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## Database Toolbox Product Description

### Exchange data with relational databases

Database Toolbox™ provides an app and functions for exchanging data between relational databases and MATLAB®. You can use SQL commands to read and write data or use the Database Explorer app to interact with a database without using SQL.

The toolbox supports ODBC-compliant and JDBC-compliant databases, including Oracle®, MySQL®, Sybase®, Microsoft® SQL Server®, and Informix®. You can apply simple and advanced conditions to database queries from MATLAB. The toolbox lets you access multiple databases simultaneously within a single MATLAB session and enables segmented import of large data sets.

### Key Features

- Database Explorer app for working with databases interactively
- JDBC-compliant database connections
- ODBC-compliant database connections, with the option for fast access via a native ODBC driver
- Functions for executing queries using SQL files and SQL statements
- Data import and export with multiple databases in a single session
- Large data set import via a single transaction or via multiple transactions of segmented data
- Direct data import into numeric, cell, structure, and dataset arrays

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## Connecting to Databases

Before you can use this toolbox to connect to a database, you must set up the data sources. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

## Platform Support

This toolbox runs on all platforms that the MATLAB software supports.

For details, see Database Toolbox system requirements at <http://www.mathworks.com/products/database/requirements.html>.

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**Note:** This toolbox does not support running MATLAB software sessions with the `-nojvm` startup option enabled on UNIX<sup>®</sup> platforms. (UNIX is a registered trademark of The Open Group in the United States and other countries.)

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## Database Support

This toolbox supports importing and exporting data from any ODBC- and/or JDBC-compliant database management system, including:

- IBM DB2<sup>®</sup>
- IBM<sup>®</sup> Informix
- Ingres<sup>®</sup>

- Microsoft Access™
- Microsoft Excel®
- Microsoft SQL Server
- MySQL
- Oracle
- PostgreSQL (Postgres)
- Sybase SQL Anywhere®
- Sybase SQL Server®

If you are upgrading an earlier version of a database, you need not do anything special for this toolbox. Simply configure the data sources for the new version of the database application as you did for the original version.

## Driver Support

This toolbox requires a database driver. Typically, you install a driver when you install a database. For instructions about how to install a database driver, consult your database administrator.

On Microsoft Windows® platforms, the toolbox supports Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) drivers and Oracle Java® Database Connectivity (JDBC) drivers.

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**Note:** If you receive this message:

Invalid string or buffer length.

you might be using the wrong driver.

The JDBC/ODBC bridge is known to have issues with 64-bit database systems. Use a JDBC driver or the native ODBC interface to connect to these databases.

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On UNIX platforms, the toolbox supports Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) drivers. If your database does not ship with JDBC drivers, download drivers from the Oracle JDBC Web site at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/enterprise-edition/jdbc-112010-090769.html>.

## **Structured Query Language (SQL)**

This toolbox supports American National Standards Institute (ANSI<sup>®</sup>) standard SQL commands.

## Data Type Support

You can import the following data types into the MATLAB Workspace and export them back to your database:

- BOOLEAN
- CHAR
- DATE
- DECIMAL
- DOUBLE
- FLOAT
- INTEGER
- LONGCHAR
- NUMERIC
- REAL
- SMALLINT
- TIME
- TIMESTAMP

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**Note:** When importing `TIMESTAMP` data into MATLAB, you might get an incorrect value near the daylight savings time change. Possible workarounds are to convert `TIMESTAMP` data to strings in your SQL query, and then convert them back to your desired type in MATLAB, or try using a different driver for your database.

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- TINYINT

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**Note:** Database Toolbox interprets the `TINYINT` data type as `BOOLEAN` and imports it into the MATLAB workspace as logical `true` (1) or `false` (0). For details about how Database Toolbox handles `BOOLEAN` data, see “Importing and Exporting Boolean Data” on page 5-57.

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- VARCHAR
- NTEXT

You can import data of types not included in this list into the MATLAB Workspace. However, you might need to manipulate such data before you can process it in MATLAB.

**Note:** Data types LONGCHAR and NTEXT are not supported for the native ODBC interface.

## Data Retrieval Restrictions

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“Reserved Words in Column Names” on page 1-8

### Spaces in Table Names or Column Names

Microsoft Access supports the use of spaces in table and column names, but most other databases do not. Queries that retrieve data from tables and fields whose names contain spaces require delimiters around table names and field names. In Access, enclose the table names or field names in quotation marks, for example, "order id". Other databases use different delimiters, such as brackets, [ ]. In Visual Query Builder, table names and field names that include spaces appear in quotation marks.

### Quotation Marks in Table Names or Column Names

Do not include quotation marks in table names or column names. The Database Toolbox software does not support data retrieval from table and column names that contain quotation marks.

### Reserved Words in Column Names

You cannot use the Database Toolbox software to import or export data in columns whose names contain database reserved words, such as DATE or TABLE.



## Creating and Running SQL Queries

You can select data from your database and import it into MATLAB by doing any of the following:

- Use Database Explorer or the command line.
- Write queries using SQL.
- Use MATLAB to generate the SQL.

Then, if you want to repeat your tasks, then automate them by generating a MATLAB script.

Writing a query requires knowledge of SQL and experience using the command line. Use the `exec` function to write SQL if you have short or simple SQL queries that are easy to write as a string. Also, use the `exec` function to add MATLAB variables to your SQL query string. If you have a long SQL query or multiple SQL queries that you want to run sequentially, then create an SQL script file containing your SQL queries and use the `runsqlscript` function.

If you are unfamiliar with writing SQL code, then you can use Database Explorer to create SQL queries. For details, see “Define Query Criteria to Refine Results”. After creating the query using Database Explorer, you can generate the SQL for this query. For details, see “Save Queries as SQL Code”. You can embed the generated SQL into the `exec` function SQL string. Or, you can create an SQL script file to use with the `runsqlscript` function.

If you want to automate the current task after the SQL is created, then generate a MATLAB script. For details, see “Generate MATLAB Code”.



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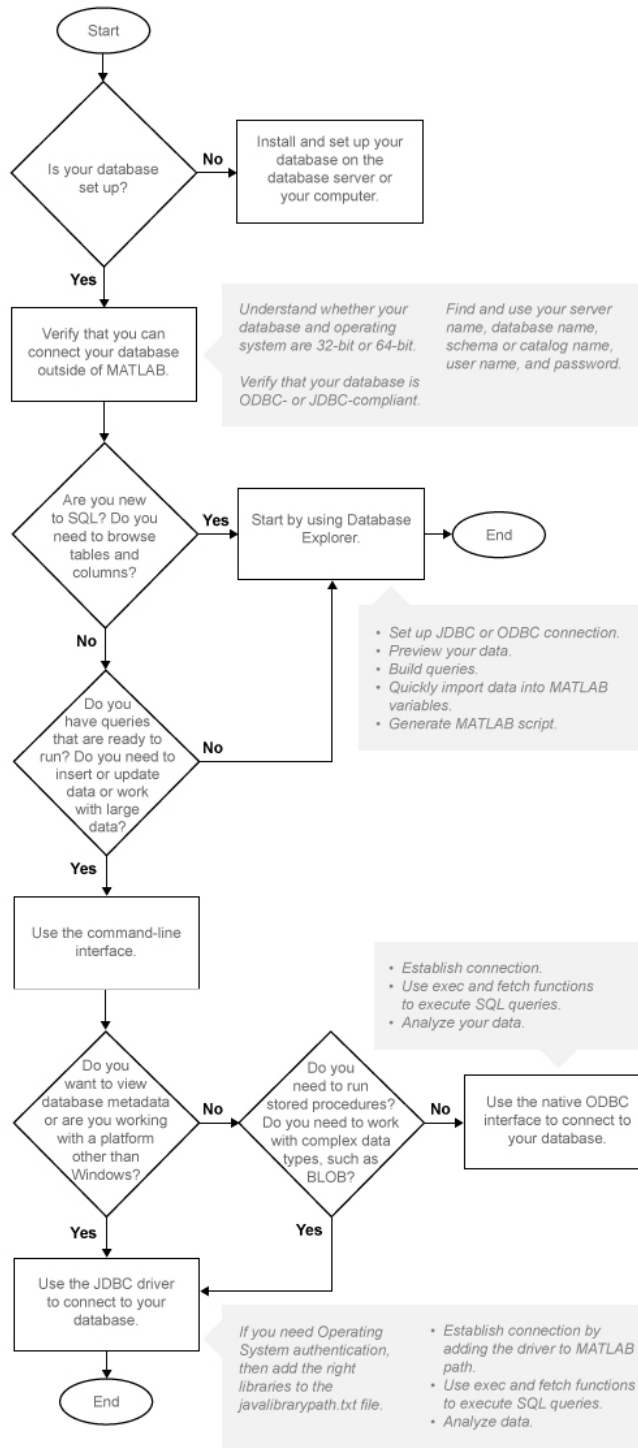
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## Working with a Database and MATLAB

This tutorial shows how to use Database Toolbox. You must make many decisions to start using this toolbox. Use these steps and flowchart as a guide for choosing the right options to get maximum benefit from using this toolbox and for understanding its capabilities.

- 1** Install your database. For details, refer to your database administrator or your database documentation.
- 2** Choose whether you want to use Database Explorer or the command line using the following flowchart.
- 3** Choose whether you want to use an ODBC or JDBC driver. For details, see “Choosing Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers” on page 2-10.
- 4** For ODBC drivers, the driver is typically preinstalled on your computer. For JDBC drivers, you must install the driver. For details about ODBC and JDBC drivers, see Driver Installation. If you have questions about which driver you need, refer to your database administrator or your database documentation.
- 5** Define your data source for ODBC-compliant drivers or add the full path of the driver to the static Java class path for JDBC-compliant drivers. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.
- 6** Test the connection to your database using Database Explorer or the command line.
- 7** Connect to your database using Database Explorer or the command line. For details, see “Connecting to a Database” on page 2-191.
- 8** Select data from your database and import the data into a MATLAB variable using Database Explorer or the command line `exec` and `fetch` functions. For details, see “Selecting Data” on page 2-195.
- 9** Insert data into your database by exporting data from a MATLAB variable using `datainsert`, `fastinsert`, and `insert` functions. For details, see “Inserting Data Using the Command Line” on page 2-197.
- 10** Generate a MATLAB script to automate your tasks using the Database Explorer import functionality. For details, see “Generate MATLAB Code” on page 4-26.
- 11** For a graphical representation of the steps and the decisions you must make, see the following flowchart.



## **More About**

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

## Connection Options

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“Defining Operating System Authentication” on page 2-6
“Connection Options” on page 2-6
“Working with Multiple Databases” on page 2-8

### Creating or Connecting to a Data Source

If you already have your driver installed, you can create a data source for an ODBC driver or add the JDBC driver to the Java class path in MATLAB using the examples in “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13. Otherwise, see Driver Installation to help you install your driver. If your data sources are defined, then you are ready to connect to your database. If you created JDBC data sources using VQB, then see “Migrate from VQB to Database Explorer” on page 4-2. For details, see “Connecting to a Database” on page 2-191. Once connected, you can begin to explore your database using Database Explorer or the command line to view your data. For details, see “Selecting Data” on page 2-195.

### Defining Operating System Authentication

Operating system authentication allows you to connect to your database using your operating system user account. The operating system performs user validation and the database does not require a different user name and password. Operating system authentication facilitates easy maintenance of database access credentials. For example, Windows provides operating system authentication that can be configured to work with a Microsoft SQL Server database. For details about Microsoft SQL Server Windows authentication, see “Step 3. Set up the operating system authentication.” on page 2-36

### Connection Options

There are numerous ways to connect to your database using Database Toolbox. The following explains each option. Use this table to choose your best option.



Connection Option	Why Use This Option?
Database Explorer	<p>Use Database Explorer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually inspect the structure, or schema, of your database.</li> <li>• View the tables and columns and rows in a table to assess the general size of your database.</li> <li>• Select the data in a table and import it into a MATLAB variable.</li> <li>• Generate a MATLAB script.</li> <li>• Generate an SQL query.</li> </ul> <p>For details, see “Selecting Data” on page 2-195.</p>
Command line	<p>Use the command line to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import data from a database into MATLAB.</li> <li>• Export data from MATLAB into a database.</li> <li>• Work with large amounts of data.</li> <li>• Run SQL queries stored in text files.</li> <li>• Run stored procedures and functions.</li> </ul>

There are multiple options to connect to your database using the command line. Use this table to choose your best option.

Connection Option	Why Use This Option?
Native ODBC connection using the command line	<p>Connect to your database with maximum performance. For details about the native ODBC interface, see “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”.</p>
JDBC connection using the command line	<p>Achieve maximum platform independence. Use functionality not supported by native ODBC.</p>
ODBC connection using the command line	<p>Only use this option after trying to connect to your database using the native ODBC and JDBC connections.</p>

### **Working with Multiple Databases**

You can connect to multiple databases using Database Explorer or the command line. For details, see “Work with Multiple Databases” on page 4-17.

### **More About**

- “Choosing Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers” on page 2-10
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface” on page 3-17
- “Selecting Data” on page 2-195

## Initial Setup Requirements

Refer to the setup requirements below to establish the first connection to your database.

- For ODBC drivers, ensure 32-bit or 64-bit compatibility across your driver, database, operating system, and MATLAB. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.
- If you use Visual Query Builder (VQB) to explore the data in your database, you need to migrate to the Database Explorer app. For details, see “Migrate from VQB to Database Explorer” on page 4-2.
- Ensure you know the name of your database server or machine, the name of your database, the port number, and your user name and password. For ODBC drivers, once you create a data source, remember the data source name. For JDBC drivers, ensure you know the file path of where the JDBC driver is installed. For some JDBC drivers, you might need the URL string and the driver Java class object. For some databases, you might need to know more credentials. Contact your database administrator for all required database credentials needed for establishing connection to your database.
- Ensure you have access to your database and driver documentation.
- Check if your database uses operating system authentication. If you can connect to your database from outside of MATLAB without providing a user name and password, then your database uses operating system authentication. Exceptions to this rule are databases set up without any operating system or database authentication requirements, such as Microsoft Access or SQLite database files. Additional steps might be required to set up connection to your database using operating system authentication from MATLAB.
- Ensure you have write access to the path MATLAB displays after executing `prefdir` on the command line.

## Choosing Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers

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### Defining Database Drivers

Different database vendors, such as Microsoft or Oracle, might implement their database systems using various technologies depending on customer needs, market demands, and several other factors. Software applications written in popular programming languages, such as C, C++, or Java, need a way to communicate with these databases. Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) and Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) are standards for drivers that enable programmers to write database-agnostic software applications. ODBC and JDBC are simply standards, or a set of rules recommended for efficient communication with a database. The database vendor is responsible for implementing and providing drivers that are committed to follow these rules.

### Deciding Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers

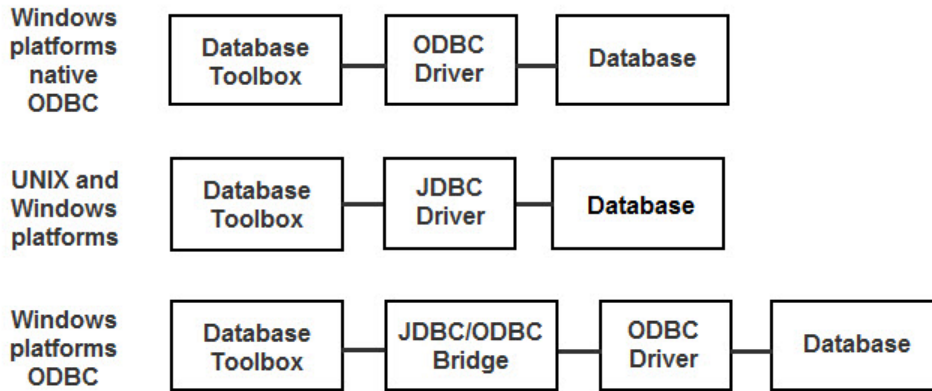
ODBC is a standard Microsoft Windows interface that enables communication between database management systems and applications typically written in C or C++.

JDBC is a standard interface that enables communication between applications based on Oracle Java and database management systems.

The JDBC/ODBC bridge is a Java library that allows Java applications to access the ODBC interface.

Database Toolbox has a Java library that connects directly to a pure JDBC driver or uses the JDBC/ODBC bridge to connect to an ODBC driver. The JDBC/ODBC bridge is automatically installed as part of the MATLAB JVM™. Database Toolbox also has a C++ library that connects natively to an ODBC driver.

The following figure illustrates how drivers interact with Database Toolbox.



Depending on your environment and what you want to accomplish, you need to decide whether using an ODBC driver or a JDBC driver suits your needs the best. Use the following to help you decide.

Use native ODBC for:

- Fastest performance for data imports and exports
- Memory-intensive data imports and exports

Use JDBC for:

- Platform independence allowing you to work with any operating system (including Mac and Linux<sup>®</sup>), driver version, or bitness (32-bit or 64-bit)
- Using Database Toolbox functions not supported by native ODBC (such as `runstoredprocedure` and metadata functions `tables` or `columnnames`)
- Working with complex or long data types (e.g., `LONG`, `BLOB`, text, etc.)

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**Tip:** On Windows systems that support both ODBC and JDBC drivers, pure JDBC drivers and the native ODBC interface provide better connectivity and performance than the JDBC/ODBC bridge. First, use the native ODBC or JDBC drivers to connect to your database. Use the JDBC/ODBC bridge only after trying to connect through native ODBC or JDBC drivers.

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For a list of native ODBC supported functionality and a full comparison of the JDBC/ODBC bridge to native ODBC, see “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”.

## Configuring a Driver and Data Source

Connect to a database and interact with the data by first installing the driver for the database. Then, define a data source for ODBC or add the full path of the driver to the static Java class path for JDBC so your computer can establish a connection to the database.

A Data Source Name (DSN) is the logical name that is used by Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) to refer to the drive and other information that is required to access data. This name is used to connect to an ODBC data source, such as a Microsoft SQL Server database.

Find your database environment in the following table by choosing your platform across the top and your database on the left. The link brings you to a page where you can find information about installing the correct driver, defining a data source for ODBC or adding the full path of your driver to the static Java class path for JDBC, and establishing a database connection.

