### **Class Precedence List**

sql-error, error, serious-condition, sql-condition, condition, t

# **Description**

This is the super-type of all *CLSQL*-specific conditions that represent errors, as defined by *CLSQL*, or any of it's database-specific interfaces. There are no defined initialization arguments nor any accessors.

SQL-WARNING -- the super-type of all *CLSQL*-specific warnings SQL-WARNING

### **Class Precedence List**

sql-warning, warning, sql-condition, condition, t

# **Description**

This is the super-type of all *CLSQL*-specific conditions that represent warnings, as defined by *CLSQL*, or any of it's database-specific interfaces. There are no defined initialization arguments nor any accessors.

SQL-DATABASE-WARNING -- Used to warn while accessing a *CLSQL* database.

SQL-DATABASE-WARNING

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-database-warning, sql-warning, warning, sql-condition, condition, t

# **Description**

This condition represents warnings signalled while accessing a database. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

**Initarg:** :database

Accessor: sql-warning-database

**Description:** The database object that was involved in the incident.

SQL-USER-ERROR -- condition representing errors because of invalid parameters from the library user.

SQL-USER-ERROR

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-user-error, sql-error, sql-condition, condition, t

### **Description**

This condition represents errors that occur because the user supplies invalid data to *CLSQL*. This includes errors such as an invalid format connection specification or an error in the syntax for the LOOP macro extensions. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

**Initarg:** :message

**Accessor:** sql-user-error-message **Description:** The error message.

SQL-DATABASE-ERROR -- condition representing errors during query or command execution

**SQL-DATABASE-ERROR** 

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-database-error, sql-error, error, serious-condition, sql-condition, condition, t

### **Description**

This condition represents errors that occur while executing SQL statements, either as part of query operations or command execution, either explicitly or implicitly, as caused e.g. by with-transaction. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

Initarg: :database

Accessor: sql-database-error-database

**Description:** The database object that was involved in the incident.

Initarg: :error-id

Accessor: sql-error-error-id

Description: The numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values and se-

mantics of this are interface specific. **Initarg:** :secondary-error-id

Accessor: sql-error-secondary-error-id

Description: The secondary numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values

and semantics of this are interface specific.

Initarg: :message

Accessor: sql-error-database-message

SQL-CONNECTION-ERROR -- condition representing errors during connection

**SQL-CONNECTION-ERROR** 

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-connection-error, sql-database-error, sql-error, sql-condition, condition, t

### **Description**

This condition represents errors that occur while trying to connect to a database. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

**Initarg:** :database-type

**Accessor:** sql-connection-error-database-type **Description:** Database type for the connection attempt

**Initarg:** :connection-spec

Accessor: sql-connection-error-connection-spec

**Description:** The connection specification used in the connection attempt.

Initarg: :database

Accessor: sql-database-error-database

**Description:** The database object that was involved in the incident.

Initarg: :error-id

Accessor: sql-error-error-id

Description: The numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values and se-

mantics of this are interface specific.

**Initarg:** :secondary-error-id

Accessor: sql-error-secondary-error-id

**Description:** The secondary numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values

and semantics of this are interface specific.

Initarg: :message

Accessor: sql-database-error-error

SQL-DATABASE-DATA-ERROR -- Used to signal an error with the SQL data passed to a database.

SQL-DATABASE-DATA-ERROR

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-database-data-error, sql-database-error, sql-error, error, serious-condition, sql-condition, condition, t

### **Description**

This condition represents errors that occur while executing SQL statements, specifically as a result of malformed SQL expressions. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

**Initarg:** :expression

Accessor: sql-database-error-expression

**Description:** The SQL expression whose execution caused the error.

Initarg: :database

Accessor: sql-database-error-database

**Description:** The database object that was involved in the incident.

**Initarg:** :error-id

Accessor: sql-error-error-id

Description: The numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values and se-

mantics of this are interface specific.

Initarg: :secondary-error-id

Accessor: sql-error-secondary-error-id

Description: The secondary numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values

and semantics of this are interface specific.

**Initarg:** :message

Accessor: sql-error-database-message

SQL-TEMPORARY-ERROR -- Used to signal a temporary error in the database backend.

