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1 Overview

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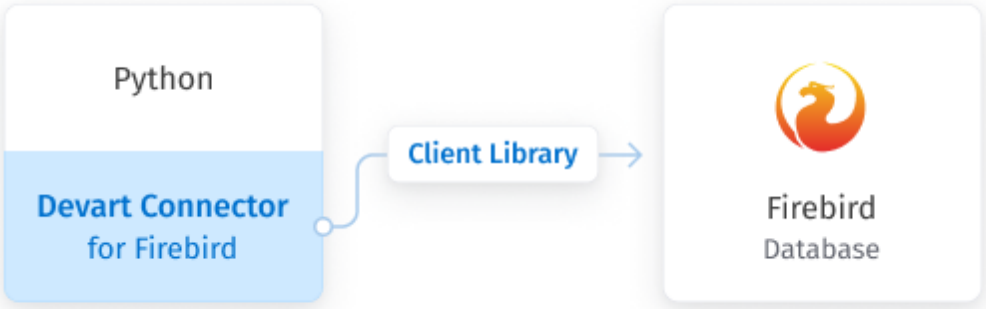
Python Connector for Firebird is a connectivity solution for accessing Firebird databases from Python applications. It fully implements the Python DB API 2.0 specification. The connector is distributed as a wheel package for Windows, macOS, and Linux.



Secure communication

The connector supports the Over-the-Wire (OTW) encryption feature of Firebird to encrypt data during the transmission process.

2 What's new

Python Connector for Firebird 1.3

- Added support for Python 3.14
- Added support for URL-style connection strings that use inet4 and inet6 protocols

Python Connector for Firebird 1.2

- Added support for Python 3.13

Python Connector for Firebird 1.1

- Added support for Firebird 5

- Added connection pooling
- Added activation with a license key
- Added the subscription license type

Python Connector for Firebird 1.0

- Initial release of Python Connector for Firebird
- Added support for Windows 32-bit and 64-bit
- Added support for Windows Server 32-bit and 64-bit
- Added support for macOS 64-bit and ARM (Apple M1 and M2)
- Added support for Linux 64-bit

3 Compatibility

Compatibility

Python Connector for Firebird supports standard Python tooling and is compatible with major operating systems.

Python versions

The connector supports Python versions 3.7 through 3.14.

Firebird versions

The connector works with Firebird versions from 1.x to 5.x.

> **Note:** Firebird 1.5 requires a user-defined function (UDF) containing the `RTRIM` function for proper operation.

Libraries

You can use the connector with the following Python libraries:

- SQLAlchemy
- pandas
- petl

Platforms

The connector runs on the following platforms:

- Windows (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows Server (32-bit and 64-bit)
- macOS (64-bit and ARM—Apple M1 and M2)
- Linux (64-bit)

Note: For more information about supported OS versions, see the compatibility page of your Python version.

4 Installation

4.1 Windows

Install the connector on Windows

You can install the connector from the Python Package Index (PyPI) or a wheel (.whl) file.

Install the connector from PyPI

1. Open Command Prompt.
2. Verify that you have the pip package installer on your system using the `py -m pip --version` command. If you don't have it, run the following command to install pip.

```
python -m ensurepip --upgrade
```

3. Install the package.

```
pip install devart-firebird-connector
```

Install the connector from a wheel file

1. Download the zip archive.
2. Extract the contents of the archive.
3. Open Command Prompt.
4. Verify that you have the pip package installer on your system using the `py -m pip --version` command. If you don't have it, run the following command to install pip.

```
python -m ensurepip --upgrade
```

5. In Command Prompt, navigate to the directory that contains the extracted wheel packages.
6. Install the package:
   - Windows 32-bit

```
pip install devart_firebird_connector-1.0.1-cp312-cp312-win32.whl
```

   - Windows 64-bit

```
pip install devart_firebird_connector-1.0.1-cp312-cp312-win_amd64.whl
```

4.2 Linux

Install the connector on Linux

You can install the connector from the Python Package Index (PyPI) or a wheel (.whl) file.

Install the connector from PyPI

1. Open a terminal window.
2. Verify that you have the pip package installer on your system using the `py -m pip --version` command. If you don't have it, run the following command to install pip.

```
python -m ensurepip --upgrade
```

3. Install the package.

```
pip install devart-firebird-connector
```

Install the connector from a wheel file

1. Download the zip archive.
2. Extract the contents of the archive.
3. Open a terminal window.
4. Verify that you have the pip package installer on your system using the `py -m pip --version` command. If you don't have it, run the following command to install pip.

```
python -m ensurepip --upgrade
```

5. In terminal, navigate to the directory that contains the extracted wheel package.

6. Install the package.

```
pip install devart_firebird_connector-1.0.1-cp312-cp312-manylinux_2_34_x86_6
```

4.3 macOS

Install the connector on macOS

You can install the connector from the Python Package Index (PyPI) or a wheel (.whl) file.