Database	Platform		
	Windows	Mac OS X 64-bit	Linux 64-bit
Microsoft Access	“Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows” on page 2-15		
Microsoft SQL Server	“Microsoft SQL Server ODBC for Windows” on page 2-23  “Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Windows” on page 2-33	“Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Mac OS X” on page 2-104	“Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Linux” on page 2-111
Oracle	“Oracle ODBC for Windows” on page 2-44  “Oracle JDBC for Windows” on page 2-48	“Oracle JDBC for Mac OS X” on page 2-118	“Oracle JDBC for Linux” on page 2-125

Database	Platform		
	Windows	Mac OS X 64-bit	Linux 64-bit
MySQL	<p>“MySQL ODBC for Windows” on page 2-57</p> <p>“MySQL JDBC for Windows” on page 2-63</p>	<p>“MySQL JDBC for Mac OS X” on page 2-132</p>	<p>“MySQL JDBC for Linux” on page 2-139</p>
PostgreSQL	<p>“PostgreSQL ODBC for Windows” on page 2-69</p> <p>“PostgreSQL JDBC for Windows” on page 2-76</p>	<p>“PostgreSQL JDBC for Mac OS X” on page 2-146</p>	<p>“PostgreSQL JDBC for Linux” on page 2-153</p>
SQLite	<p>“SQLite JDBC for Windows” on page 2-82</p>	<p>“SQLite JDBC for Mac OS X” on page 2-160</p>	<p>“SQLite JDBC for Linux” on page 2-167</p>
Sybase	<p>“Sybase ODBC for Windows” on page 2-89</p> <p>“Sybase JDBC for Windows” on page 2-97</p>	<p>“Sybase JDBC for Mac OS X” on page 2-174</p>	<p>“Sybase JDBC for Linux” on page 2-181</p>

Mac 32-bit and Linux 32-bit platforms are not supported. Microsoft Access is not supported for Mac 64-bit and Linux 64-bit platforms.

For ODBC- or JDBC- compliant databases that are not listed in the table, see “Other ODBC- or JDBC-Compliant Databases” on page 2-188.

## More About

- “Choosing Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers” on page 2-10



## Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Microsoft Access database. This tutorial uses the 32-bit Microsoft Access Driver (\*.mdb, \*.accdb) Version 14.00.6015.1000 to connect to the Microsoft Access 2010 Version 14.0.6129.5000 (32-bit) database.

### In this section...

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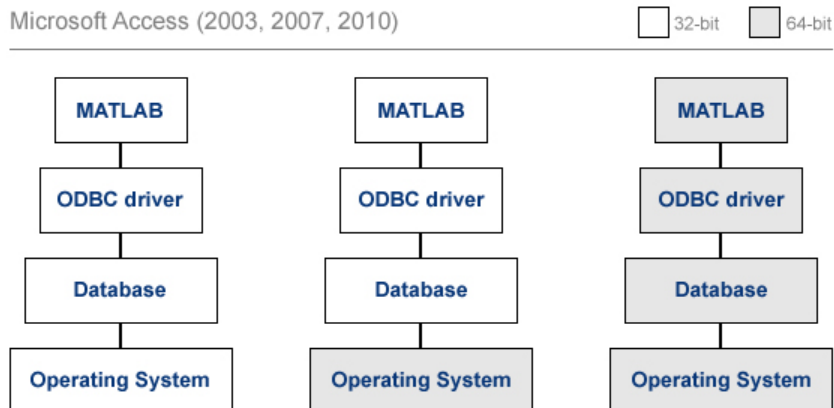
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“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-16

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-19

### Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.

This diagram shows the operating system, database, ODBC driver, and MATLAB software that are installed on your machine. You can install the database locally or remotely. These graphics indicate that the bitness (32-bit or 64-bit) of MATLAB, ODBC driver, and the database must match. Otherwise, MATLAB displays an error. For details about the error, see “Database Connection Error Messages” on page 3-9.



If you are running 32-bit or 64-bit MATLAB, the corresponding 32-bit or 64-bit Microsoft ODBC Administrator opens when you start creating a new ODBC data source using

Database Explorer. The drivers listed in the Create New Data Source dialog box in the Microsoft ODBC Administrator are also 32-bit or 64-bit respectively.

### Step 2. Verify the driver installation.

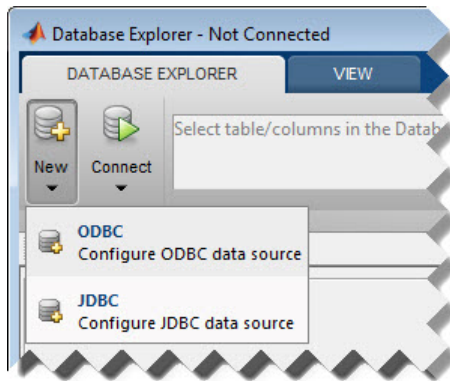
The ODBC driver is typically preinstalled on your computer. For details about the driver installation or troubleshooting the installation, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation on ODBC drivers. For information about the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator, see Driver Installation.

### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

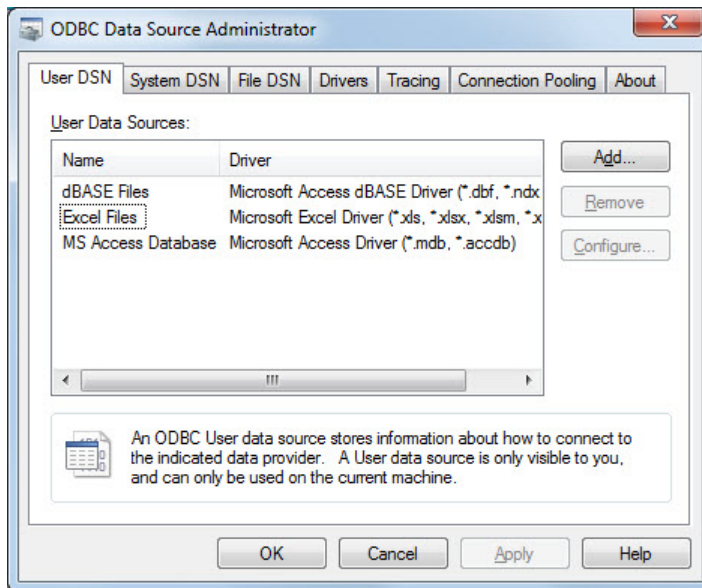
Set up your Microsoft Access database using Database Explorer. When setting up a data source for use with an ODBC driver, you can locate the target database on a PC running the Windows operating system or on another system to which the PC is networked. These instructions use the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator Version 6.1 for the U.S. English version of Microsoft Access 2010 for Windows systems.

When using a 32-bit version of Microsoft Office, you must also use a 32-bit version of MATLAB to complete the following steps.

- 1 Close all open databases, including `tutorial.mdb`, in the database program.
- 2 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 3 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > ODBC**.



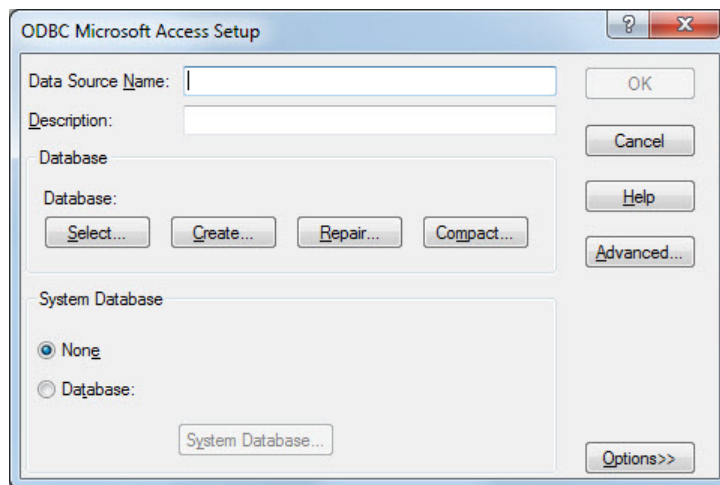
In the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box, you can define the ODBC data source.



- 4 Click the **User DSN** tab and then click **Add**. When setting up an ODBC data source, you can use a User DSN or System DSN. A User DSN is specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under User DSN are seen only by that specific user. Conversely, a System DSN is not specific to the user on a machine. Any

data sources a user defines under System DSN on a machine can be seen by any user who logs into that machine. Your ability to set up a User DSN or System DSN might depend on the database and ODBC driver you are using. For details, contact your database administrator or your database ODBC driver documentation.

- 5 A list of installed ODBC drivers appears in the Create New Data Source dialog box. Select **Microsoft Access Driver (\*.mdb, \*.accdb)** and click **Finish**.
- 6 In the ODBC Microsoft Access Setup dialog box for your driver, enter **dbtoolboxdemo** as the data source name. Enter **tutorial database** as the description. Click **Select** to open the Select Database dialog box.



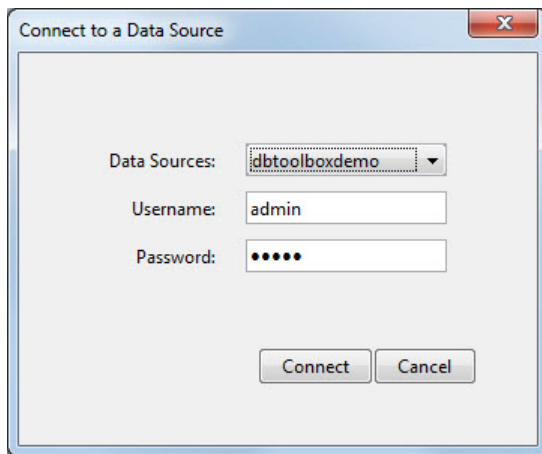
- 7 Specify the database you want to use. For the **dbtoolboxdemo** data source, select **tutorial.mdb**. If your database is on a system to which your PC is connected:
  - a Click **Network**.
  - b In the Map Network Drive dialog box, specify the folder containing the database that you want to use.
  - c Click **Finish**.
- 8 Click **OK** to close the Select Database dialog box. In the ODBC Microsoft Access Setup dialog box, click **OK**. The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box displays the **dbtoolboxdemo** and any additional data sources that you added in the **User DSN** tab. Click **OK** to close the dialog box.
- 9 Test the connection to the data source by using Database Explorer to connect to the database.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Microsoft Access database using Database Explorer or the command line with the native ODBC or ODBC connection.

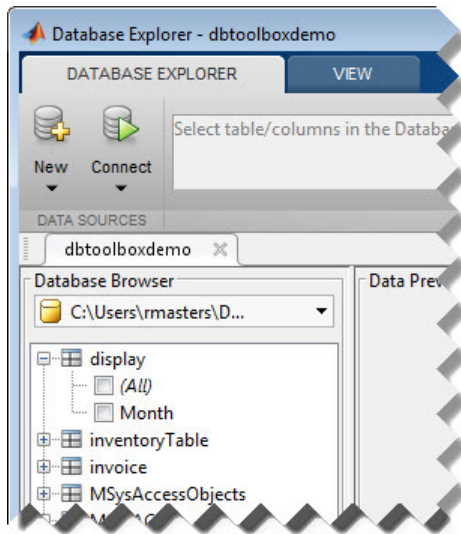
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to Microsoft Access using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, click **Connect** in the **Database Explorer** tab.
- 2 In the Connect to a Data Source dialog box, connect to your database by selecting the data source name **dbtoolboxdemo** from the **Data Sources** list.
- 3 Enter a user name and password and click **Connect**.

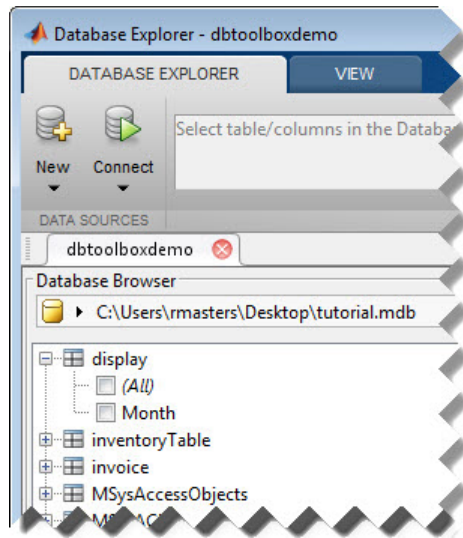


Database Explorer connects to the database and displays the tables list, or database schema, on the left side of the window.



- 4 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **dbtoolboxdemo** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Microsoft Access using the native ODBC connection command line.

- 1 Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `dbtoolboxdemo` with user name `admin` and password `admin`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to Microsoft Access using the ODBC connection command line.

- 1 Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `dbtoolboxdemo` with user name `admin` and password `admin`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### **See Also**

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### **More About**

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2



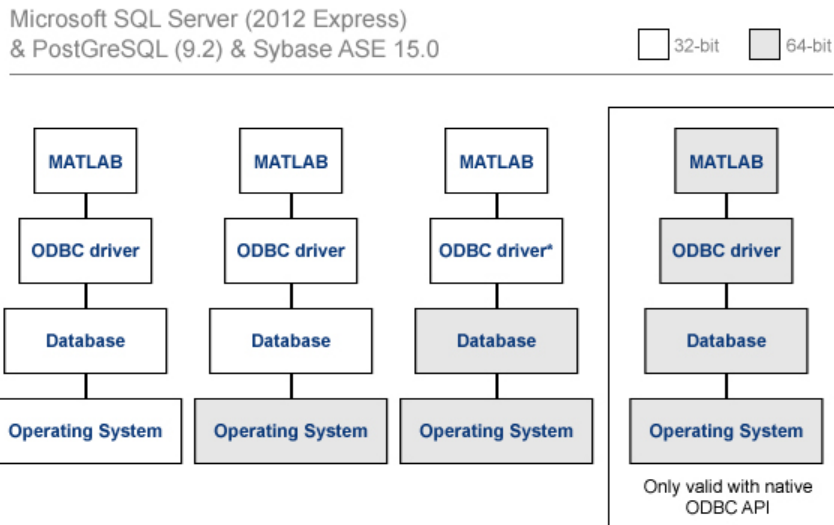
## Microsoft SQL Server ODBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Microsoft SQL Server database. This tutorial uses the Microsoft SQL Server Native Client 11.0 Driver Version 2011.110.3000.00 to connect to the Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express database.

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### Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.

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- 'Invalid string or buffer length' is thrown when using 64-bit ODBC drivers for SQL Server with the JDBC-ODBC bridge.
- Use the native ODBC interface when working with a 64-bit ODBC driver

If you are running 32-bit or 64-bit MATLAB, the corresponding 32-bit or 64-bit Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator opens when you start creating a new ODBC data source using Database Explorer. The drivers listed in the Create New Data Source dialog box in the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator are also 32-bit or 64-bit respectively. The following steps use 64-bit for MATLAB, the ODBC driver, the database, and the operating system.

### Step 2. Verify the driver installation.

The ODBC driver is typically preinstalled on your computer. For details about the driver installation or troubleshooting the installation, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation on ODBC drivers. For information about the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator, see Driver Installation.

### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting**

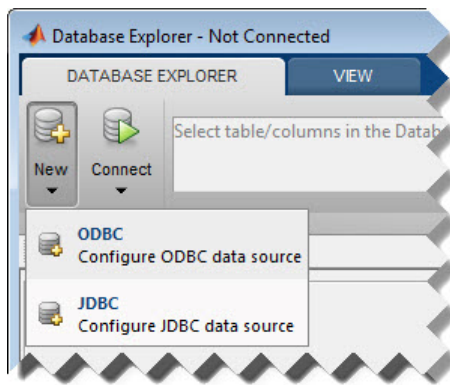
section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.

- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > ODBC**.

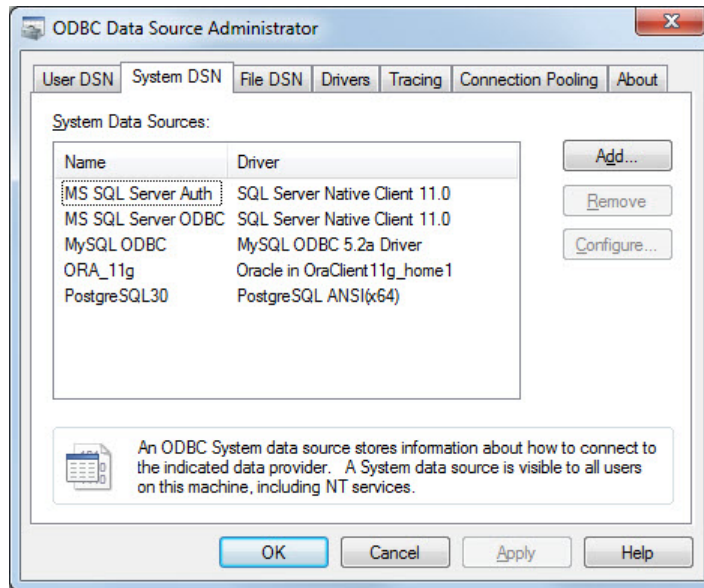
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**Requirement:** Ensure you use the correct 32-bit or 64-bit compatibility for MATLAB to complete the remaining steps.

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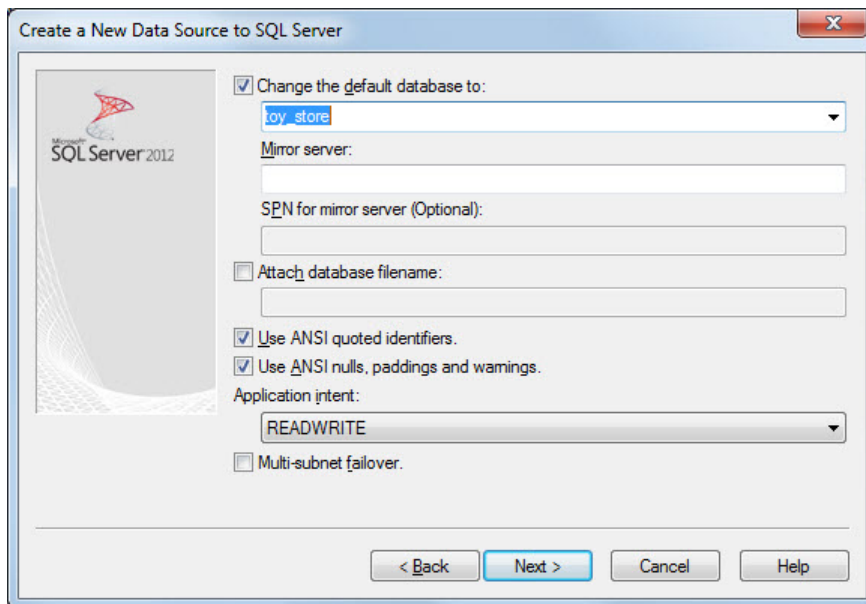
In the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box, you can define the ODBC data source.