SQL-TEMPORARY-ERROR

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-database-error, sql-error, error, serious-condition, sql-condition, condition, t

### **Description**

This condition represents errors occurring when the database cannot currently process a valid interaction because, for example, it is still executing another command possibly issued by another user. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

Initarg: :database

Accessor: sql-database-error-database

**Description:** The database object that was involved in the incident.

Initarg: :error-id

Accessor: sql-error-error-id

**Description:** The numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values and se-

mantics of this are interface specific.

Initarg: :secondary-error-id

Accessor: sql-error-secondary-error-id

Description: The secondary numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values

and semantics of this are interface specific.

Initarg: :message

Accessor: sql-error-database-message

SQL-TIMEOUT-ERROR -- condition representing errors when a connection times out.

**SQL-TIMEOUT-ERROR** 

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-connection-error, sql-database-error, sql-error, sql-condition, condition, t

### **Description**

This condition represents errors that occur when the database times out while processing some operation. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

**Initarg:** :database-type

**Accessor:** sql-connection-error-database-type **Description:** Database type for the connection attempt

**Initarg:** :connection-spec

Accessor: sql-connection-error-connection-spec

**Description:** The connection specification used in the connection attempt.

Initarg: :database

Accessor: sql-database-error-database

**Description:** The database object that was involved in the incident.

Initarg: :error-id

Accessor: sql-error-error-id

Description: The numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values and se-

mantics of this are interface specific.

**Initarg:** :secondary-error-id

Accessor: sql-error-secondary-error-id

**Description:** The secondary numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values

and semantics of this are interface specific.

Initarg: :message

Accessor: sql-error-database-message

SQL-FATAL-ERROR -- condition representing a fatal error in a database connection

**SQL-FATAL-ERROR** 

#### **Class Precedence List**

sql-connection-error, sql-database-error, sql-error, sql-condition, condition, t

### **Description**

This condition represents errors occurring when the database connection is no longer usable. The following initialization arguments and accessors exist:

**Initarg:** :database-type

**Accessor:** sql-connection-error-database-type **Description:** Database type for the connection attempt

**Initarg:** :connection-spec

Accessor: sql-connection-error-connection-spec

**Description:** The connection specification used in the connection attempt.

Initarg: :database

Accessor: sql-database-error-database

**Description:** The database object that was involved in the incident.

Initarg: :error-id

Accessor: sql-error-error-id

Description: The numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values and se-

mantics of this are interface specific.

**Initarg:** :secondary-error-id

Accessor: sql-error-secondary-error-id

**Description:** The secondary numeric or symbolic error specification returned by the database back-end. The values

and semantics of this are interface specific.

Initarg: :message

Accessor: sql-error-database-message

# **Large Object Support**

CREATE-LARGE-OBJECT --CREATE-LARGE-OBJECT

# **Syntax**

(CREATE-LARGE-OBJECT &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Creates a new large object in the database and returns the object identifier

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

DELETE-LARGE-OBJECT --DELETE-LARGE-OBJECT

# **Syntax**

(DELETE-LARGE-OBJECT OBJECT-ID &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Deletes the large object in the database

### **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

READ-LARGE-OBJECT --

READ-LARGE-OBJECT

# **Syntax**

(READ-LARGE-OBJECT OBJECT-ID &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Reads the large object content

# **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

WRITE-LARGE-OBJECT --

WRITE-LARGE-OBJECT

# **Syntax**

(WRITE-LARGE-OBJECT OBJECT-ID DATA &KEY (DATABASE \*DEFAULT-DATABASE\*)) [function] =>

# **Arguments and Values**

# **Description**

Writes data to the large object

# **Examples**

**Side Effects** 

Affected by

**Exceptional Situations** 

See Also

# **CLSQL-SYS**

This part gives a reference to the symbols exported from the package CLSQL-SYS, which are not exported from CLSQL package.. These symbols are part of the interface for database back-ends, but not part of the normal user-interface of *CLSQL*.

DATABASE-INITIALIZE-DATABASE-TYPE -- Back-end part of initialize-database-type.

DATABASE-INITIALIZE-DATABASE-TYPE

### **Syntax**

database-initialize-database-type database-type => result

### **Arguments and Values**

database-type A keyword indicating the database type to initialize.

result Either t if the initialization succeeds or nil if it fails.