Install the connector from PyPI

1. Open a terminal window.
2. Verify that you have the pip package installer on your system using the `py -m pip --version` command. If you don't have it, run the following command to install pip.

```
python -m ensurepip --upgrade
```

3. Install the package.

```
pip install devart-firebird-connector
```

Install the connector from a wheel file

1. Download the zip archive.
2. Extract the contents of the archive.
3. Open a terminal window.
4. Verify that you have the pip package installer on your system using the `py -m pip --version` command. If you don't have it, run the following command to install pip.

```
python -m ensurepip --upgrade
```

5. In terminal, navigate to the directory that contains the extracted wheel package.
6. Install the package.

```
pip install devart_firebird_connector-1.0.1-cp312-cp312-macosx_10_9_universa
```

5 Activation

5.1 Activate a license

Activate a license

1. Obtain an activation key using either of the following methods:
   - Copy the activation key that you received in an order confirmation email.
   - Obtain the activation key on the customer portal:
     1. Log in to the customer portal using the login credentials from an order confirmation email.
     2. Click the name of the purchased product on the **Products** page to view the license details.
     3. Click **Copy to clipboard** under **Activation key**.
2. Start the Python shell.
3. Import the module.

```
import devart.firebird
```

4. Specify the activation key using the `activate()` module method.

```
devart.firebird.license.activate("<your_activation_key>")
```

5. (Optional) View the license details.

```
print(devart.firebird.license.summary)
```

5.2 View the license details

View the license details

1. Start the Python shell.
2. Import the `devart.firebird` module.

```
import devart.firebird
```

3. Print the value of the `summary` module attribute.

```
print(devart.firebird.license.summary)
```

5.3 Deactivate a license

Deactivate a license

1. Start the Python shell.

2. Import the `devart.firebird` module.

```
import devart.firebird
```

3. Deactivate your license using the `deactivate` module method.

```
devart.firebird.license.deactivate()
```

6 Using the connector

6.1 Connecting to Firebird

Connecting to Firebird

To establish a connection to a Firebird database, import the connector and use the `connect()` method with your connection parameters.

Step 1. Import the connector

First, import the Firebird connector module:

```
import devart.firebird as firebird
```

Step 2. Establish a connection

Call the `connect()` method and obtain a `connection` object.

```
my_connection = firebird.connect(
    Server="your_server",
    Database="your_database",
    UserId="your_username",
    Password="your_password",
    ClientLibrary="your_client_library"
)
```

Replace the example values with your actual connection values.

For more information, see Connection parameters.

6.2 Connection pooling

Connection pooling

The connector supports connection pooling, which improves performance and scalability by reusing existing database connections. Instead of repeatedly opening and closing connections, the connector retrieves a connection from a pre-established pool, reducing the time and resources required to establish new connections. This is especially beneficial in scenarios that involve frequent connect/disconnect operations.

When you call the `close()` method on a connection object, the connection remains alive and is returned to the pool. When a new connection is created using the `connect()` method, the module retrieves a connection from the pool—unless the pooler has already detected the connection as severed and marked it as invalid. If the pool is empty or lacks a valid connection, a new one is established.

Enable connection pooling

To enable connection pooling, set the value of the `connection_pool.enabled` module attribute to `True`.

The `connection_pool.enabled` attribute is global. If pooling is enabled, all new connections are pooled. Pooling can be disabled for a particular connection using the `DisablePooling` connection string parameter.

```
my_connection = devart.firebird.connect("Server=your_server;Database=your_da
```

Configure connection pooling

You can configure connection pool behavior using the following attributes:

- `connection_pool.min_size`
- `connection_pool.max_size`
- `connection_pool.lifetime`
- `connection_pool.validate`

For more information about the attributes, see the connection pool class.