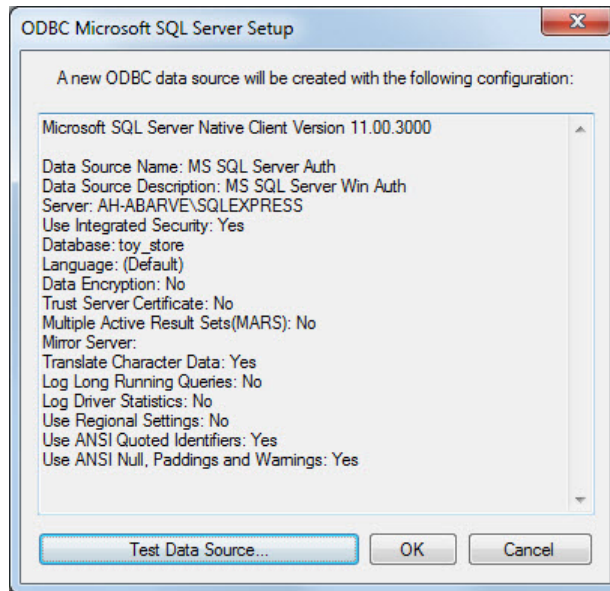
- 3 Click the **System DSN** tab and then click **Add**. When setting up an ODBC data source, you can use a User DSN or System DSN. A User DSN is specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under User DSN are seen only by that specific user. Conversely, a System DSN is not specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under System DSN on a machine can be seen by any user who logs into that machine. Your ability to set up a User DSN or System DSN might depend on the database and ODBC driver you are using. For details, contact your database administrator or your database ODBC driver documentation.
- 4 A list of installed ODBC drivers appears in the Create New Data Source dialog box. Select **SQL Server Native Client 11.0** and click **Finish**.
- 5 In the Create a New Data Source to SQL Server dialog box, enter an appropriate name for your data source. You use this name to establish a connection to your database. Here, enter **MS SQL Server** as the data source name in the **Name** field. Enter **Microsoft SQL Server** as the description in the **Description** field. Select the database server for this data source to use in the **Server** field. Consult your database administrator for the name of your database server. Click **Next**.
- 6 If you want to connect to Microsoft SQL Server using Windows authentication, click the **With Integrated Windows Authentication** option button. Then click **Next**.

Or, if you want to connect to Microsoft SQL Server without Windows authentication, click the **With SQL Server authentication using a login ID and password entered by the user** radio button. Enter your user name in the **Login ID** field and your password in the **Password** field. Then click **Next**.

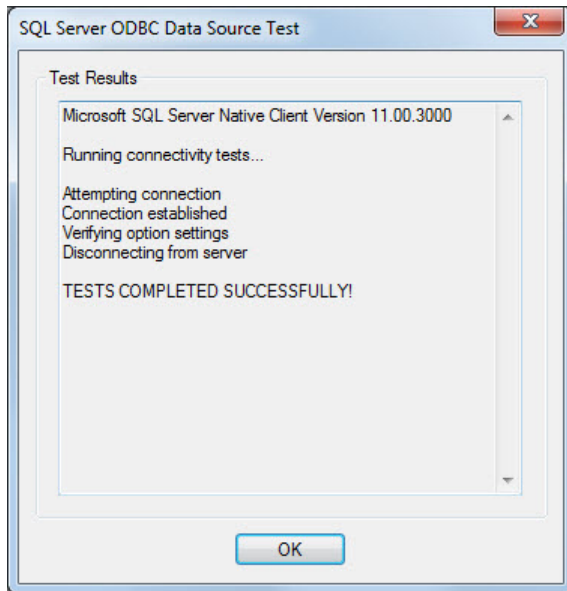
- 7 In the Create a New Data Source to SQL Server dialog box, select the **Change the default database to** check box and enter the name of the default database on the database server for connection. Here, use the database `toy_store`. Then click **Next**.



- 8 Here, click **Finish** to accept the default settings.
- 9 In the ODBC Microsoft SQL Server Setup dialog box, test your connection by clicking **Test Data Source**.



- 10** If the connection establishes successfully, this message appears in the SQL Server ODBC Data Source Test dialog box: **TESTS COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY!** Click **OK** to close this dialog box. Click **OK** to close the ODBC Microsoft SQL Server Setup dialog box.



- 11 The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box shows the new data source under System Data Sources in the **System DSN** tab. Click **OK** to close the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database using Database Explorer or the command line with the native ODBC connection.

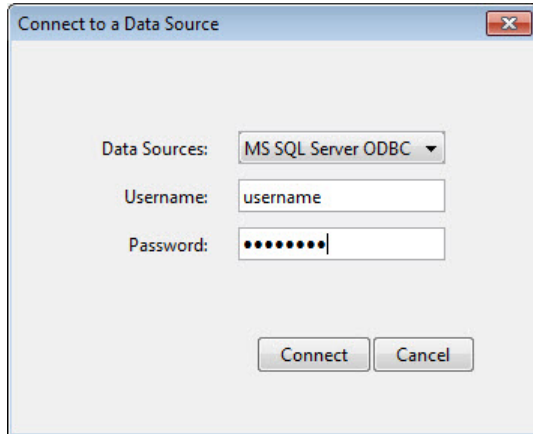
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using Database Explorer.

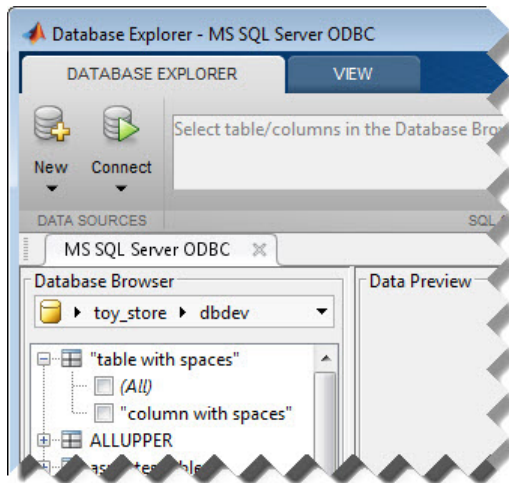
If you experience issues connecting using Database Explorer, use the native ODBC interface with the command line or JDBC to connect to your database.

- 1 After setting up the data source, click **Connect** in the **Database Explorer** tab.
- 2 In the Connect to a Data Source dialog box, connect with operating system authentication by selecting the data source that you set up with Windows authentication from the **Data Sources** list. Leave the user name and password blank. Click **Connect**.

- 3 Connect without operating system authentication by selecting the data source that you set up without Windows authentication. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.



Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.

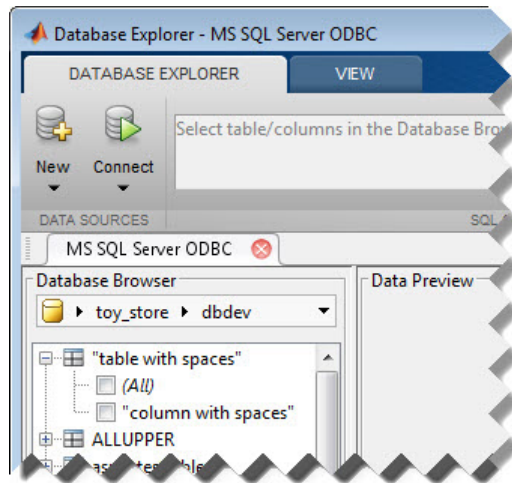


- 4 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (X) next to the **MS SQL Server ODBC** data source name on the database



tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (✖). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (✖) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (✖) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the native ODBC connection command line.

- 1 To connect with Windows authentication, connect to the database with the authenticated ODBC data source name and blank user name and password. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named MS SQL Server Auth.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth', '', '');
```

Or, to connect without Windows authentication, connect to the database with the ODBC data source name. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named MS SQL Server with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server', 'username', 'pwd');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### **See Also**

close | database

### **More About**

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

## Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Microsoft SQL Server database. This tutorial uses the Microsoft JDBC Driver 4.0 for Microsoft SQL Server to connect to the Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express database.

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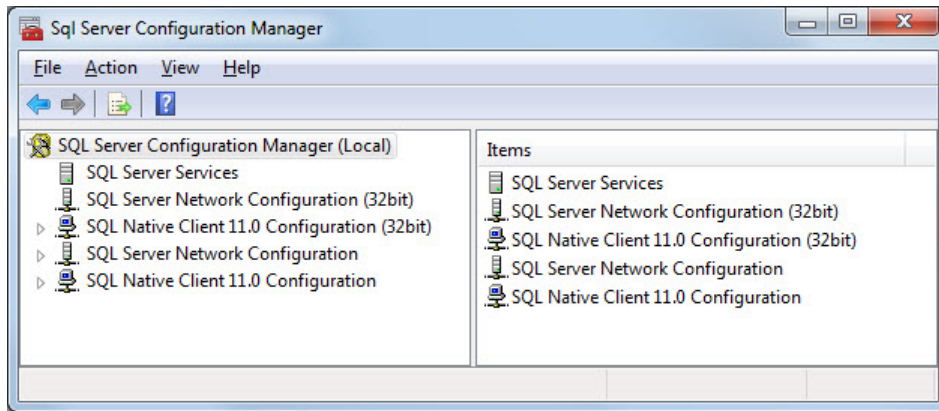
### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Microsoft SQL Server is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

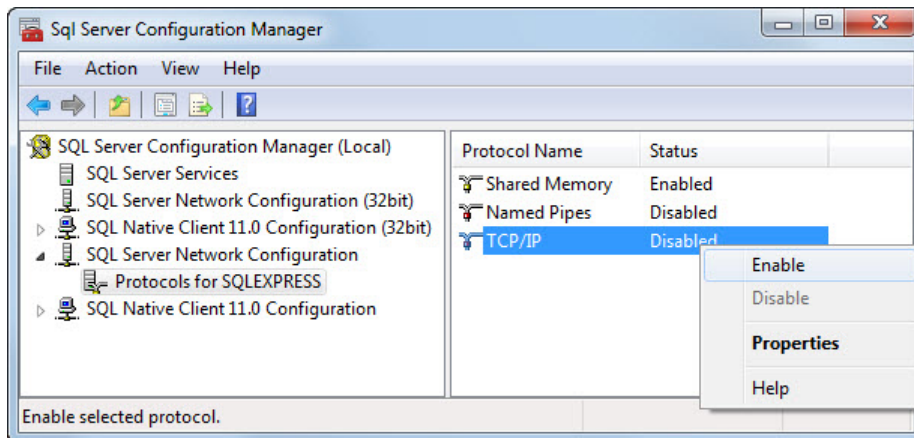
### Step 2. Verify the port number.

To connect to your database using a JDBC driver, you must know the port number. Use the following steps on the machine where Microsoft SQL Server is installed to find your port number. If you experience connection issues with the port number that you find, contact your database administrator.

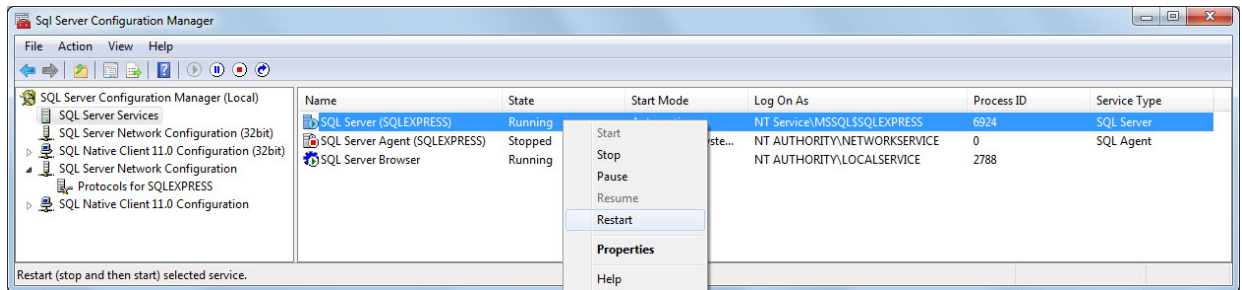
- 1 On the machine where your Microsoft SQL Server database is installed, click **Start**. Select your Microsoft SQL Server version folder and click **Configuration Tools**. Then click **SQL Server Configuration Manager**.



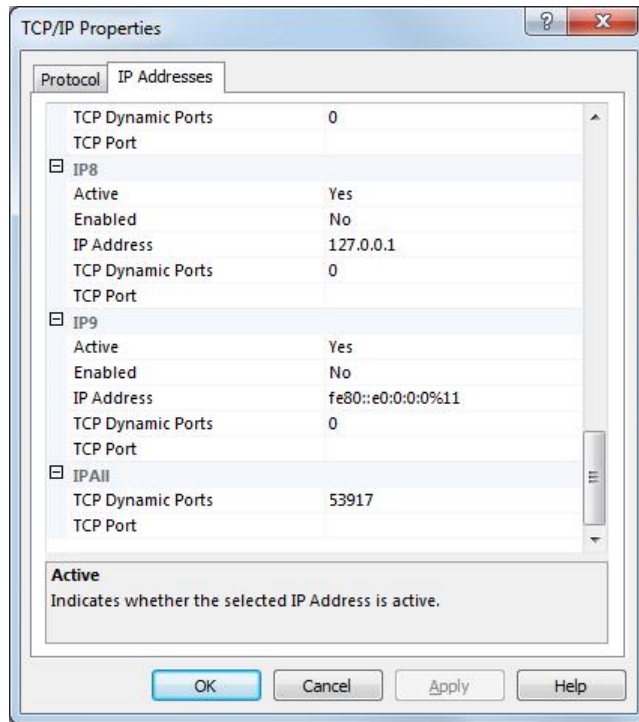
- 2 In the Sql Server Configuration Manager window, click **SQL Server Network Configuration** on the left side. Double-click **Protocols for SQLEXPRESS**.
- 3 See if TCP/IP is enabled. If so, skip the steps for enabling TCP/IP and restarting the server.
- 4 If TCP/IP is disabled, right-click **TCP/IP** and select **Enable**.



- 5 To finish the process of enabling the TCP/IP protocol, restart the server. Click **SQL Server Services** on the left side of the window. Right-click **SQL Server (SQLEXPRESS)** and click **Restart**.



- 6 The server restarts enabling TCP/IP. Click **Protocols for SQLEXPRESS** and right-click **TCP/IP**. Select **Properties**.
- 7 In the TCP/IP Properties dialog box, scroll to the bottom in the **IP Addresses** tab until you see **IP All** group. The number next to the **TCP Dynamic Ports** field is the port number. Use this port number in the JDBC connection parameters for Database Explorer or the command line. Here, the port number is **53917**. If this number is **0** or you want to configure your Microsoft SQL Server database server to listen to a specific port, delete the entry in the **TCP Dynamic Ports** field and enter another port number in the **TCP Port** field.



### Step 3. Set up the operating system authentication.

Windows authentication lets you to connect to your database using your Windows user account. In this case, Windows performs user validation and the database does not require a different user name and password. Windows authentication facilitates easy maintenance of database access credentials. After you add the required libraries to the system path, the Microsoft SQL Server JDBC driver allows connectivity using Windows authentication. The following steps show how to add these libraries to the Java library path in MATLAB. For details about Java libraries, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

- 1 Ensure that you have the latest Java driver library installed on your computer. To install the latest library, see Driver Installation.
- 2 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output of this command is a file path to a folder on your computer.

- 3 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 4 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javainlibrarypath.txt` in the folder.
- 5 Open `javainlibrarypath.txt` and insert the path to the Java library file `sqljdbc_auth.dll`. In the entry, include the full path to the library file. Do not include the library file name. For example, `C:\DB_Drivers\sqljdbc_4.0\enu\auth\x64`.

The `sqljdbc_auth.dll` file is installed in the following location:

```
<installation>\sqljdbc_<version>\<language>\auth\<arch>
```

`<installation>` is the installation folder of the Microsoft SQL Server JDBC driver, `<version>` is the JDBC driver version, `<language>` is the JDBC driver language, and `<arch>` is the architecture.

- For 64-bit MATLAB, use the x64 folder.
- For 32-bit MATLAB, use the x86 folder.

- 6 Open MATLAB.

#### **Step 4. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.**

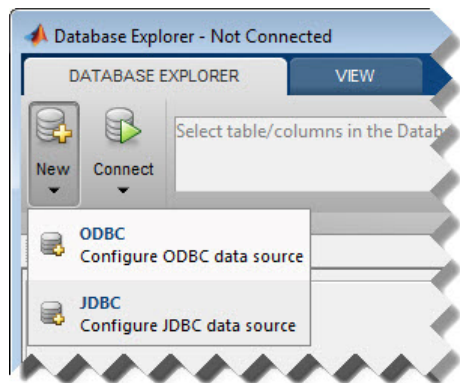
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `C:\DB_Drivers\sqljdbc_4.0\enu\sqljdbc4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

## Step 5. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-42

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Create a New JDBC data source". It is divided into two main sections: "Data Source Details" and "Connection Parameters".

- Data Source Details:**
  - Data Source Name:** A dropdown menu that is currently empty.
  - Vendor:** A list box containing "MICROSOFT SQL SERVER", "MYSQL", "ORACLE", and "POSTGRESQL". "MICROSOFT SQL SERVER" is selected and highlighted in blue.
- Connection Parameters:**
  - Server Name:** A text field containing "localhost".
  - Port Number:** A text field containing "1433".
  - Authentication Type:** A dropdown menu set to "Server".
  - Username:** An empty text field.
  - Password:** An empty text field.
  - Database:** A dropdown menu that is currently empty.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are three buttons: "Test", "Save", and "Delete".

- 3 Select **MICROSOFT SQL SERVER** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 4.

The screenshot shows a message box with a blue border and a white background. At the top left, there is an information icon (i) followed by the text: "JDBC driver file was not found on MATLAB Java classpath". Below the message, there are three buttons: "Test", "Save", and "Delete".

- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.

- 5 Create a data source without Windows authentication by setting the **Authentication Type** to **Server**.

Or, create a data source with Windows authentication by setting the **Authentication Type** to **Windows** and leaving **Username** and **Password** blank.

- 6 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 7 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 8 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

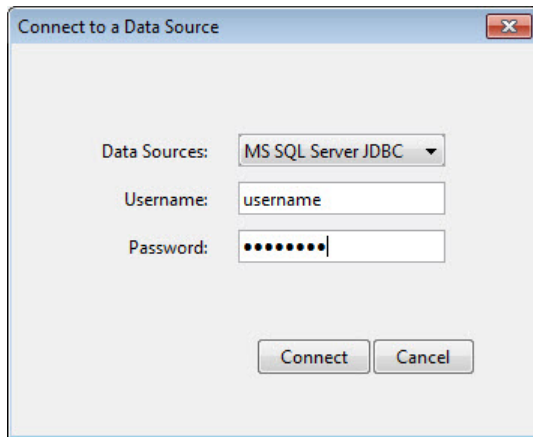
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

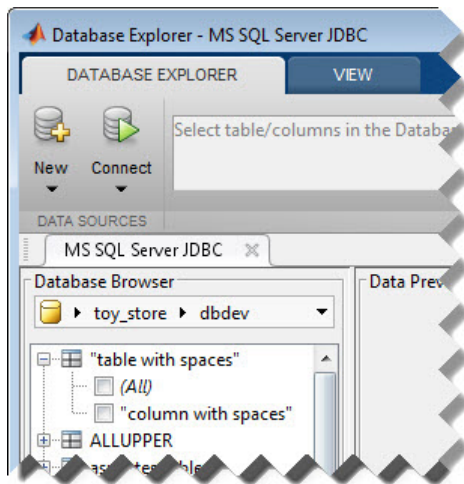
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#### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using Database Explorer.


- 1 After setting up the data source, connect with operating system authentication by selecting the data source that you set up with Windows authentication from the **Data Sources** list. Leave the user name and password blank. Click **Connect**.
- 2 Connect to your database without operating system authentication by selecting the data source that you set up without Windows authentication. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.




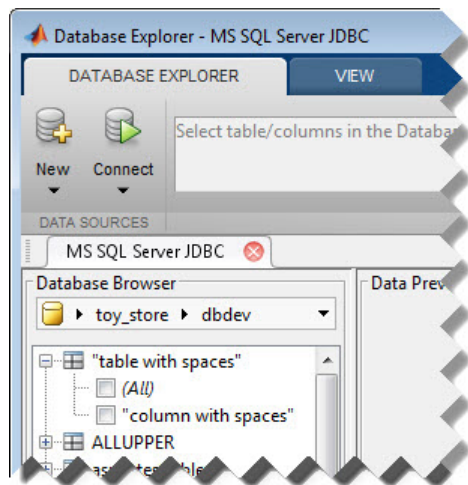
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **MS SQL Server JDBC** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database

connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (  ) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (  ) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 To connect with operating system authentication, use the **Vendor** name-value pair argument of **database** to specify a connection to a Microsoft SQL Server database. Use the **AuthType** name-value pair argument to connect with Windows authentication. Specify a blank user name and password. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named **dbname**, database server named **sname**, and port number 123456.