### **Description**

This generic function implements the main part of the database type initialization performed by initialize-database-type. After initialize-database-type has checked that the given database type has not been initialized before, as indicated by \*initialized-database-types\*, it will call this function with the database type as it's sole parameter. Database back-ends are required to define a method on this generic function which is specialized via an eql-specializer to the keyword representing their database type.

Database back-ends shall indicate successful initialization by returning t from their method, and nil otherwise. Methods for this generic function are allowed to signal errors of type clsql-error or subtypes thereof. They may also signal other types of conditions, if appropriate, but have to document this.

### **Examples**

#### **Side Effects**

All necessary side effects to initialize the database instance.

### **Affected By**

None.

### **Exceptional Situations**

Conditions of type clsql-error or other conditions may be signalled, depending on the database back-end.

#### See Also

#### **Notes**

None.

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# Appendix A. Database Back-ends

### **PostgreSQL**

#### Libraries

The PostgreSQL back-end requires the PostgreSQL C client library (libpq.so). The location of this library is specified via \*postgresql-so-load-path\*, which defaults to /usr/lib/libpq.so. Additional flags to ld needed for linking are specified via \*postgresql-so-libraries\*, which defaults to ("-lcrypt" "-lc").

#### Initialization

Use

```
(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql-postgresql)
```

to load the PostgreSQL back-end. The database type for the PostgreSQL back-end is :postgresql.

#### **Connection Specification**

#### Syntax of connection-spec

(host db user password &optional port options tty)

#### **Description of connection-spec**

For every parameter in the connection-spec, nil indicates that the PostgreSQL default environment variables (see PostgreSQL documentation) will be used, or if those are unset, the compiled-in defaults of the C client library are used.

host String representing the hostname or IP address the PostgreSQL server resides on. Use the empty

string to indicate a connection to localhost via Unix-Domain sockets instead of TCP/IP.

db String representing the name of the database on the server to connect to.

user String representing the user name to use for authentication.

password String representing the unencrypted password to use for authentication.

port String representing the port to use for communication with the PostgreSQL server.

options String representing further runtime options for the PostgreSQL server.

tty String representing the tty or file to use for debugging messages from the PostgreSQL server.

### PostgreSQL Socket

#### Libraries

The PostgreSQL Socket back-end needs *no* access to the PostgreSQL C client library, since it communicates directly with the PostgreSQL server using the published frontend/backend protocol, version 2.0. This eases installation and makes it possible to dump CMU CL images containing CLSQL and this backend, contrary to backends which re-

quire FFI code.

#### Initialization

Use

(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql-postgresql-socket)

to load the PostgreSQL Socket back-end. The database type for the PostgreSQL Socket back-end is :postgresql-socket.

#### **Connection Specification**

#### Syntax of connection-spec

(host db user password &optional port options tty)

#### **Description of connection-spec**

host If this is a string, it represents the hostname or IP address the PostgreSQL server resides on. In

this case communication with the server proceeds via a TCP connection to the given host and

port.

If this is a pathname, then it is assumed to name the directory that contains the server's Unix-

Domain sockets. The full name to the socket is then constructed from this and the port number

passed, and communication will proceed via a connection to this unix-domain socket.

db String representing the name of the database on the server to connect to.

user String representing the user name to use for authentication.

password String representing the unencrypted password to use for authentication. This can be the empty

string if no password is required for authentication.

port Integer representing the port to use for communication with the PostgreSQL server. This de-

faults to 5432.

options String representing further runtime options for the PostgreSQL server.

String representing the tty or file to use for debugging messages from the PostgreSQL server.

### **MySQL**

#### Libraries

The MySQL back-end requires the MySQL C client library (libmysqlclient.so). The location of this library is specified via \*mysql-so-load-path\*, which defaults to /usr/lib/libmysqlclient.so. Additional flags to ld needed for linking are specified via \*mysql-so-libraries\*, which defaults to ("-lc").

#### Initialization

Use

```
(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql-mysql)
```

to load the MySQL back-end. The database type for the MySQL back-end is :mysql.

#### **Connection Specification**

#### Syntax of connection-spec

(host db user password)

#### **Description of connection-spec**

host String representing the hostname or IP address the MySQL server resides on, or nil to indicate

the localhost.

db String representing the name of the database on the server to connect to.

user String representing the user name to use for authentication, or nil to use the current Unix user

ID.

password String representing the unencrypted password to use for authentication, or nil if the authentica-

tion record has an empty password field.