The following example sets the attributes for the default connection pool, which implicitly has ID `0`.

```
devart.firebird.connection_pool.min_size = 0
devart.firebird.connection_pool.max_size = 1000
devart.firebird.connection_pool.lifetime = 60000
devart.firebird.connection_pool.validate = True
devart.firebird.connection_pool.enabled = True
```

Multiple connection pools

You can define multiple connection pools with different settings. To define settings for a connection pool with a particular ID, use the syntax `connection_pool[pool_id: int]`, where `pool_id` is the ID of the pool. You can also pass the `PoolId` connection string parameter to specify which connection pool needs to be used for a particular connection.

```
devart.firebird.connection_pool[42].max_size = 100
devart.firebird.connection_pool[42].lifetime = 120000
devart.firebird.connection_pool.enabled = True
my_connection = devart.firebird.connect("Server=your_server;Database=your_da
```

Important: Connections are placed in the same pool when all parameters in the connection string are identical. If the parameters differ, connections are placed in separate pools—even if they share the same pool ID. The connector creates a new pool when a connection uses an existing pool ID but has different connection parameters.

Connection validation

Database connections in a pool are validated every 30 seconds to ensure that a broken connection isn't returned from the pool when a connection object is constructed. Invalid connections are destroyed. The connection pooler also validates connections when they are added or released back into the pool (for example, when you call the `connection.close()` method).

If you set the `validate` attribute to `True`, connections are also validated when they are drawn from the pool. In the event of a network issue, all connections to the database may become broken. Therefore, if a fatal error is detected in one connection from the pool, the pooler validates all connections in the pool.

Idle timeout

The pooler removes a connection from the pool after it's been idle for approximately 4 minutes. If no new connections are added to the pool during this time, it becomes empty to save the resources. If you set the `min_size` attribute to a non-zero value, the pool doesn't destroy all idle connections and become empty unless the remaining connections are marked

as invalid.

Maximum pool size

The `max_size` pool attribute limits the number of connections that can be stored in a pool at the same time. When the maximum number of connections in a pool is reached, all future database connections are destroyed once the connection object releases them.

Connection lifetime

You can limit the connection lifetime using the `lifetime` attribute. When a connection object is closed, and a database connection is returned to the pool, the creation time of the connection is compared with the current time. If this timespan exceeds the lifetime value, the connection is destroyed. This technique serves for load balancing.

6.3 Querying data

Querying data

Once connected to Firebird, you can execute SQL queries to retrieve data from your database.

Execute a query

1. Create a `cursor` object using the `cursor()` connection method.

```
my_cursor = my_connection.cursor()
```

2. Execute a SQL query using the `execute()` cursor method.

```
my_cursor.execute("SELECT * FROM employees")
```

3. Retrieve results using one of the `fetch*()` methods.

```
for row in my_cursor.fetchall():
    print(row)
```

Parameterized queries

You can use parameterized queries to pass variable values to your SQL statements. This allows you to reuse the same query with different data and helps to prevent SQL injection attacks.

Pass parameters as a list or tuple to the `execute()` method:

```
query = "SELECT Id, Name FROM Contact WHERE Name = ? AND Email = ?"
params = ["Jordan Sanders", "jordansanders@example.com"]
my_cursor.execute(query, params)
results = my_cursor.fetchall()
for row in results:
    print(row)
```

Each placeholder `?` in the query is replaced with a corresponding value from the parameter list.

7 Connection parameters

Connection parameters

The following table describes the Firebird connection parameters you can use in the `connect()` module method.

Parameter	Description
`Server`	The server name or IP address
`Port`	The port number. The default value is `3050`.
`UserId`	The name of the database user
`Password`	The password of the database user
`Database`	The name of the database
`ClientLibrary`	The path to the Firebird client library
`PoolId`	The ID of a connection pool that will be used for a particular connection
`DisablePooling`	Disables connection pooling for a particular connection. The possible values are `True` and `False`. The default value is `False`.

8 Data types

Data types

The following table describes the supported Firebird data types and their mapping to the Python data types. The type codes returned in the `description` cursor attribute can be used in the `addtypecast()` cursor method.

Firebird data type	Type code	Python data type
BOOLEAN	401	bool
SMALLINT	402	int
INTEGER	403	int
BIGINT	404	int
FLOAT	405	float
DOUBLE	406	float
DECIMAL	407	float
NUMERIC	408	float
INT128	419	float
DECFLOAT16	420	float
DECFLOAT34	421	float
DATE	409	datetime.date
TIME	410	datetime.time
TIMESTAMP	411	datetime.datetime
TIME WITH TIME ZONE	422	datetime.time
TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE	423	datetime.datetime
TIME [WITHOUT TIME ZONE]	424	datetime.time
TIMESTAMP [WITHOUT TIME ZONE]	425	datetime.datetime
CHAR	412	str
VARCHAR	413	str
TEXT	417	str

CHARBIN	414	binary
VARCHARBIN	415	binary
BLOB	416	bytes
ARRAY	418	array.array

9 Class reference

9.1 Module class

Module class

The `module` class provides methods, global properties, exceptions, constructors, and type objects to be used by all connections created in the module.