```
conn = database('dbname', '', 'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...  
              'Server', 'sname', 'AuthType', 'Windows', ...  
              'PortNumber', 123456);
```

Or, to connect without operating system authentication, use the **AuthType** name-value pair argument of **database** to specify a connection to the database server

Server. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
              'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', 'Server', 'sname', ...  
              'AuthType', 'Server', 'PortNumber', 123456);
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

## More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## Oracle ODBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Oracle database. This tutorial uses the OraClient11g\_home1 ODBC driver version 11.02.00.01 to connect to the Oracle 11g Enterprise Edition Release 11.2.0.1.0 database.

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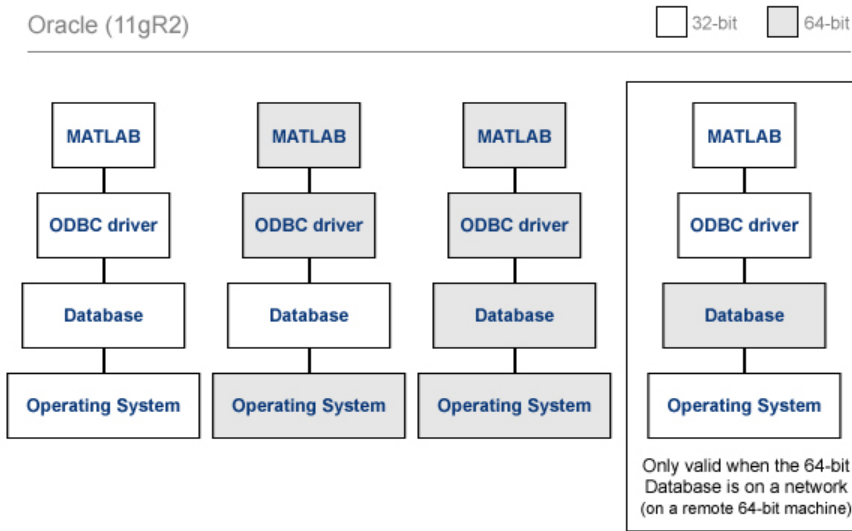
“Step 2. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-45

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“Step 4. Connect using the native ODBC connection command line.” on page 2-47

### Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.

This diagram shows the operating system, database, ODBC driver, and MATLAB software that are installed on your machine. You can install the database locally or remotely. These graphics indicate that the bitness (32-bit or 64-bit) of MATLAB, ODBC driver, and the database must match. Otherwise, MATLAB displays an error. For details about the error, see “Database Connection Error Messages” on page 3-9.



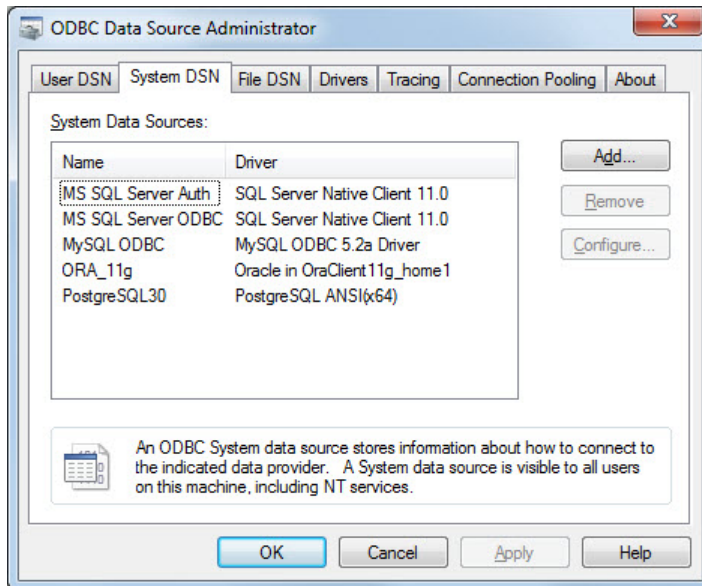
## Step 2. Verify the driver installation.

The ODBC driver is typically preinstalled on your computer. For details about the driver installation or troubleshooting the installation, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation on ODBC drivers. For information about the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator, see Driver Installation.

## Step 3. Set up the data source using the ODBC Data Source Administrator.

Set up an ODBC data source using the ODBC Data Source Administrator for Oracle with or without Windows authentication. Database Explorer cannot work with the Oracle ODBC driver because of an issue with the JDBC/ODBC bridge. For details, see “Database Explorer Error Messages” on page 3-14.

- 1 Click **Start**. Select **Administrative Tools > Data Sources (ODBC)** to define the ODBC data source. The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box opens. For details about locating this program on your computer, see Driver Installation.



- 2 Click the **System DSN** tab and then click **Add**. When setting up an ODBC data source, you can use a User DSN or System DSN. A User DSN is specific to the user

on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under User DSN are seen only by that specific user. Conversely, a System DSN is not specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under System DSN on a machine can be seen by any user who logs into that machine. Your ability to set up a User DSN or System DSN might depend on the database and ODBC driver you are using. For details, contact your database administrator or your database ODBC driver documentation.

- 3 A list of installed ODBC drivers appears in the Create New Data Source dialog box. Select the ODBC driver **Oracle** in **OraClient11g\_home1**. Your ODBC driver might have a different name. Click **Finish**.
- 4 In the Oracle ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box, enter an appropriate name for your data source in the **Data Source Name** field. You use this name to establish a connection to your database. Here, enter **ORA** as the data source name. Enter a description for this data source, such as **Oracle database**, in the **Description** field. Enter your database name in the **TNS Service Name** field.

The screenshot shows the Oracle ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box. It features a title bar and a main area with several input fields and buttons. The fields are labeled 'Data Source Name', 'Description', 'TNS Service Name', and 'User ID'. To the right of these fields are buttons for 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Help', and 'Test Connection'. Below the input fields is a tabbed section with three tabs: 'Application', 'Oracle', 'Workarounds', and 'SQLServer Migration'. The 'Application' tab is selected. Under this tab, there are several settings: 'Enable Result Sets' (checked), 'Enable Query Timeout' (checked), 'Read-Only Connection' (unchecked), 'Enable Closing Cursors' (unchecked), and 'Enable Thread Safety' (checked). At the bottom, there are two dropdown menus: 'Batch Autocommit Mode' set to 'Commit only if all statements succeed' and 'Numeric Settings' set to 'Use Oracle NLS settings'.

- 5 To establish the data source without Windows authentication, enter your user name in the **User ID** field. Or, to establish the data source with Windows authentication, leave this field blank. Leave **Application**, **Oracle**, **Workarounds**, and **SQLServer Migration** tabs with default settings.



- 6 Click **Test Connection** to test the connection to your database. The Oracle ODBC Driver Connect dialog box opens. If you are establishing the data source with Windows authentication, the Testing Connection dialog box opens.
- 7 Your database name and user name are automatically entered in the **Service Name** and **User Name** fields. Enter your password in the **Password** field. Click **OK**. If your computer successfully connects to the database, this message appears in the Testing Connection dialog box: Connection successful. Click **OK**.
- 8 Click **OK** in the Oracle ODBC Driver Configuration dialog box. The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box shows the ODBC data source **ORA**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Oracle database using the command line with the native ODBC connection.

#### Step 4. Connect using the native ODBC connection command line.

- 1 To connect with Windows authentication, connect to the database with the authenticated ODBC data source name and with a blank user name and password. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `Oracle_Auth`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('Oracle_Auth', '', '');
```

Or, to connect to your database without Windows authentication, connect to the database with the ODBC data source name. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `Oracle` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('Oracle', 'username', 'pwd');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

#### See Also

`close` | `database`

## Oracle JDBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Oracle database. This tutorial uses the Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.3) JDBC driver for use with JDK™ 1.6 to connect to the Oracle 11g Enterprise Edition Release 11.2.0.1.0 database.

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“Step 3. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-49
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“Step 5. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-52

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Oracle is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Set up the operating system authentication.

Set up operating system authentication for Windows. Operating system authentication allows you to connect to your database using your system or network user name and password. In this case, the database does not require a different user name and password. Operating system authentication facilitates connection to the database and provides easy maintenance of database access credentials.

- 1 Ensure you have the latest Oracle OCI libraries installed on your computer. To install the latest library, see Driver Installation.
- 2 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output of this command is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 3 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 4 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javalibrarypath.txt` in the folder.
- 5 Open `javalibrarypath.txt` and insert the path to the Oracle OCI libraries. The entry should include the full path to the library files. The entry should not contain the library file names. For example, `C:\DB_Libraries\instantclient_11_2`.

- 6 Add the Oracle OCI library full path to the Windows Path environment variable.
- 7 Open MATLAB.

For details about Java libraries, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

### Step 3. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

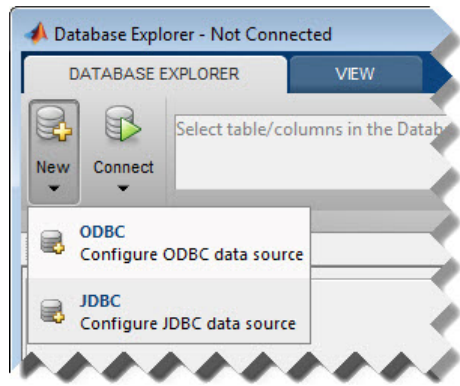
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `C:\DB_Drivers\ojdbc6.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

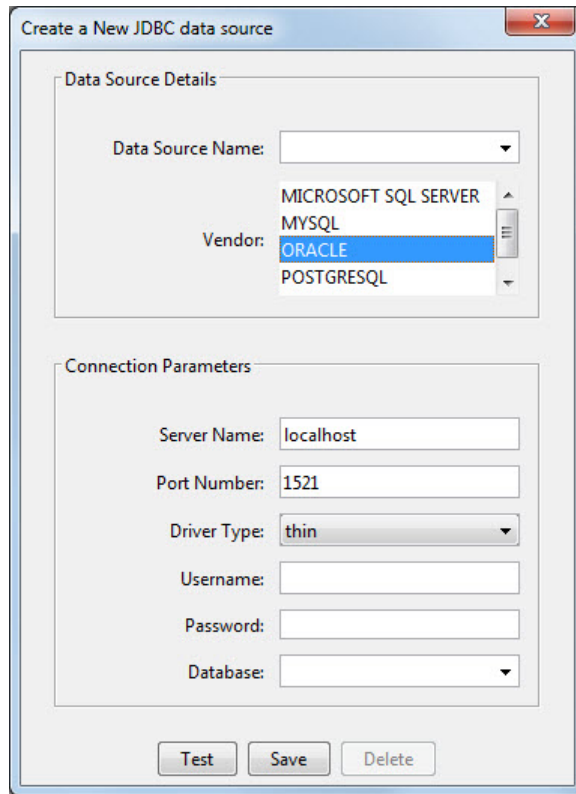
### Step 4. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Oracle using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-54

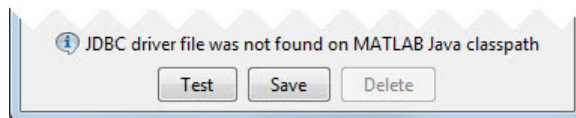
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **ORACLE** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 3.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.
- 5 To establish the data source with Windows authentication, set **Driver Type** to **oci**.

- 6 To establish the data source without Windows authentication, set **Driver Type** to `thin`.
- 7 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 8 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 9 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

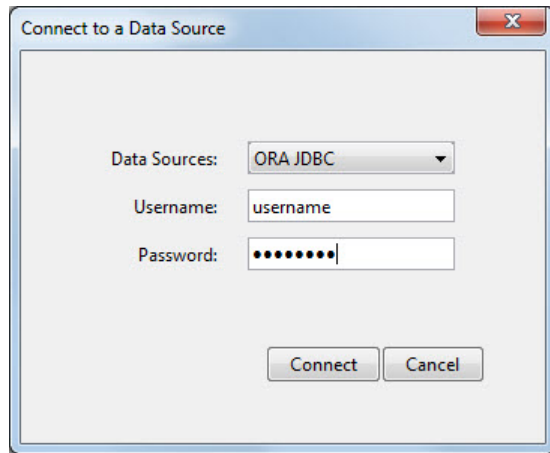
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Oracle database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

### Step 5. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

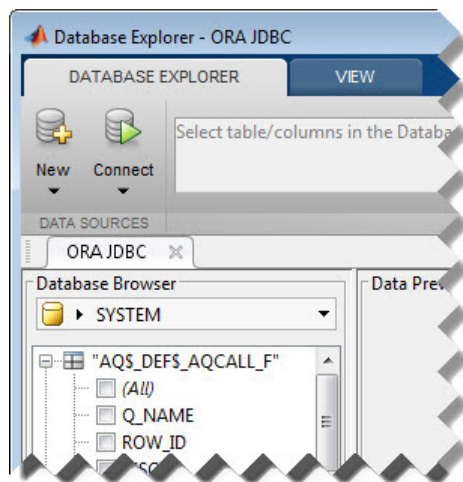
#### Connect to Oracle using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, to connect without Windows authentication, select the data source that you set up from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.



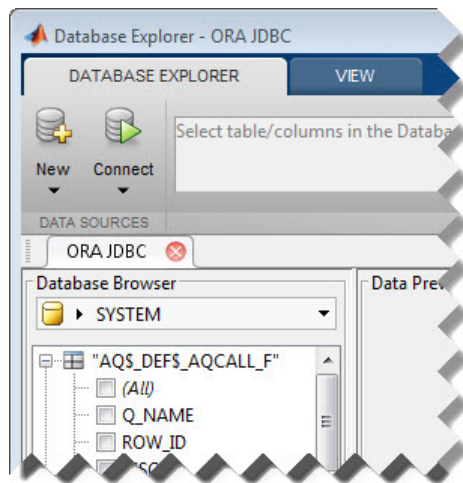
Or, to connect with Windows authentication, select the data source that you set up. Leave the user name and password blank. Click **Connect**.

Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name. You might need to select your database schema to display your database contents.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **ORA JDBC** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Oracle using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 To connect with Windows authentication, use the **Vendor** name-value pair argument of **database** to specify a connection to an Oracle database. Use the **DriverType** name-value pair argument to connect with Windows authentication by specifying the **oci** value. Specify a blank user name and password. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named **dbname**, database server named **sname**, and port number **123456**.



`dbname` can be the service name or the Oracle system identifier (SID) depending on your specific Oracle database setup. For details, see your `tnsnames.ora` file, which is often in `<ORACLE_HOME>\NETWORK\ADMIN` where `<ORACLE_HOME>` is the folder where the database or the Oracle client is installed.

```
conn = database('dbname', '', '', ...
               'Vendor', 'Oracle', 'DriverType', 'oci', ...
               'Server', 'sname', 'PortNumber', 123456);
```

Or, to connect without Windows authentication, use the `DriverType` name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to the database server by specifying the `thin` value. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Oracle', 'DriverType', 'thin', ...
               'Server', 'sname', 'PortNumber', 123456);
```

If you have trouble using the `database` function to connect to your Oracle database, try using the full entry in your `tnsnames.ora` file in the URL string as one consecutive line. Leave the first argument blank. For example, the following code assumes the value of the URL name-value pair argument is set to the following `tnsnames.ora` file entry for an Oracle database.

```
conn = database(' ', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Oracle', ...
               'URL', ['jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION = '...
               '(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = sname)'...
               '(PORT = 123456)) (CONNECT_DATA = '...
               '(SERVER = DEDICATED) (SERVICE_NAME = dbname) ) )']);
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

## More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## MySQL ODBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your MySQL database. This tutorial uses the MySQL ODBC 5.2a Driver version 5.02.04.00 to connect to the MySQL Version 5.5.16 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.” on page 2-57

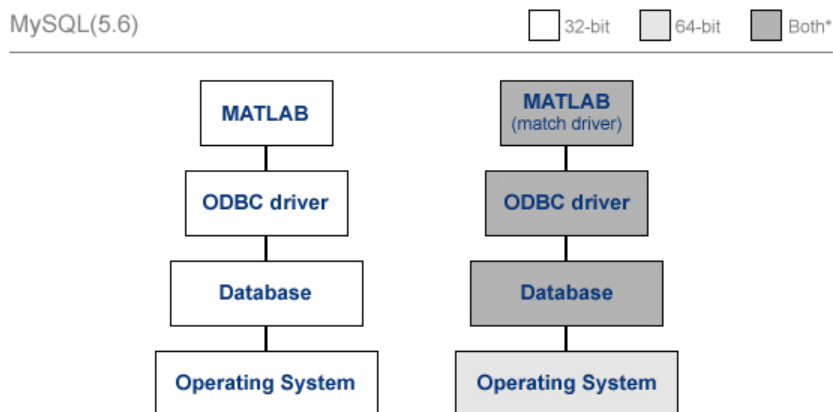
“Step 2. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-58

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-58

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-60

### Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.

This diagram shows the operating system, database, ODBC driver, and MATLAB software that are installed on your machine. You can install the database locally or remotely. These graphics indicate that the bitness (32-bit or 64-bit) of MATLAB, ODBC driver, and the database must match. Otherwise, MATLAB displays an error. For details about the error, see “Database Connection Error Messages” on page 3-9.