#### **ODBC**

#### Libraries

The ODBC back-end requires access to an ODBC driver manager as well as ODBC drivers for the underlying database server. *CLSQL* has been tested with unixODBC ODBC Driver Manager as well as Microsoft's ODBC manager. These driver managers have been tested with the *psqlODBC* [http://odbc.postgresql.org] driver for PostgreSQL and the *MyODBC* [http://www.mysql.com/products/connector/odbc/] driver for MySQL.

#### Initialization

Use

```
(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql-odbc)
```

to load the ODBC back-end. The database type for the ODBC back-end is :odbc.

### **Connection Specification**

#### Syntax of connection-spec

(dsn user password)

#### **Description of connection-spec**

dsn String representing the ODBC data source name.

user String representing the user name to use for authentication.

password String representing the unencrypted password to use for authentication.

#### **AODBC**

#### Libraries

The AODBC back-end requires access to the ODBC interface of AllegroCL named DBI. This interface is not available in the trial version of AllegroCL

#### Initialization

Use

```
(require 'aodbc-v2)
(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql-aodbc)
```

to load the AODBC back-end. The database type for the AODBC back-end is :aodbc.

#### **Connection Specification**

#### Syntax of connection-spec

(dsn user password)

#### **Description of connection-spec**

dsn String representing the ODBC data source name.

user String representing the user name to use for authentication.

password String representing the unencrypted password to use for authentication.

#### **SQLite**

#### Libraries

The SQLite back-end requires the SQLite shared library file. Its default file name is /usr/lib/libsqlite.so.

#### Initialization

Use

```
(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql-sqlite)
```

to load the SQLite back-end. The database type for the SQLite back-end is :sqlite.

### **Connection Specification**

#### Syntax of connection-spec

(filename)

#### **Description of connection-spec**

filename String representing the filename of the SQLite database file.

#### **Oracle**

#### Libraries

The Oracle back-end requires the Oracle OCI client library. (libclntsh.so). The location of this library is specified relative to the ORACLE\_HOME value in the operating system environment. *CLSQL* has tested successfully using the client library from Oracle 9i and Oracle 10g server installations as well as Oracle's 10g Instant Client library.

#### Initialization

Use

(asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op 'clsql-oracle)

to load the Oracle back-end. The database type for the Oracle back-end is :oracle.

#### **Connection Specification**

#### Syntax of connection-spec

(global-name user password)

#### **Description of connection-spec**

global-name String representing the global name of the Orace database. This is looked up through the

tnsnames.ora file.

user String representing the user name to use for authentication.

password String representing the password to use for authentication..

# **Glossary**

#### Note

This glossary is still very thinly populated, and not all references in the main text have been properly linked and coordinated with this glossary. This will hopefully change in future revisions.

Attribute

A property of objects stored in a database table. Attributes are represented as

columns (or fields) in a table.

Active database See Database Object.

Connection See Database Object.

Column See Attribute.

Data Definition Language

(DDL)

The subset of SQL used for defining and examining the structure of a database.

Data Manipulation Language

(DML)

The subset of SQL used for inserting, deleting, updating and fetching data in a

database.

database See Database Object.

**Database Object** 

An object of type database.

Field See Attribute.

Field Types Specifier

A value that specifies the type of each field in a query.

Foreign Function Interface

(FFI)

An interface from Common Lisp to a external library which contains compiled

functions written in other programming languages, typically C.

Query

An SQL statement which returns a set of results.

**RDBMS** 

A Relational DataBase Management System (RDBMS) is a software package for managing a database in which the data is defined, organised and accessed as

rows and columns of a table.

Record

A sequence of attribute values stored in a database table.

Row See Record.

Structured Query Language

(SQL)

An ANSI standard language for storing and retrieving data in a relational data-

base.

**SQL** Expression

Either a string containing a valid SQL statement, or an object of type sql-

expression.

#### Glossary

Table

A collection of data which is defined, stored and accessed as tuples of attribute

values (i.e., rows and columns).

Transaction

An atomic unit of one or more SQL statements of which all or none are success-

fully executed.

Tuple See Record.

View

A table display whose structure and content are derived from an existing table

via a query.