- Methods
  - connect()
  - activate()
  - deactivate()
- Globals
  - apilevel
  - threadsafety
  - paramstyle
  - connection_pool
  - summary
- Exceptions
  - Warning
  - Error
  - InterfaceError
  - DatabaseError
  - DataError

Methods

`connect(connection string|connection parameters)`

Creates a new connection to the database.

Arguments

`connection string`

A string literal of form `"parameter=value;parameter=value"`

`connection parameters`

A sequence of named parameters

Connection parameters

For the full list of supported connection parameters, see Connection parameters.

Return value

Returns a `connection` object.

Code sample

```
# establising a connection using a connection string
connection1 = devart.firebird.connect("Server=your_server;Database=your_data
# establising a connection using named parameters
connection2 = devart.firebird.connect(
    Server="your_server",
    Database="your_database",
    UserId="your_username",
    Password="your_password",
    ClientLibrary="your_client_library"
)
```

`license.activate(activation key)`

Activates a license.

Arguments

`activation key`

A string literal that contains the activation key.

Remarks

See Activate a license for activation instructions.

`license.deactivate()`

Deactivates a license.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Remarks

See Deactivate a license for deactivation instructions.

Globals

`apilevel`

The DB API level supported by the module. Returns a string value `"2.0"`.

`threadsafety`

The thread safety level of the module. Returns an integer value `2` meaning threads may share the module and connections.

`paramstyle`

The type of parameter marker formatting expected by the module. Returns a string value `"named"` indicating that the module supports named style parameters, such as `...WHERE name=:name`.

`connection_pool`

Returns the connection pooling configuration.

`license.summary`

Returns the license details.

Exceptions

The module provides the following exceptions to make all error information available.

`Warning`

This exception is raised for important warnings like data truncations while inserting, etc. The `Warning` exception is a subclass of the Python `Exception` class.

`Error`

This exception is the base class of all error exceptions. You can use it to catch all errors with a single `except` statement. The `Error` exception is a subclass of the Python `Exception` class.

`InterfaceError`

This exception is raised for errors that are related to the database interface rather than the

database itself. The `InterfaceError` exception is a subclass of `Error`.

`DatabaseError`

This exception is raised for errors that are related to the database. The `DatabaseError` exception is a subclass of `Error`.

`DataError`

This exception is raised for errors caused by issues with the processed data like division by zero, numeric value out of range, etc. The `DataError` exception is a subclass of `DatabaseError`.

`OperationalError`

This exception is raised for errors that are related to the database operation and not necessarily under the control of the developer, for example, an unexpected disconnect occurs, the data source name isn't found, a transaction couldn't be processed, a memory allocation error occurred during processing, etc. The OperationalError exception is a subclass of `DatabaseError`.

`IntegrityError`

This exception raised when the relational integrity of the database is affected, for example, a foreign key check fails. The `IntegrityError` exception is a subclass of `DatabaseError`.

`InternalError`

This exception is raised when the database encounters an internal error, for example, the cursor isn't valid anymore, the transaction is out of sync, etc. The `InternalError` exception is a subclass of `DatabaseError`.

`ProgrammingError`

This exception is raised for programming errors, for example, table not found or already exists, syntax error in the SQL statement, wrong number of parameters specified, etc. The `ProgrammingError` exception is a subclass of `DatabaseError`.

`NotSupportedError`

This exception is raised when a method or database API isn't supported by the database, for example, requesting a `rollback()` on a connection that doesn't support transactions or has transactions turned off. The `NotSupportedError` exception is a subclass of `DatabaseError`.

The complete exception inheritance tree:
`Exception`

`Warning`

`Error`

`InterfaceError`

`DatabaseError`

`DataError`

`OperationalError`

`IntegrityError`

`InternalError`

`ProgrammingError`

`NotSupportedError`

Constructors

The module provides the following constructors for creating date/time objects. The created date/time objects are implemented as Python `datetime` module objects.

`Date(year, month, day)`

Creates an object that holds a date value.

Arguments

`year`

`month`

`day`

Values of type `int` that specify the year, month, and day.

Return value

Returns a `datetime.date` object.

`Time(hour, minute, second[, timezone])`

Creates an object that holds a time value.