\* On a 64-bit system, both 32-bit and 64-bit ODBC drivers for MySQL work with both 32-bit and 64-bit MySQL Database. It is essential, however, that bitness of MATLAB match the bitness of the driver.

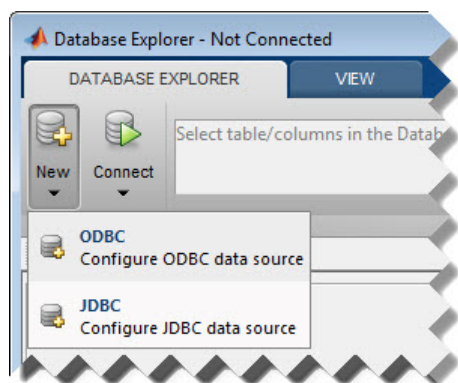
If you are running 32-bit or 64-bit MATLAB, the corresponding 32-bit or 64-bit Microsoft ODBC Administrator opens when you start creating a new ODBC data source using Database Explorer. The drivers listed in the Create New Data Source dialog box in the Microsoft ODBC Administrator are also 32-bit or 64-bit respectively.

### Step 2. Verify the driver installation.

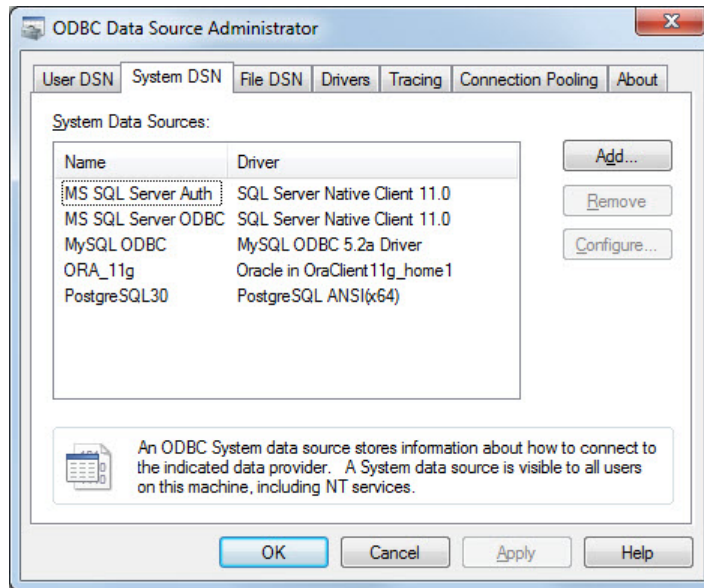
The ODBC driver is typically preinstalled on your computer. For details about the driver installation or troubleshooting the installation, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation on ODBC drivers. For information about the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator, see Driver Installation.

### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > ODBC**.

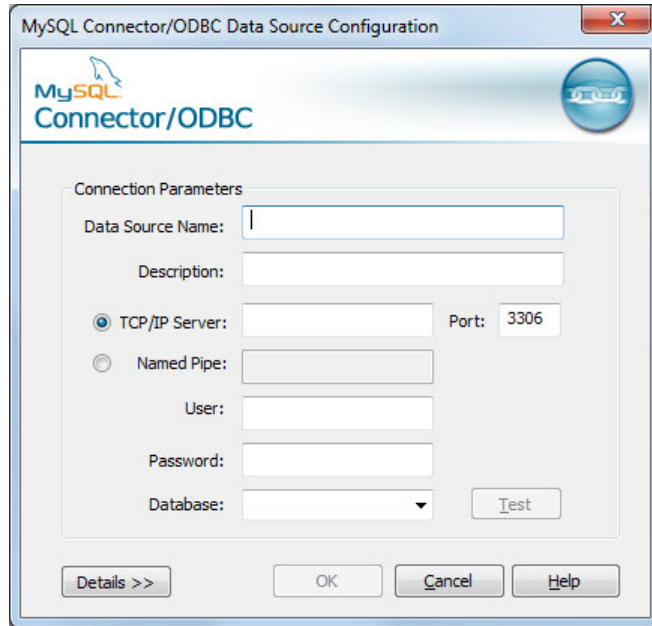


The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box to define the ODBC data source opens.



- 3 Click the **System DSN** tab and then click **Add**. When setting up an ODBC data source, you can use a User DSN or System DSN. A User DSN is specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under User DSN are seen only by that specific user. Conversely, a System DSN is not specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under System DSN on a machine can be seen by any user who logs into that machine. Your ability to set up a User DSN or System DSN might depend on the database and ODBC driver you are using. For details, contact your database administrator or your database ODBC driver documentation.
- 4 A list of installed ODBC drivers appears in the Create New Data Source dialog box. Select the ODBC driver **MySQL ODBC 5.2a Driver**. Your ODBC driver might have a different name. Click **Finish**.
- 5 In the MySQL Connector/ODBC Data Source Configuration dialog box, enter an appropriate name for your data source in the **Data Source Name** field. You use this name to establish a connection to your database. Here, enter **MySQL** as the data source name. Enter a description for this data source, such as **MySQL database**, in the **Description** field. Enter your database server name in the **TCP/IP Server** field. Enter your port number in the **Port** field. The default port number is **3306**. Enter your user name in the **User** field. Enter your password in the **Password** field.

Enter your database name in the **Database** field. Leave all tabs under the **Details** button with default settings.



- 6 Click **Test** to test the connection to your database. If your computer successfully connects to the database, the Test Result dialog box displays this message:  
Connection successful.
- 7 Click **OK** in the MySQL Connector/ODBC Data Source Configuration dialog box.

The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box shows the ODBC data source MySQL.

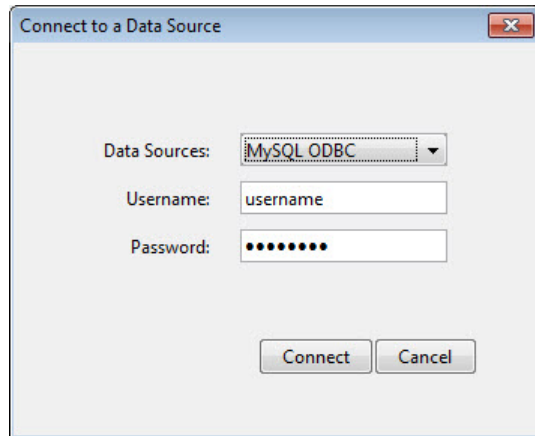
After you complete the data source setup, connect to the MySQL database using Database Explorer or the command line using the native ODBC connection.

### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

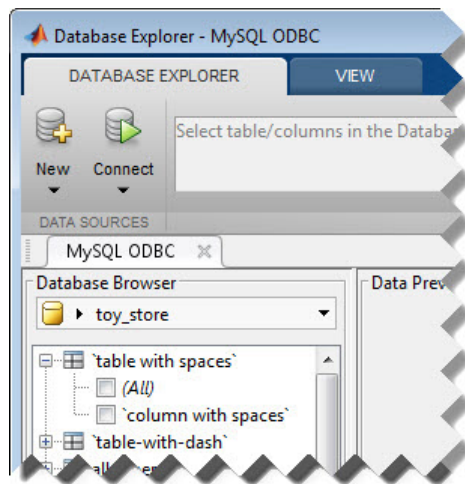
#### Connect to MySQL using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, click **Connect** in the **Database Explorer** tab.

- 2 In the Connect to a Data Source dialog box, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the MySQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.



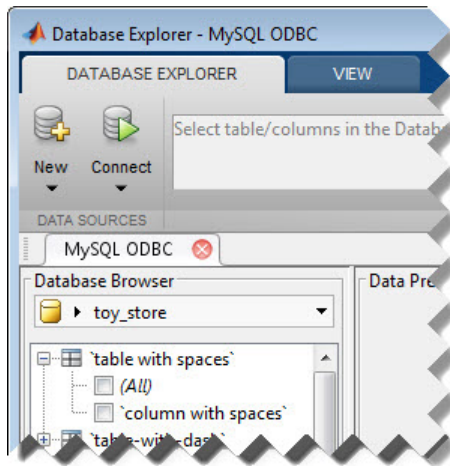
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 3 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **MySQL ODBC** data source name on the database tab. The

**Close** button turns into a red circle (❌). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⌵) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⌵) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to MySQL using the native ODBC connection command line.

- 1 Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `MySQL` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close | database`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2



## MySQL JDBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your MySQL database. This tutorial uses the MySQL Connector/J 5.1.17 driver to connect to the MySQL Version 5.5.16 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-63

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-63

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-64

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-66

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for MySQL is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

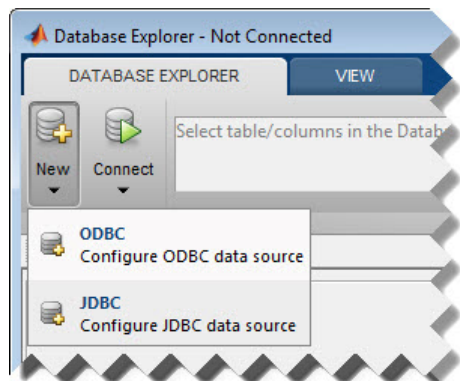
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output of this command is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `C:\DB_Drivers\mysql-connector-java-5.1.17-bin.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

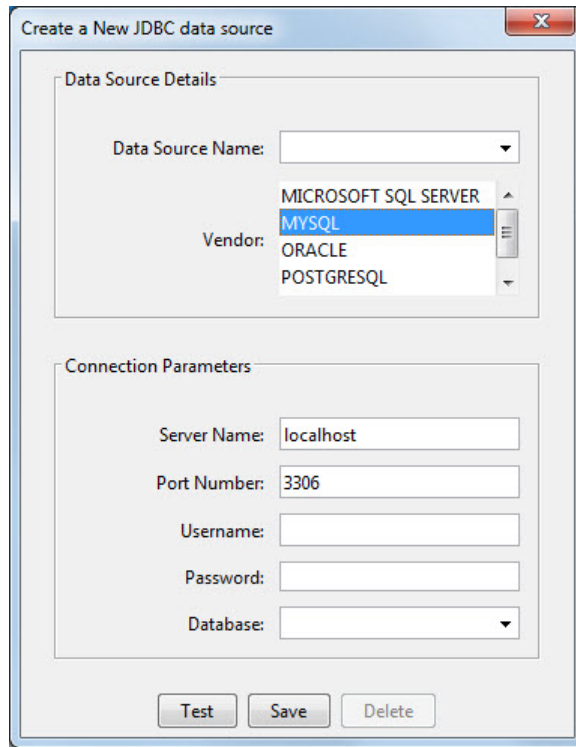
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to MySQL using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-68

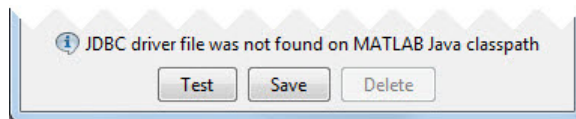
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **MYSQL** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.
- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!

- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

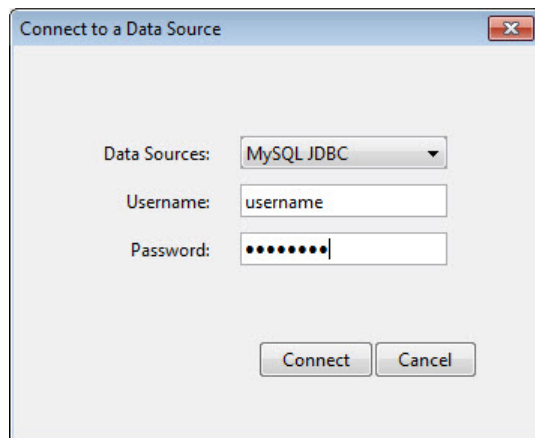
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the MySQL database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

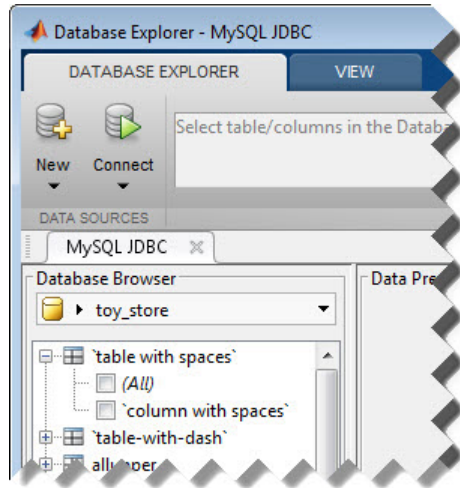
### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to MySQL using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the MySQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

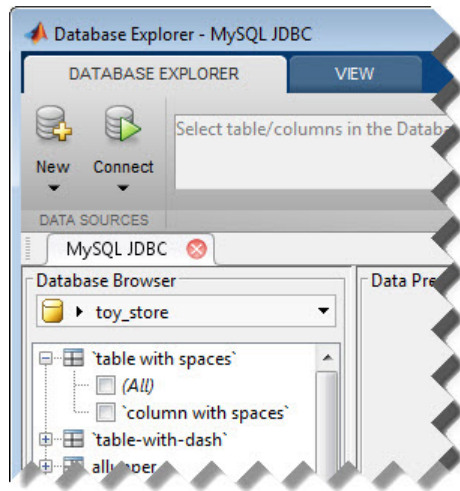


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **MySQL JDBC** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to MySQL using the JDBC connection command line.

- 1 Use the Vendor name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to a MySQL database. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` on a database server named `sname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
              'Vendor', 'MySQL', ...  
              'Server', 'sname');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

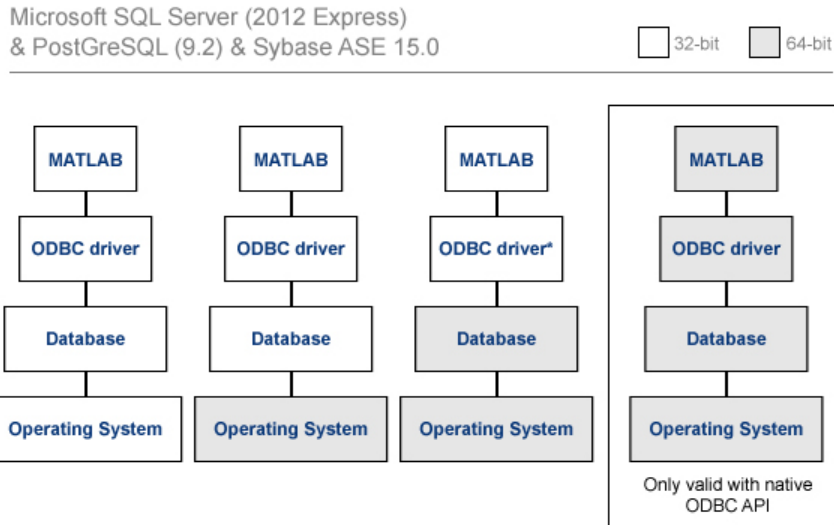
## PostgreSQL ODBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your PostgreSQL database. This tutorial uses the PostgreSQL ANSI(x64) driver version 9.01.02.00 to connect to the PostgreSQL 9.2 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.” on page 2-69
“Step 2. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-70
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-70
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-73

### Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.

This diagram shows the operating system, database, ODBC driver, and MATLAB software that are installed on your machine. You can install the database locally or remotely. These graphics indicate that the bitness (32-bit or 64-bit) of MATLAB, ODBC driver, and the database must match. Otherwise, MATLAB displays an error. For details about the error, see “Database Connection Error Messages” on page 3-9.



- 'Invalid string or buffer length' is thrown when using 64-bit ODBC drivers for SQL Server with the JDBC-ODBC bridge.
- Use the native ODBC interface when working with a 64-bit ODBC driver

If you are running 32-bit or 64-bit MATLAB, the corresponding 32-bit or 64-bit Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator opens when you start creating a new ODBC data source using Database Explorer. The drivers listed in the Create New Data Source dialog box in the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator are also 32-bit or 64-bit respectively. The following steps use 64-bit for MATLAB, the ODBC driver, the database, and the operating system.

### Step 2. Verify the driver installation.

The ODBC driver is typically preinstalled on your computer. For details about the driver installation or troubleshooting the installation, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation on ODBC drivers. For information about the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator, see Driver Installation.

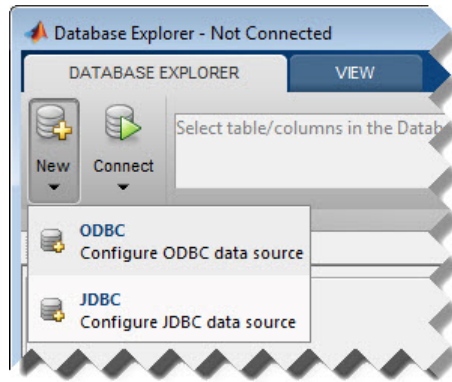
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting**

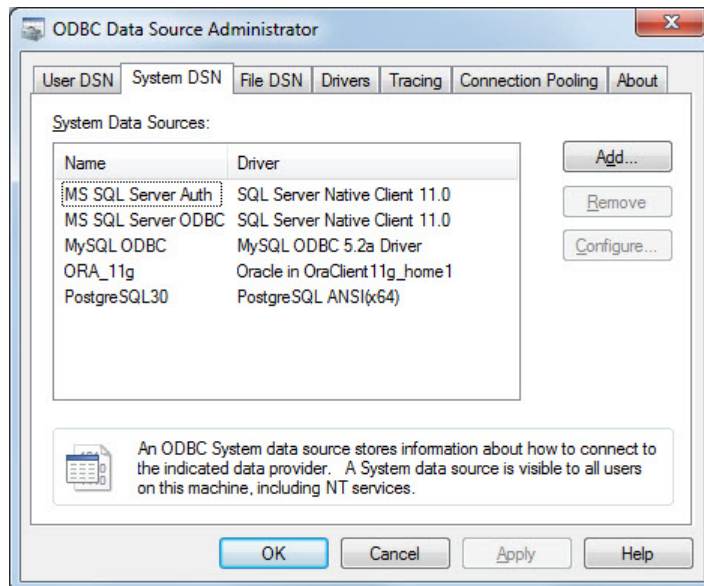


section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.

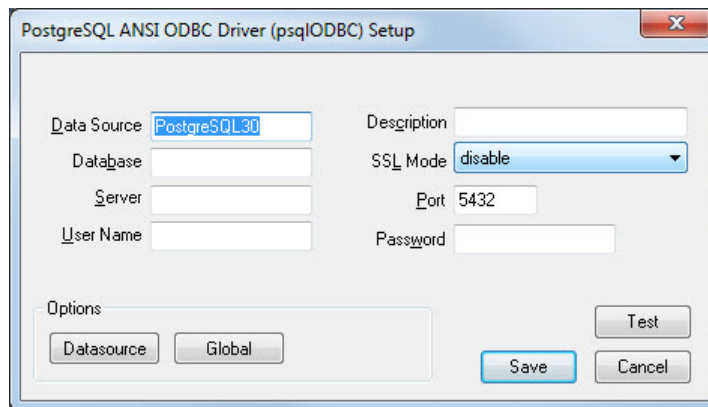
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > ODBC**.