Arguments

`hour`

`minute`

Values of type `int` that specify hours and minutes.

`second`

An `int` value that specifies seconds or a `float` value that specifies seconds and microseconds.

`timezone`

(Optional) A value of type `datetime.tzinfo` that specifies a timezone. The value can be `None`.

Return value

Returns a `datetime.time` object.

`Timestamp(year, month, day[, hour[, minute[, second[, timezone]]]])`

Creates an object that holds a timestamp value.

Arguments

`year`

`month`

`day`

Values of type `int` that specify the year, month, and day.

`hour`

`minute`

(Optional) Values of type `int` that specify hours and minutes.

`second`

(Optional) An `int` value that specifies seconds or a `float` value that specifies seconds and microseconds.

`timezone`

(Optional) A value of type `datetime.tzinfo` that specifies a timezone. The value can be `None`.

Return value

Returns a `datetime.datetime` object.

`DateFromTicks(ticks)`

Creates an object that holds a date value from the given ticks value (the number of seconds since the Unix epoch). For more information, see the `time` module in the standard Python documentation.

Arguments

`ticks`

A value of type `float` that specifies number of seconds since the Unix epoch.

Return value

Returns a `datetime.date` object.

`TimeFromTicks(ticks)`

Creates an object that holds a time value from the given ticks value (number of seconds since the Unix epoch). For more information, see the `time` module in the standard Python documentation.

Arguments

`ticks`

A value of type `float` that specifies number of seconds since the Unix epoch.

Return value

Returns a `datetime.time` object.

`TimestampFromTicks(ticks)`

Creates an object that holds a timestamp value from the given ticks value (number of seconds since the Unix epoch). For more information, see the `time` module in the standard Python documentation.

Arguments

`ticks`

A value of type `float` that specifies number of seconds since the Unix epoch.

Return value

Returns a `datetime.datetime` object.

The module provides the following additional constructors.

`Binary(value)`

Creates an object that holds binary data.

Arguments

`value`

A value of type `str`, `bytes`, `bytearray`, `array.array`, or a `binary` object.

Return value

Returns a `binary` object.

Type objects

The module provides the following type objects to create mapping between the Firebird database types and Python types. You can use these type objects as arguments for the `addtypecast()` cursor method to define a data type cast rule to use when fetching data from the cursor. They can also be used to determine the Python types of the result columns returned by the `execute*()` cursor methods.

`STRING`

This type object describes string-based columns in a database.

`BINARY`

This type object describes binary columns in a database.

`NUMBER`

This type object describes numeric columns in a database.

`DATETIME`

This type object describes date/time columns in a database.

`ROWID`

This type object describes the `row ID` column in a database.

Code sample

```
cursor.execute("select column1 from table1")
# check if the first column in the result set is string-based so that its va
if cursor.description[0].type_code in firebird.STRING:
    # do something
```

The module provides the following additional type objects.

`binary`

This type object describes an object that holds binary data. By default, this type object is used to fetch BLOB-based columns from the cursor. You can also create a `binary` object using

the `Binary()` constructor.

Attributes

`value`

A value of type `bytes` that represents binary data. This is a read/write attribute that accepts values of type `str`, `bytes`, `bytearray`, `array.array`, and `binary`.

9.2 Connection class

Connection class

The `connection` class encapsulates a database session. It provides methods for creating cursors, type casting, and transaction handling. Connections are created using the `connect()` module method.

- Methods
  - cursor()
  - commit()
  - rollback()
  - addtypecast()
  - cleartypecast()
  - close()
- Attributes
  - connectstring
- Exceptions

Methods

`cursor()`

Creates a new cursor object, which is used to manage the context of fetch operations.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Return value

Returns a `cursor` object.

`commit()`

Commits any pending transaction to the database.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

`rollback()`

Causes the database to roll back any pending transaction.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Remarks

Closing a connection without first committing changes causes an implicit rollback.

`addtypecast(database type|module type object|column name|description|dictionary[, Python type])`

Defines a data type cast rule to use when fetching data from the cursor.

Arguments

`database type`

An `int` value that specifies the database data type code. You can also pass multiple data type codes in a `tuple` or `list`.

`module type object`

A `module type object` that specifies the family of the database data types.

`column name`

A string literal that specifies the name of the database column. You can also pass multiple string literals in a `tuple` or `list`.

`description`

A `description` object that describes the column in a rowset. You can also pass multiple objects in a `tuple` or `list`.

`dictionary`

A `dictionary` of pairs `column name:Python type` that specifies individual cast rules for a set of columns. The method argument `Python type` can be omitted.

`Python type`

A Python type object that specifies the target type to which to cast the database type, or an `int` value which means that the column will be of type `str` and defines its maximum length.

Code sample

```
connection = devart.firebird.connect("Server=your_server;Database=your_datab
# all database columns with data type code 402 (Firebird database type SMALL
connection.addtypecast(402, int)
# all numeric database columns will be fetched as strings
connection.addtypecast(devart.firebird.NUMBER, str)
# data of "column1" will be fetched as a string
connection.addtypecast("column1", str)
# data of "column2" will be fetched as `int` and data of "column3" will be f
connection.addtypecast({"column2":int, "column3":50})
```

Remarks

The cast rule affects all cursors created within the connection. To define a cast rule for a particular cursor, use the `addtypecast()` cursor method. The type code of a database column can be obtained from the `type_code` attribute of the corresponding element of the `description` cursor attribute.

`cleartypecast()`

Removes all data type cast rules defined for the connection.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Remarks

This method doesn't remove cast rules defined for a particular cursor using the `addtypecast()` cursor method.

`close()`

Closes the connection.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Remarks

The connection becomes unusable after calling this method. The `InterfaceError` exception is raised if any operation is attempted with the connection. The same applies to all cursor objects trying to use the connection. Closing a connection prior to committing changes causes an implicit rollback.

Attributes

`connectstring`

A read-only attribute that returns a string literal of the form `"parameter=value;parameter=value"` that contains the parameters for the current connection.

Exceptions

The `connection` class provides a set of exception classes that exactly match the module exceptions. This simplifies error handling in environments with multiple connections.

9.3 Cursor class

Cursor class

The `cursor` class represents a database cursor, which is used to manage the context of fetch operations. This class provides methods for executing SQL statements and operating rowsets. Cursors are created using the `cursor()` connection method.

- Methods
  - setinputsizes()
  - execute()
  - executemany()

Methods

`setinputsizes([sizes])`

Defines parameter types for subsequent calls to the `execute*()` method.

Arguments

`sizes`

(Optional) A sequence (`list` or `tuple`) with one item for each input parameter. The item should be a type object that defines the type of the input parameter, or an integer value specifying the maximum length of the string parameter. If the item is `None`, the parameter type is determined by the value provided in the `execute*()` method.

Code sample

```
cursor = connection.cursor()
# in the further call to cursor.execute() the supplied parameters will be tr
cursor.setinputsizes(int, float, 20)
```

Remarks

Once set, the types of parameters are retained on subsequent calls to the `execute*()` method until the cursor is closed by calling `close()`. To clear the set parameter types, call the method with no arguments.

execute(operation[, parameters])

Prepares and executes a database operation.

Arguments

`operation`

A string literal that specifies the database command (SQL statement) to be executed.

`parameters`

(Optional) Can be specified as either:

- A sequence (`list` or `tuple`) of values, or
- A dictionary of `"parameter_name": parameter_value` pairs,

to be bound to the corresponding parameters of the operation.

Code sample

```
cursor = connection.cursor()
  cursor.execute("create table test_table(column1 , column2 )")
  cursor.execute("insert into test_table(column1, column2) values(:parameter
  cursor.execute("insert into test_table(column1, column2) values(:parameter
```

Remarks

The types of the input parameters can be pre-specified using the `setinputsizes()` method. To execute a batch operation that affects multiple rows in a single operation,

use the `executemany()` method.

`executemany(operation[, sequence of parameters])`

Prepares and executes a batch database operation.

Arguments

`operation`

A string literal that specifies the database command (SQL statement) to be executed.

`parameters`

(Optional) A sequence (`list` or `tuple`) of parameter sets. Each parameter set can be:

- A sequence (`list` or `tuple`) of values, or
- A dictionary of `"parameter_name": parameter_value` pairs,

to be bound to the corresponding parameters of the operation.

Code sample

```
cursor = connection.cursor()
 cursor.execute(
  "create table test_table(column1 , column2 )")
 cursor.executemany(
  "insert into test_table(column1, column2) values(:parameter1, :parameter2)
 cursor.executemany("insert into test_table(column1, column2) values(:parame
        [
         {"parameter1": 4, "parameter2": 4},
         {"parameter1": 5, "parameter2": 5},
         {"parameter1": 6, "parameter2": 6}
        ])
```

Remarks

The types of the input parameters can be pre-specified using the `setinputsizes()` method. This method is significantly faster than executing the `execute()` method in a loop.