In the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box, you can define the ODBC data source.



- 3 Click the **System DSN** tab and then click **Add**. When setting up an ODBC data source, you can use a User DSN or System DSN. A User DSN is specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under User DSN are seen only by that specific user. Conversely, a System DSN is not specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under System DSN on a machine can be seen by any user who logs into that machine. Your ability to set up a User DSN or System DSN might depend on the database and ODBC driver you are using. For details, contact your database administrator or your database ODBC driver documentation.
- 4 A list of installed ODBC drivers appears in the Create New Data Source dialog box. Select the ODBC driver **PostgreSQL ANSI (x64)**. Your ODBC driver might have a different name. Click **Finish**.
- 5 In the PostgreSQL ANSI ODBC Driver (psqlODBC) Setup dialog box, enter an appropriate name for your data source in the **Data Source** field. You use this name to establish a connection to your database. Here, enter **PostgreSQL30** as the data source name. Enter a description for this data source, such as **PostgreSQL database**, in the **Description** field. Enter your database name in the **Database** field. Enter your database server name in the **Server** field. Enter your port number in the **Port** field. The default port number is **5432**. Enter your user name in the **User Name** field. Enter your password in the **Password** field. Leave all settings in the **Options** section with default settings.



- 6 Click **Test** to test the connection to your database. If your computer successfully connects to the database, the Connection Test dialog box displays this message: Connection successful.

- 7 Click **Save** in the PostgreSQL ANSI ODBC Driver (psqlODBC) Setup dialog box. The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box shows the ODBC data source PostgreSQL30.

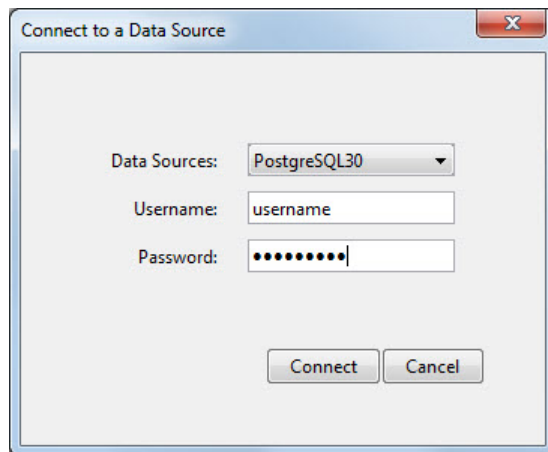
After you complete the data source setup, connect to the PostgreSQL database using Database Explorer or the native ODBC connection command line.

## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

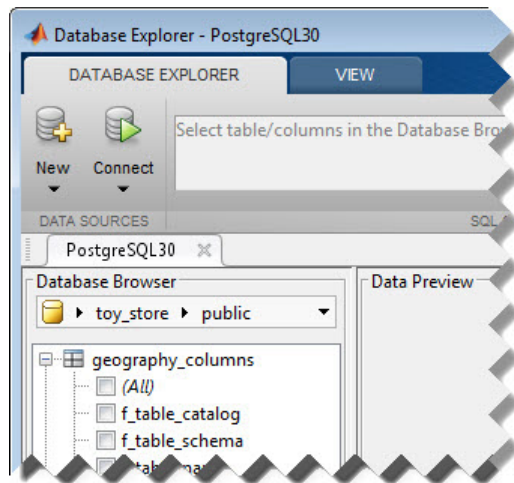
### Connect to PostgreSQL using Database Explorer.

If you experience issues connecting using Database Explorer, use the command line with the native ODBC interface or JDBC to connect to your database.

- 1 After setting up the data source, click **Connect** in the **Database Explorer** tab.
- 2 In the Connect to a Data Source dialog box, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the PostgreSQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

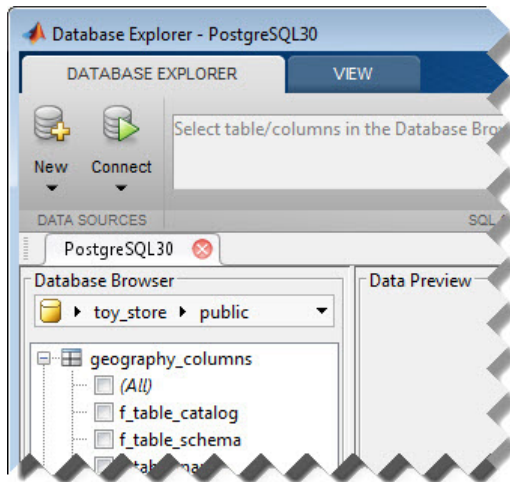


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 3 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **PostgreSQL30** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to PostgreSQL using the native ODBC connection command line.

- 1 Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named PostgreSQL with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('PostgreSQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

## PostgreSQL JDBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your PostgreSQL database. This tutorial uses the JDBC4 PostgreSQL Driver, Version 8.4 to connect to the PostgreSQL 9.2 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-76
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-76
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-77
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-79

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for PostgreSQL is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

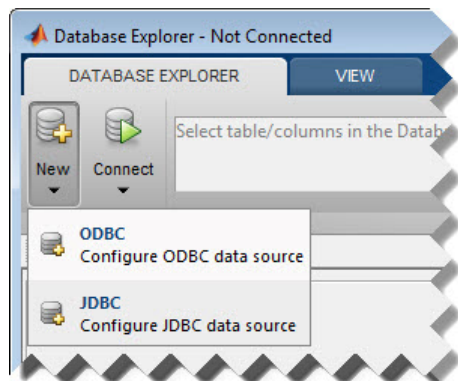
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `C:\DB_Drivers\postgresql-8.4-702.jdbc4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

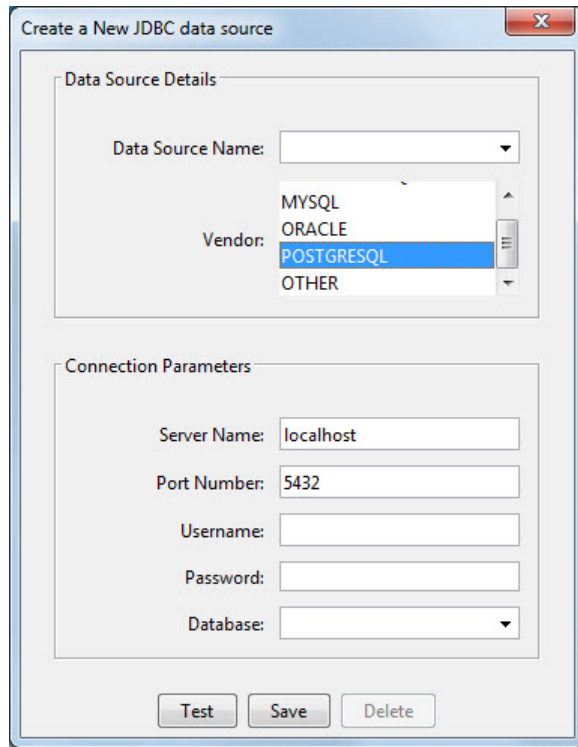
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to PostgreSQL using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-81

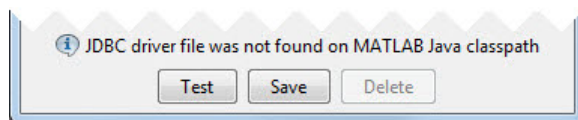
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **POSTGRESQL** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.
- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!



- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

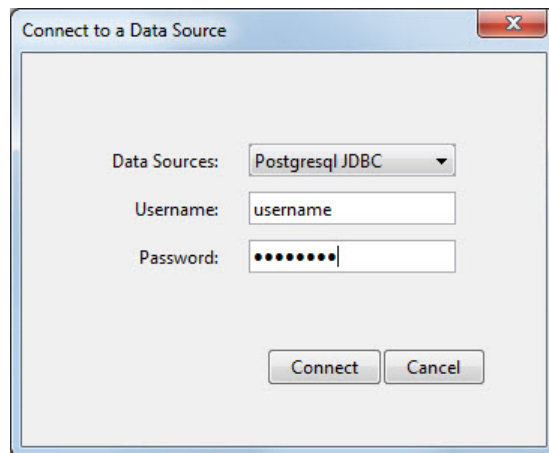
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the PostgreSQL database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

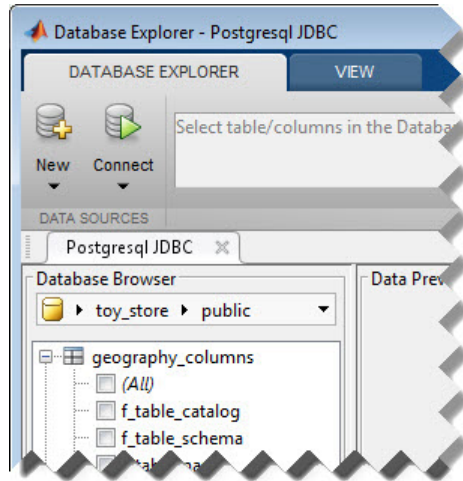
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to PostgreSQL using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the PostgreSQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

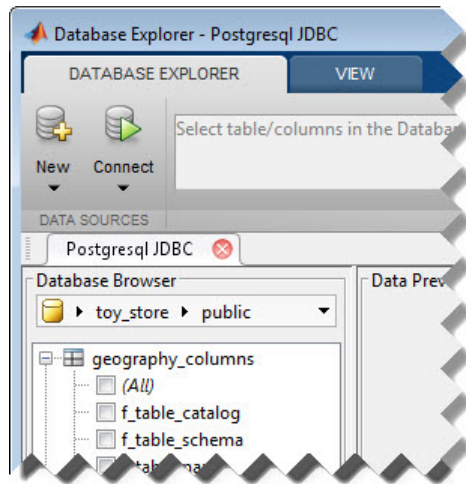


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **Postgresql JDBC** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to PostgreSQL using the JDBC connection command line.

- 1 Use the Vendor name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to a PostgreSQL database. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` on a database server named `sname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'PostgreSQL', ...
               'Server', 'sname');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## SQLite JDBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your SQLite database. This tutorial uses the SQLite JDBC 3.7.2 Driver to connect to the SQLite Version 3.7.17 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-82
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-82
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-83
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-85

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for SQLite is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

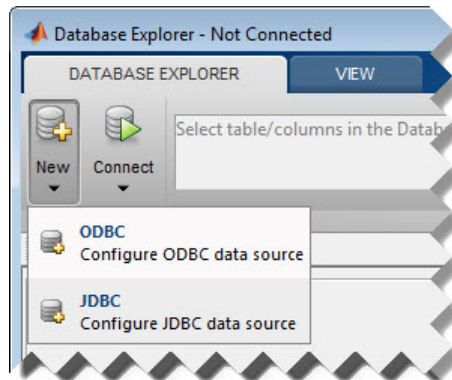
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `C:\DB_Drivers\sqlite-jdbc-3.7.2.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

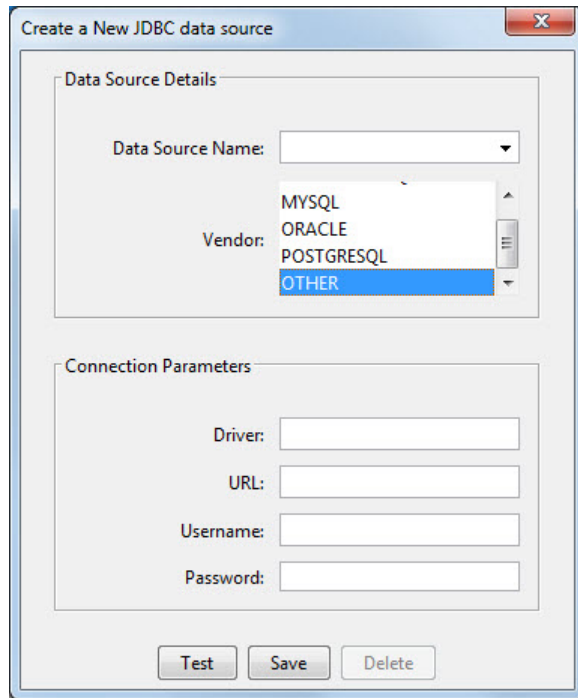
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to SQLite using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-87 The driver and URL fields (in Database Explorer Create a New JDBC data source dialog box and in the **database** function) can vary depending on the type and version of the JDBC driver and the database you are working with. For details about the driver and URL, see the JDBC driver documentation for your database.

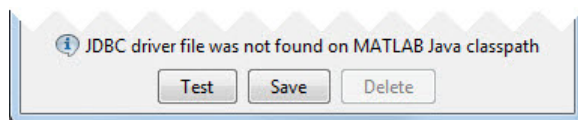
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **OTHER** from the **Vendor** list.
- 4 Enter the SQLite driver Java class object in the **Driver** field. Here, use `org.sqlite.JDBC`. After entering the driver, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 5 Connect to the SQLite database by creating a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sqlite`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For SQLite, this contains the location of the database. For example, your string is `jdbc:sqlite:dbpath`, where

`dbpath` is the full path to your SQLite database on your computer. Enter your string into the **URL** field.

- 6 Enter your user name in the **Username** field and your password in the **Password** field, or leave them blank if your database does not need them. Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 7 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 8 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

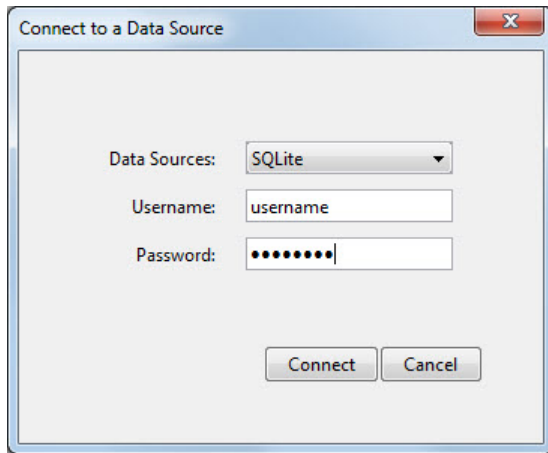
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the SQLite database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

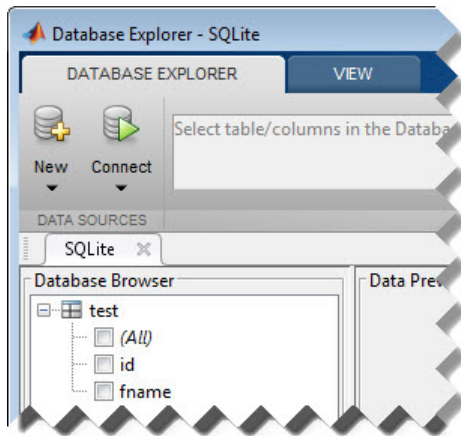
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to SQLite using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the SQLite database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password or leave them blank if your database does not require them. Click **Connect**.



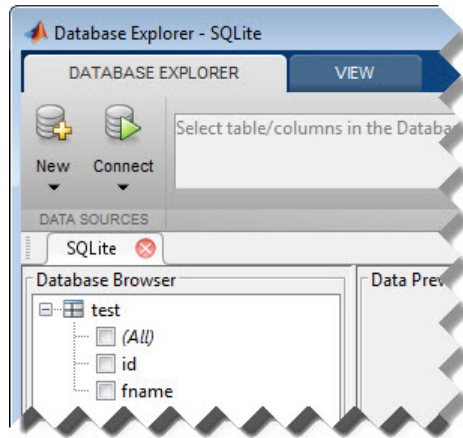
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (X) next to the **SQLite** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (X). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (X) in the top-right corner.



If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (✕) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to SQLite using the JDBC connection command line.

- 1 Create a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sqlite`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For SQLite, this contains the location of the database. For example, your string is `jdbc:sqlite:dbpath`, where `dbpath` is the full path to your SQLite database on your computer.
- 2 Connect to the SQLite database by using the `database` function. Enter the full path to your SQLite database `dbpath` for the first argument, or leave this argument blank and include the full path in the URL string `URL`. Enter your user name `username` and password `pwd`, or leave these blank if your database does not require them. The fourth argument is the driver Java class object. This code assumes the class object is `org.sqlite.JDBC`. The last argument is the URL string `URL`.

```
conn = database(dbpath,username,pwd,'org.sqlite.JDBC','URL');
```

- 3 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

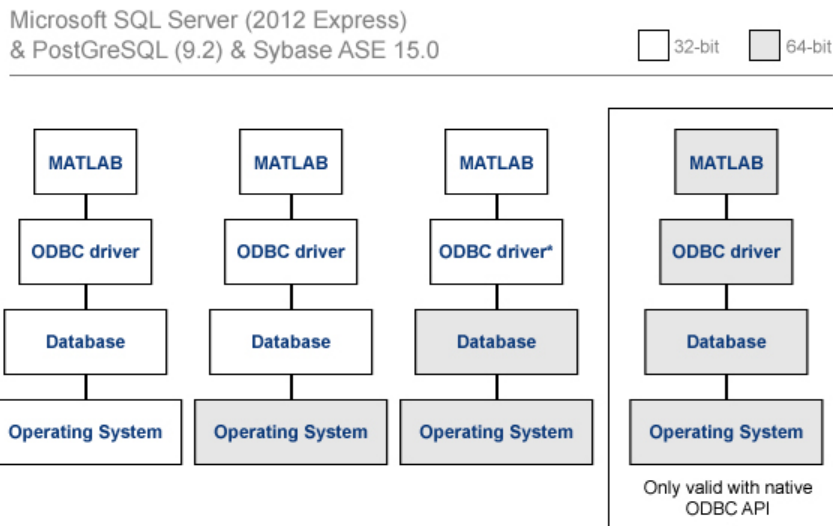
## Sybase ODBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Sybase database. This tutorial uses the Adaptive Server Enterprise Version 15.07.00.401 ODBC Driver to connect to the Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise 15.7 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.” on page 2-89
“Step 2. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-90
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-90
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-94

### Step 1. Check the 32-bit and 64-bit compatibility.

This diagram shows the operating system, database, ODBC driver, and MATLAB software that are installed on your machine. You can install the database locally or remotely. These graphics indicate that the bitness (32-bit or 64-bit) of MATLAB, ODBC driver, and the database must match. Otherwise, MATLAB displays an error. For details about the error, see “Database Connection Error Messages” on page 3-9.