`fetchone()`

Fetches the next row of a query result set.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Return value

Returns a single sequence (`tuple`, `list` or `dict` according to the `rowtype` value) that contains values for each queried database column, or `None` when no more data is available.

Remarks

The `ProgrammingError` exception is raised if the previous call to the `execute*()` method didn't produce any result set, or no call has been made yet.

`fetchmany([size=cursor.arraysize])`

Fetches the next set of rows of a query result.

Arguments

`size`

(Optional) The number of rows to fetch per call. If the number isn't specified, the `arraysize` attribute determines the number of rows to be fetched.

Return value

Returns a `list` of sequences (`tuples`, `lists` or `dicts` according to the `rowtype` value) for each result row. Each sequence contains values for each queried database column. An empty `list` is returned when no more rows are available.

Remarks

The `ProgrammingError` exception is raised if the previous call to the `execute*()` method didn't produce any result set, or no call has been made yet.

`fetchall()`

Fetches all remaining rows of a query result.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Return value

Returns a `list` of sequences (`tuples`, `lists` or `dicts` according to the `rowtype` value) for each result row. Each sequence contains values for each queried database column. An empty `list` is returned when no more rows are available.

Remarks

This method returns as many rows as are left in the result set, regardless of the `arraysize` value. The `ProgrammingError` exception is raised if the previous call to the `execute*()` method didn't produce any result set or no call has been made yet.

`next()`

Returns the next row from the currently executed SQL statement.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Return value

Returns a single `tuple` that contains values for each queried database column.

Remarks

This method uses the same semantics as `fetchone()`, except that the standard `StopIteration` exception is thrown if no more rows are available.

`scroll(value[, mode='relative'])`

Scrolls the cursor in the result set to a new position.

Arguments

`value`

An `int` value that specifies the new cursor position.

`mode`

(Optional) The value can be either `relative` or `absolute`. If the `mode` is `relative` (the default value), the `value` is taken as offset to the current position in the result set. If the `mode` is set to `absolute`, the `value` states an absolute target position.

Remarks

The `IndexError` exception is raised in case a scroll operation attempts to access an item beyond the bounds of the result set. In this case, the cursor position is left unchanged.

`addtypecast(database type|module type object|column name|description|dictionary[, Python type])`

Defines a data type cast rule to use when fetching data from the cursor.

Arguments

`database type`

An `int` value that specifies the database data type code. You can also pass multiple data type codes in a `tuple` or `list`.

`module type object`

A `module type object` that specifies the family of the database data types.

`column name`

A string literal that specifies the name of the database column. You can also pass multiple string literals in a `tuple` or `list`.

`description`

A `description` object that describes the column in a rowset. You can also pass multiple objects in a `tuple` or `list`.

`dictionary`

A `dictionary` of pairs `column name:Python type` that specifies individual cast rules for a set of columns. The method argument `Python type` can be omitted.

`Python type`

A Python type object that specifies the target type to which to cast the database type, or an `int` value, which means that the column will be treated as a `string` with the specified maximum length.

Code sample

```
cursor = connection.cursor()
# all columns with the data type code 402 (Firebird type `SMALLINT`) will be
cursor.addtypecast(402, int)
# all numeric columns will be fetched as strings
cursor.addtypecast(firebird.NUMBER, str)
# data of "column1" will be fetched as a string
cursor.addtypecast("column1", str)
# data of "column2" will be fetched as `int` and data of "column3" will be f
cursor.addtypecast({"column2":int, "column3":50})
```

Remarks

The cast rule affects only the current cursor. To define the cast rule for all cursors created within the connection, use the `addtypecast()` connection method. The type code of a database column can be obtained from the `type_code` attribute of the corresponding element of the `description` attribute.

`cleartypecast()`

Removes all data type cast rules defined for the cursor.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Remarks

This method doesn't remove cast rules defined for the entire connection using the `addtypecast()` connection method.

`close()`

Closes the cursor.

Arguments

This method has no arguments.

Remarks

After calling this method, the cursor can no longer be used. The `InterfaceError` exception is raised if any operation is attempted with the cursor.

`setoutputsize(int size[, int column])`

This method is provided for compatibility with the DB API 2.0 specification. It currently does nothing but is safe to call.

Attributes

`connection`

A read-only attribute that specifies the `connection` object to which the cursor belongs.

`arraysize`

A read/write attribute that specifies the number of rows to fetch at a time with the `fetchmany()` method.

Remarks

The default value of the attribute is `1`, meaning to fetch a single row at a time.

`rowtype`

A read/write attribute that specifies the type of rows fetched with the `fetch*()` method.

The possible attribute values are `tuple`, `list`, and `dict`.

Remarks

The default value of the attribute is `tuple`.

`description`

A read-only attribute that describes the columns in a rowset returned by the cursor.

Return value

Returns a `tuple` of `description` objects with the following attributes:

`name`

The name of the column in the rowset

`type_code`

The database type code that corresponds to the type of the column

`display_size`

The actual length of the column in characters for a character column, `None` otherwise

`internal size`

The size in bytes used by the connector to store the column data

`precision`

The total number of significant digits for a numeric column, `None` otherwise

`scale`

The number of digits in the fractional part for a numeric column, `None` otherwise

`null_ok`

`Py_True` if the corresponding database column accepts `NULL` values, `Py_False` otherwise

Remarks

The attribute is `None` for operations that don't return rows or if no operation has been invoked for the cursor via the `execute()` method yet. The `type_code` attribute can be used in the `addtypecast()` method to define a data type cast rule for the corresponding column.

`rowcount`

A read-only attribute that specifies the number of rows that the last `execute()` call produced by a `SELECT` statement or affected by `UPDATE` or `INSERT` statements.

Remarks

The value of this attribute is `-1` if no `execute()` call has been made on the cursor or the rowcount of the last operation cannot be determined.

`rownumber`

A read-only attribute that specifies the current 0-based index of the cursor in the result set.

Remarks

The next `fetch*()` retrieves rows starting from the current `rownumber` index. The attribute initial value is always `0`, regardless of whether the `execute()` call returned a rowset or not.

`lastrowid`

This read-only attribute is provided for compatibility with the DB API 2.0 specification. It currently returns `None`.

9.4 Connection pool class

Connection pool class

The `connection_pool` class is used to manage the connection pooling mechanism. This class provides properties for enabling and configuring pooling.

- Properties
  - enabled
  - max_size
  - min_size
  - lifetime
  - validate

Properties

`enabled`

Enables connection pooling.

Syntax

```
enabled = False | True
```

Remarks

Set `enabled` to `True` to enable connection pooling. The default value is `False`.

max_size

The maximum number of connections allowed in the pool

Syntax

```
max_size = int
max_size[pool_id: int] = int
```

Remarks

When the maximum number of connections in the pool is reached, new database connections will be destroyed instead of released back into the pool after you close them. The default value of `max_size` is `100`.

If no pool ID (`pool_id`) is specified, the maximum number of connections is set for the default connection pool. If the pool ID is specified, the maximum number of connections is set for the pool with the given ID.

min_size

The minimum number of connections maintained in the pool

Syntax

```
min_size = int
min_size[pool_id: int] = int
```

Remarks

Set this property to a non-zero value to prevent removing all connections from the pool after they have been idle for a long time. The default value of `min_size` is `0`.

If no pool ID (`pool_id`) is specified, the minimum number of connections is set for the default connection pool. If the pool ID is specified, the minimum number of connections is set for the pool with the given ID.

lifetime

The maximum time (in milliseconds) during which a database connection will be kept in the connection pool

Syntax

```
lifetime = int
lifetime[pool_id: int] = int
```

Remarks

The creation time of a connection is compared with the current time, and the connection is destroyed if that timespan exceeds the lifetime. If `lifetime` is set to `0` (by default), the lifetime of a connection is infinite.

If no pool ID (`pool_id`) is specified, the connection lifetime is set for the default connection pool. If the pool ID is specified, the maximum number of connections is set for the pool with the given ID.

`validate`

Specifies whether to validate a connection when it's returned from the pool.

Syntax

```
validate[pool_id: int] = False | True
```

Remarks

If the value of `validate` is `False`, the pool will validate a connection only when it's added to the pool. If the value is `True`, the pool will validate a connection when it's added or drawn from the pool. The default value is `False`.

If no pool ID (`pool_id`) is specified, the validation rule is set for the default connection pool. If the pool ID is specified, the rule is set for the pool with the given ID.

10 Support

Support

This page describes the support options and programs available for users of Python Connector for Firebird.

Support options

The following support options are available for users of Python Connector for Firebird:

- Annual maintenance and support service through the Python Connector for Firebird Subscription program
- Community assistance and technical support through the community forum.
- Advanced technical support from the product developers through the Python Connector for Firebird Priority Support program.

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12 Uninstall the connector

Uninstall the connector

To uninstall the connector, run the following command.

```
pip uninstall devart-firebird-connector
```