- 'Invalid string or buffer length' is thrown when using 64-bit ODBC drivers for SQL Server with the JDBC-ODBC bridge.
- Use the native ODBC interface when working with a 64-bit ODBC driver

If you are running 32-bit or 64-bit MATLAB, the corresponding 32-bit or 64-bit Microsoft ODBC Administrator opens when you start creating a new ODBC data source using Database Explorer. The drivers listed in the Create New Data Source dialog box in the Microsoft ODBC Administrator are also 32-bit or 64-bit respectively. The following steps use 64-bit for MATLAB, the ODBC driver, the database, and the operating system.

### Step 2. Verify the driver installation.

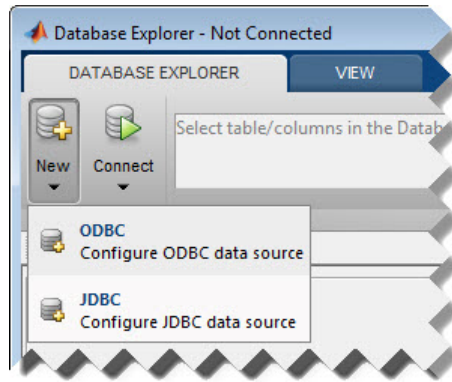
The ODBC driver is typically preinstalled on your computer. For details about the driver installation or troubleshooting the installation, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation on ODBC drivers. For information about the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator, see Driver Installation.

### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

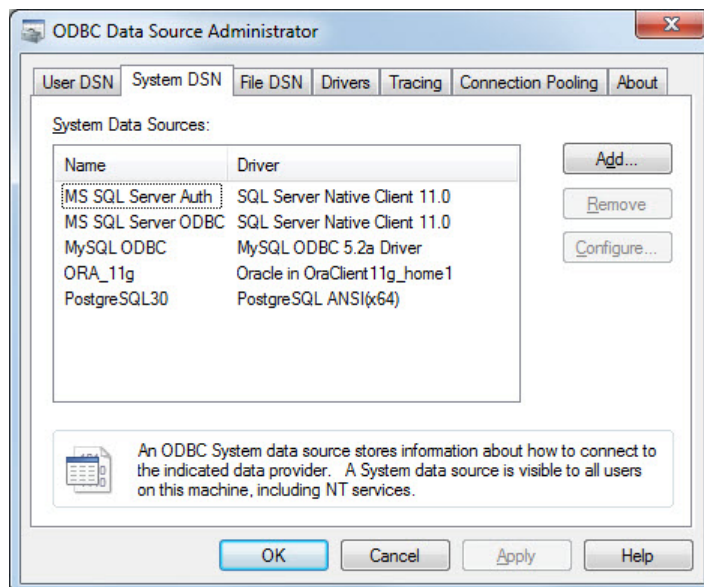
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting**

section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.

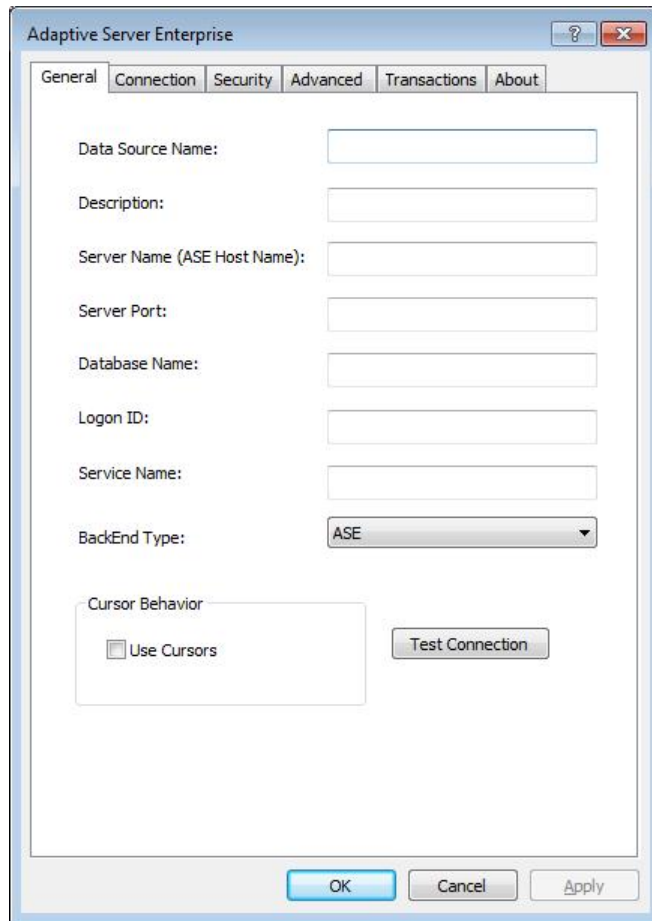
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > ODBC**.



The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box to define the ODBC data source opens.



- 3** Click the **System DSN** tab and then click **Add**. When setting up an ODBC data source, you can use a User DSN or System DSN. A User DSN is specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under User DSN are seen only by that specific user. Conversely, a System DSN is not specific to the user on a machine. Any data sources a user defines under System DSN on a machine can be seen by any user who logs into that machine. Your ability to set up a User DSN or System DSN might depend on the database and ODBC driver you are using. For details, contact your database administrator or your database ODBC driver documentation.
- 4** A list of installed ODBC drivers appears in the Create New Data Source dialog box. Select the ODBC driver **Adaptive Server Enterprise**. Your ODBC driver might have a different name. Click **Finish**.
- 5** In the Adaptive Server Enterprise dialog box, enter an appropriate name for your data source in the **Data Source Name** field. You use this name to establish a connection to your database. Here, enter **Sybase** as the data source name. Enter a description for this data source, such as **Sybase database**, in the **Description** field. Enter your database server name in the **Server Name (ASE Host Name)** field. Enter your port number in the **Server Port** field. Enter your database name in the **Database Name** field. Enter your user name in the **Logon ID** field. Leave all other tabs with default settings.



- 6 Click **Test Connection** to test the connection to your database. Another screen appears with login information. Enter your user name in the **Logon ID** field and your password in the **Password** field. The other three fields are prepopulated with your specific data.
- 7 Click **OK**. If your computer successfully connects to the database, the dialog box displays Login Succeeded.
- 8 Click **OK** in the Adaptive Server Enterprise dialog boxes to close them. The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box shows the ODBC data source **Sybase**.

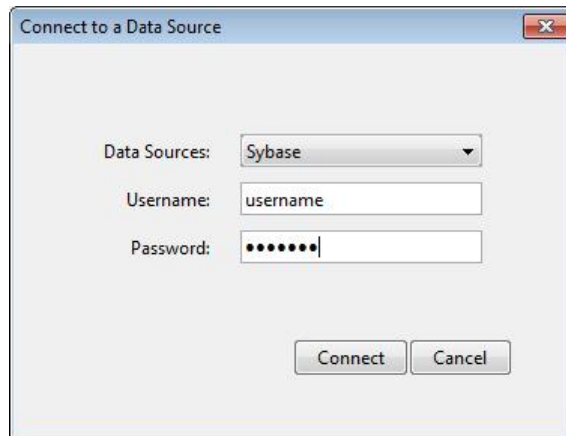
After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Sybase database using Database Explorer or the command line using the native ODBC connection.

### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to Sybase using Database Explorer.

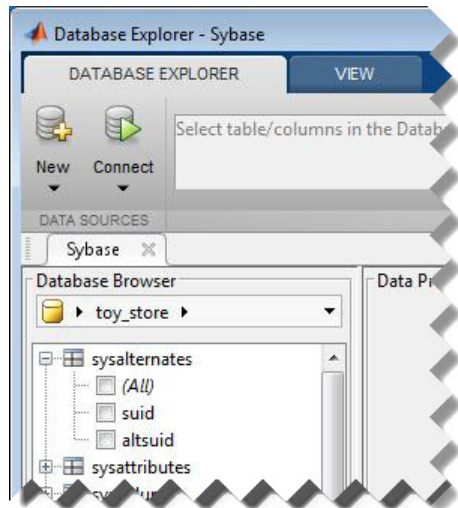
If you experience issues connecting using Database Explorer, use the native ODBC interface with the command line or JDBC to connect to your database.

- 1 After setting up the data source, click **Connect** in the **Database Explorer** tab.
- 2 In the Connect to a Data Source dialog box, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the Sybase database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.



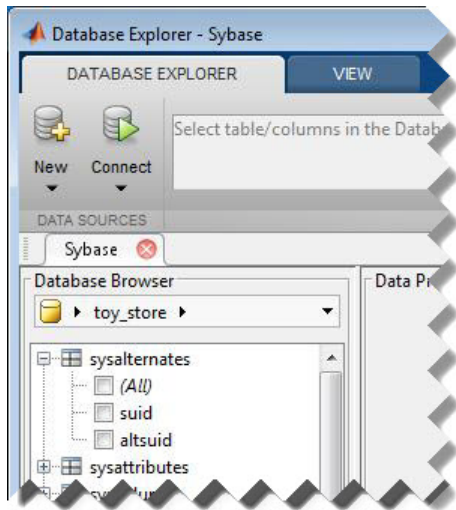
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.





- 3 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **Sybase** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Sybase using the native ODBC connection command line.

- 1 Connect to your database with the ODBC data source name. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named **Sybase** with user name **username** and password **pwd**.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('Sybase', 'username', 'pwd');
```

- 2 Close the database connection **conn**.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

[close | database](#)

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

## Sybase JDBC for Windows

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Sybase database. This tutorial uses the jConnect 4 JDBC Driver to connect to the Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise 15.7 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-97

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-97

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-98

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-100

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Sybase is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

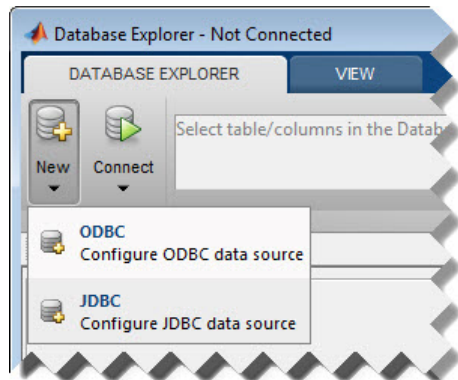
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `C:\DB_Drivers\jconn4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

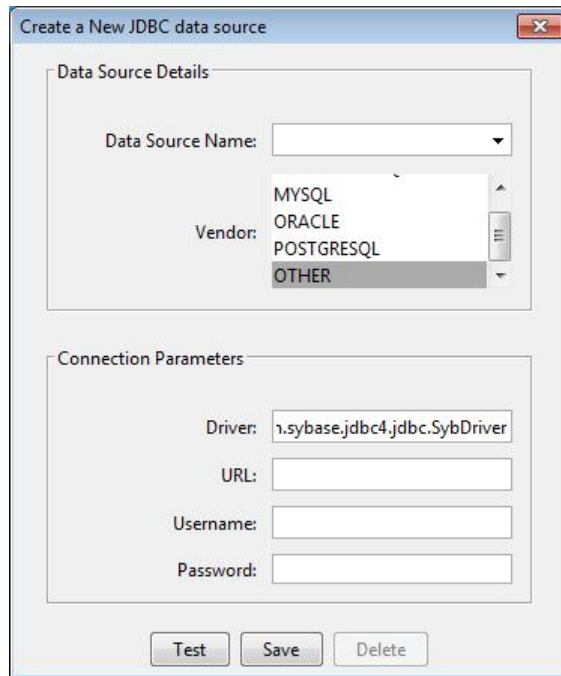
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Sybase using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-102 The driver and URL fields (in the Database Explorer Create a New JDBC data source dialog box and in the **database** function) can vary depending on the type and version of the JDBC driver and the database you are working with. For details about the driver and URL, see the JDBC driver documentation for your database.

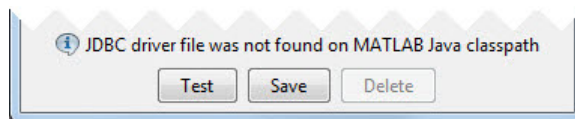
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **OTHER** from the **Vendor** list.
- 4 Enter the Sybase driver Java class object in the **Driver** field. Here, use `com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver`. After entering the driver, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 5 Connect to the Sybase database by creating a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sybase:Tds`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For Sybase, this contains the server name, the port number, and the database name. For example, your string is `jdbc:sybase:Tds:ServerName:PortNumber/dbname`, where `ServerName` is

your server name, `PortNumber` is your port number, and `dbname` is your database name. Enter your full string into the **URL** field.

- 6 Enter your user name in the **Username** field and your password in the **Password** field. Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 7 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 8 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

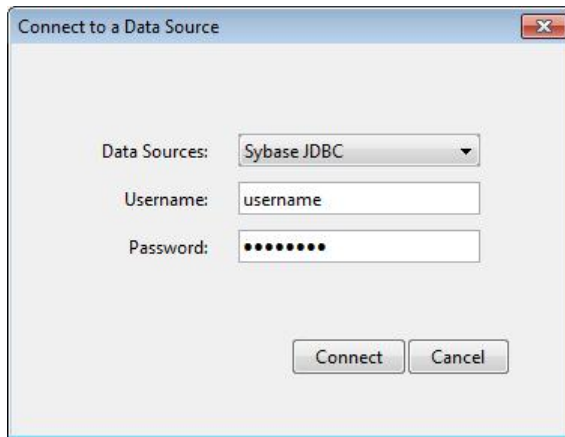
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Sybase database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

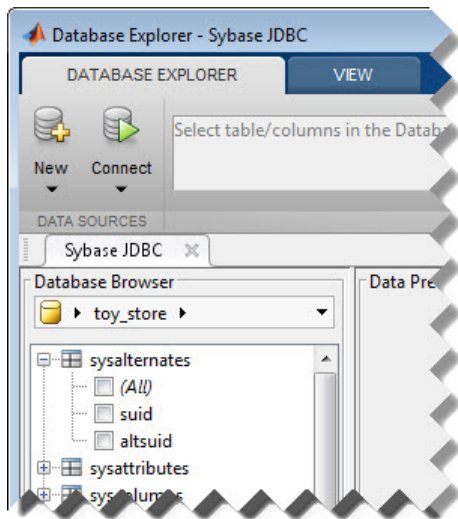
### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to Sybase using Database Explorer.


- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the Sybase database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.




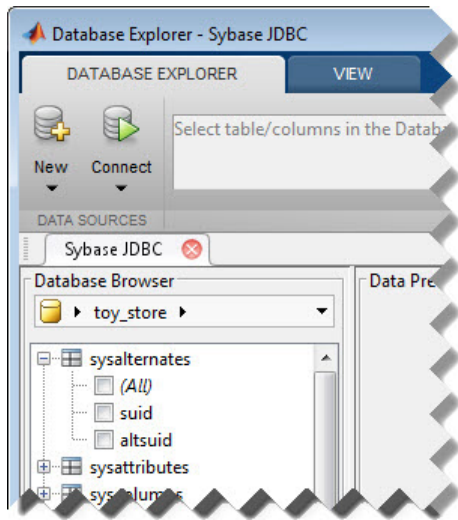
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✖) next to the **Sybase JDBC** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If

you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button () in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button () to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Sybase using the JDBC connection command line.

- 1 Create a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sybase:Tds`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For Sybase, this contains the server name, the port number, and the database name. For example, your URL string is `jdbc:sybase:Tds:ServerName:PortNumber/dbname`, where `ServerName` is your server name, `PortNumber` is your port number, and `dbname` is your database name.
- 2 Connect to the Sybase database using the `database` function. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`. The fourth argument is the driver Java class object. This code assumes the class object is `com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver`. The last argument is the URL string `URL`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
```



```
'com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver', 'URL');
```

- 3 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

## More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Mac OS X

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Microsoft SQL Server database. This tutorial uses the Microsoft JDBC Driver 4.0 for Microsoft SQL Server to connect to the Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-104
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-104
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-105
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-107

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Microsoft SQL Server is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

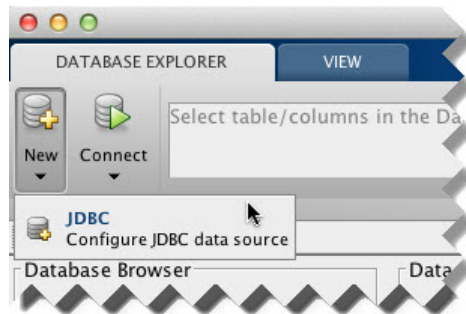
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/sqljdbc4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

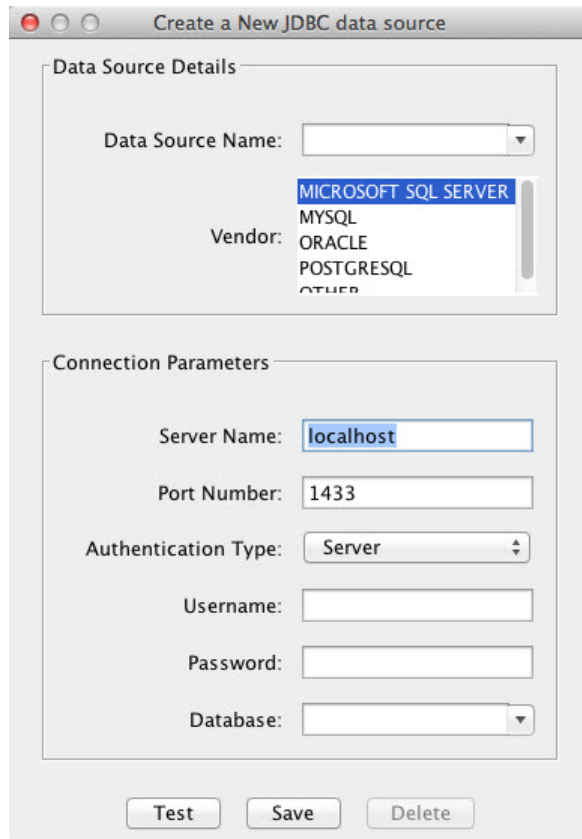
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-109

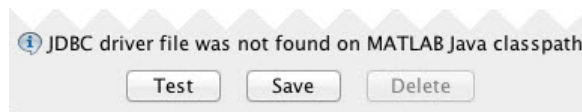
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **MICROSOFT SQL SERVER** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name**, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password**

field, and database name in the **Database** field. Set the **Authentication Type** to **Server**.

- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays **Connection Successful!**
- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

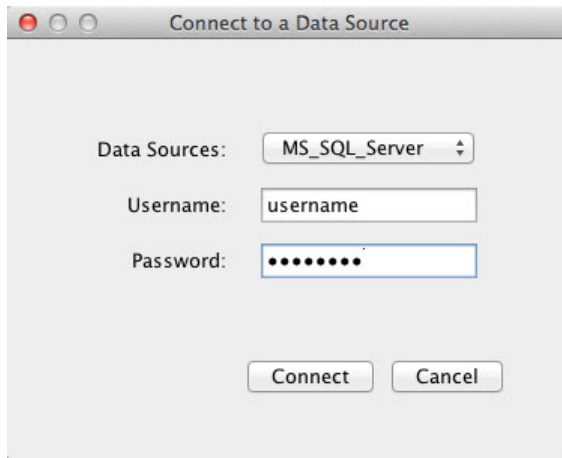
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

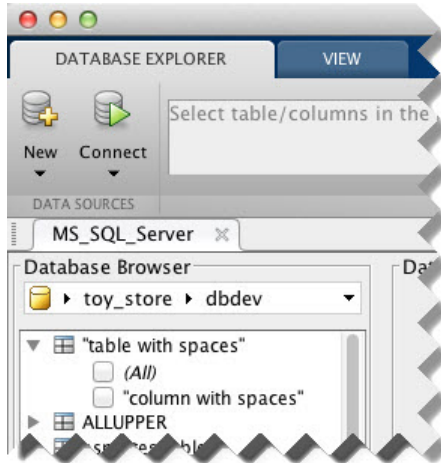
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using Database Explorer.


- 1 After setting up the data source, select the data source that you set up from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.




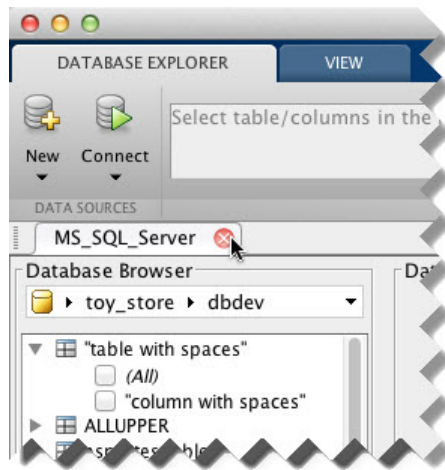
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **MS\_SQL\_Server** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If

you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (  ) in the top-left corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (  ) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the **Vendor** name-value pair argument of **database** to specify a connection to a Microsoft SQL Server database. Set the **AuthType** name-value pair argument to **Server**. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named **dbname** on a database server named **sname** with user name **username**, password **pwd**, and port number as **123456**.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', 'Server', 'sname', ...
               'AuthType', 'Server', 'PortNumber', 123456);
```

- 2 Close the database connection **conn**.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”



## Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Linux

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Microsoft SQL Server database. This tutorial uses the Microsoft JDBC Driver 4.0 for Microsoft SQL Server to connect to the Microsoft SQL Server 2012 Express database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-111

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-111

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-112

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-114

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Microsoft SQL Server is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

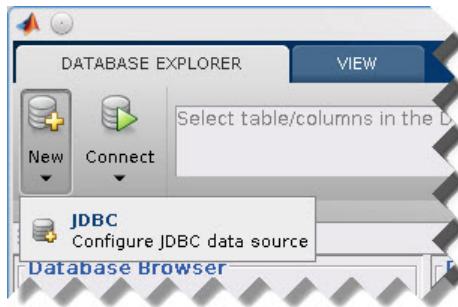
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/sqljdbc4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

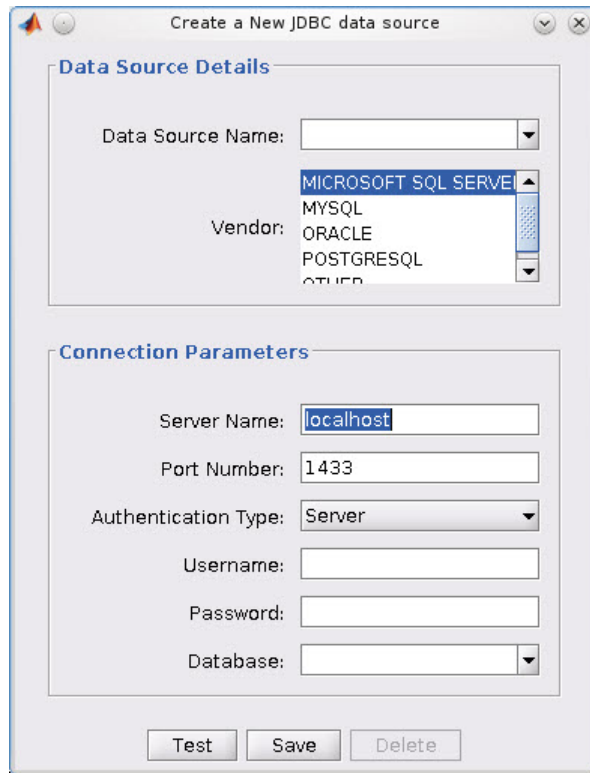
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-116

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **MICROSOFT SQL SERVER** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field. Set the **Authentication Type** to **Server**.

- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays **Connection Successful!**
- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

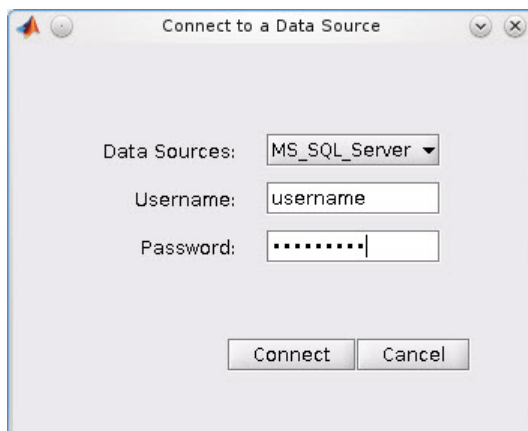
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

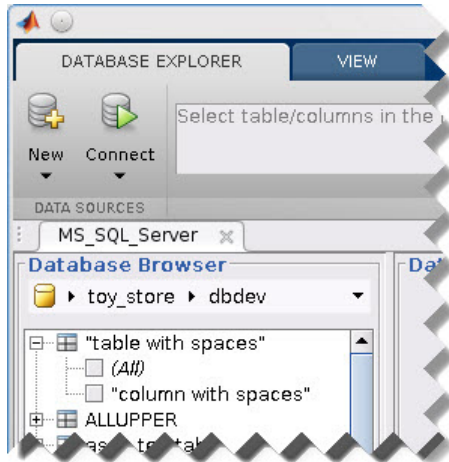
### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, select the data source that you set up from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

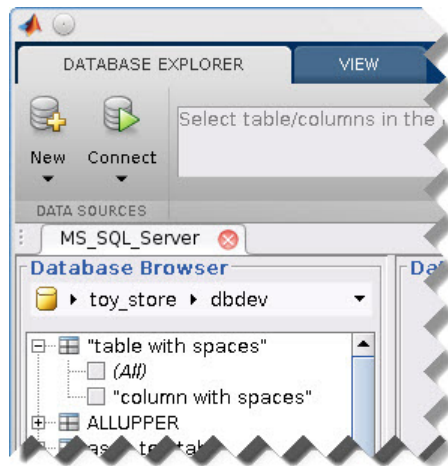


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **MS\_SQL\_Server** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (✕) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the **Vendor** name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to a Microsoft SQL Server database. Set the **AuthType** name-value pair argument to `Server`. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` on a database server named `sname` with user name `username`, password `pwd`, and port number as `123456`.

```
conn = database('dbname','username','pwd',...  
              'Vendor','Microsoft SQL Server','Server','sname',...  
              'AuthType','Server','PortNumber',123456);
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## Oracle JDBC for Mac OS X

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Oracle database. This tutorial uses the Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.3) JDBC driver for use with JDK 1.6 to connect to the Oracle 11g Enterprise Edition Release 11.2.0.1.0 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-118
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-118
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-119
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-121

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Oracle is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/ojdbc6.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

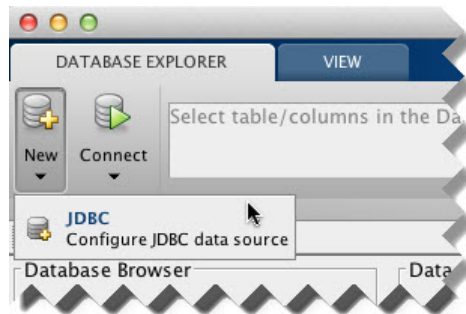
Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.



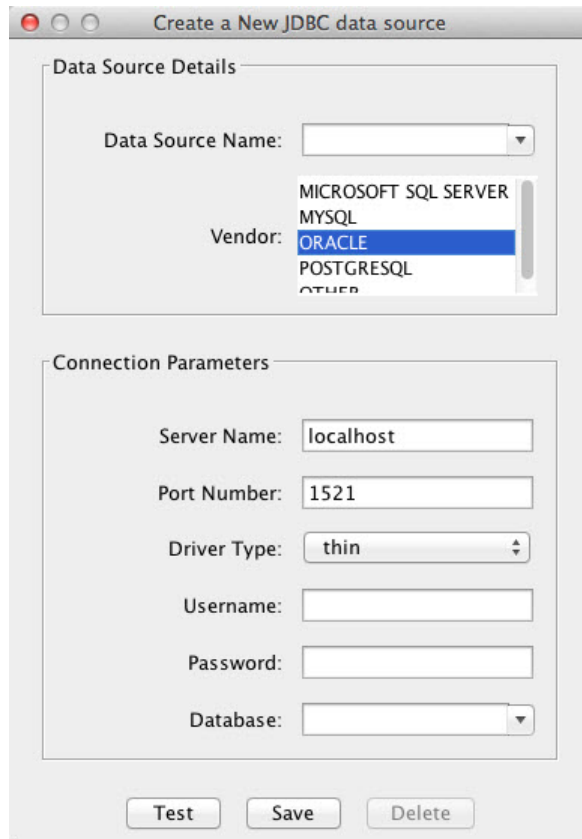
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Oracle using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-123

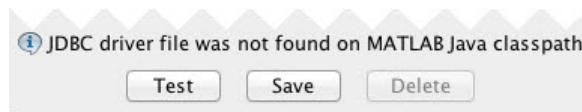
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **ORACLE** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field,

and database name in the **Database** field. Select **Driver Type** of `thin` or `oci`. Use `thin` as the default driver. Use `oci` if you installed an OCI driver.

- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

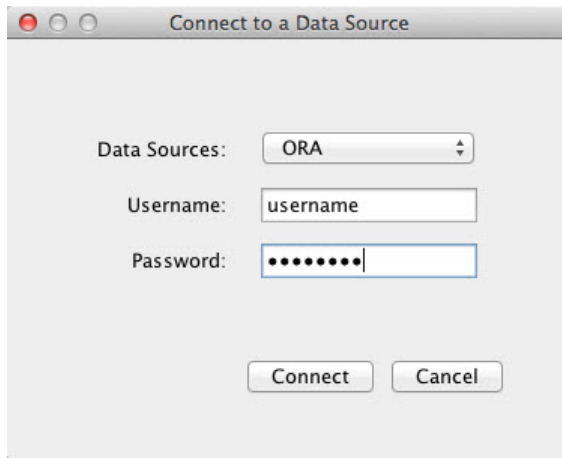
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Oracle database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

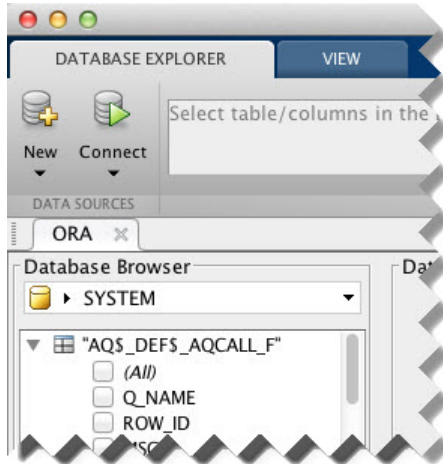
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to Oracle using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, select the data source that you set up from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.



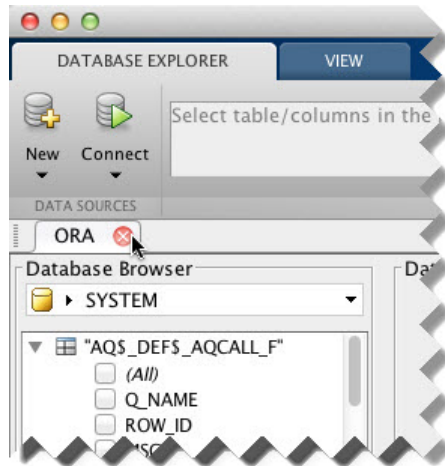
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **ORA** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you

want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (ⓧ) in the top-left corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (ⓧ) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Oracle using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the **Vendor** name-value pair argument of **database** to specify a connection to an Oracle database. Set the **DriverType** name-value pair argument to **thin**. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named **dbname** on a database server named **sname** with user name **username**, password **pwd**, and port number as **123456**.

**dbname** can be the service name or the Oracle system identifier (SID) depending on your specific Oracle database setup. For details, see your `tnsnames.ora` file, which is often in `<ORACLE_HOME>\NETWORK\ADMIN` where `<ORACLE_HOME>` is the folder where the database or the Oracle client is installed.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Oracle', 'DriverType', 'thin', ...
```

```
'Server', 'sname', 'PortNumber', 123456);
```

Or, if you have trouble using the `database` function to connect to your Oracle database, try using the full entry in your `tnsnames.ora` file in the URL string as one consecutive line. Leave the first argument blank. For example, the following code assumes the value of the URL name-value pair argument is set to the following `tnsnames.ora` file entry for an Oracle database.

```
conn = database('','username','pwd',...  
              'Vendor','Oracle',...  
              'URL',[ 'jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION = '...  
                    '(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = sname)'...  
                    '(PORT = 123456)) (CONNECT_DATA = '...  
                    '(SERVER = DEDICATED) (SERVICE_NAME = dbname) ) ' ]]);
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## Oracle JDBC for Linux

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Oracle database. This tutorial uses the Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.3) JDBC driver for use with JDK 1.6 to connect to the Oracle 11g Enterprise Edition Release 11.2.0.1.0 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-125

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-125

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-126

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-128

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Oracle is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

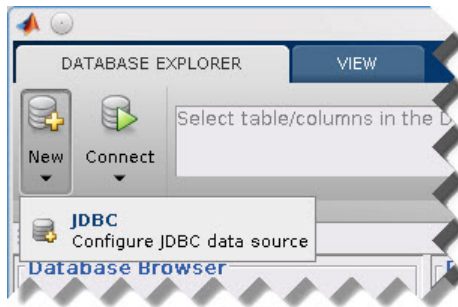
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/ojdbc6.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

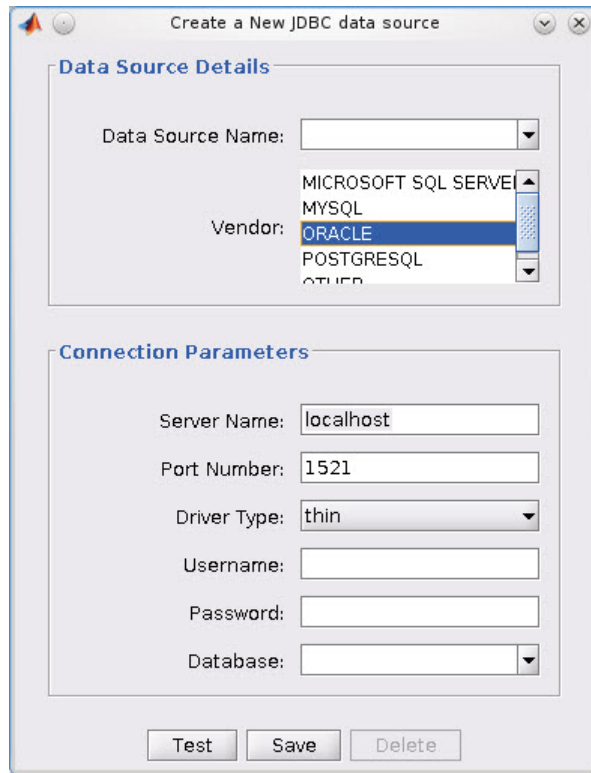
This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Oracle using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-130

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.





- 3 Select **ORACLE** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field. Select **Driver Type** of **thin** or **oci**. Use **thin** as the default driver. Use **oci** if you installed an OCI driver.

- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays **Connection Successful!**
- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Oracle database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

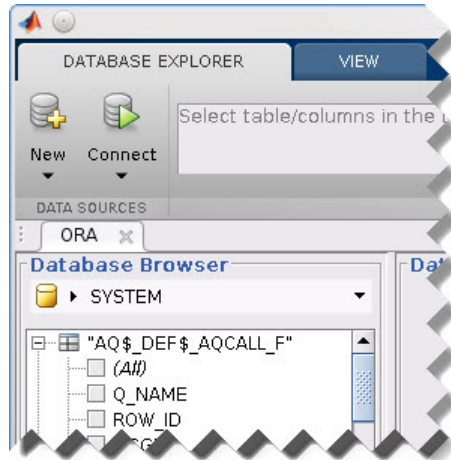
### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to Oracle using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, select the data source that you set up from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

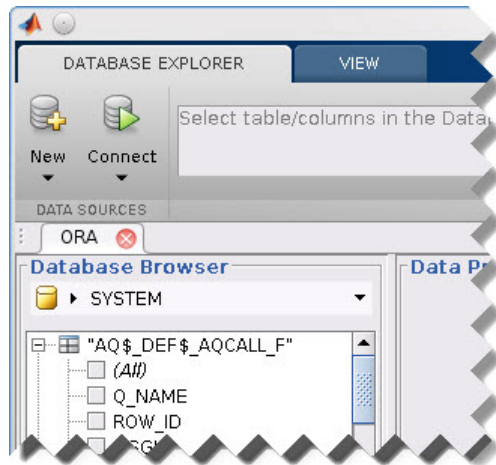


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **ORA** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (✕) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Oracle using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the **Vendor** name-value pair argument of **database** to specify a connection to an Oracle database. Set the **DriverType** name-value pair argument to **thin**. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named **dbname** on a database server named **sname** with user name **username**, password **pwd**, and port number as **123456**.

**dbname** can be the service name or the Oracle system identifier (SID) depending on your specific Oracle database setup. For details, see your `tnsnames.ora` file, which is often in `<ORACLE_HOME>\NETWORK\ADMIN` where `<ORACLE_HOME>` is the folder where the database or the Oracle client is installed.

```
conn = database('dbname','username','pwd',...  
               'Vendor','Oracle','DriverType','thin',...  
               'Server','sname','PortNumber',123456);
```

Or, if you have trouble using the `database` function to connect to your Oracle database, try using the full entry in your `tnsnames.ora` file in the URL string as one consecutive line. Leave the first argument blank. For example, the following

code assumes the value of the URL name-value pair argument is set to the following `tnsnames.ora` file entry for an Oracle database.

```
conn = database('','username','pwd',...
               'Vendor','Oracle',...
               'URL',[ 'jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION = '...
               '(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = sname)'...
               '(PORT = 123456)) (CONNECT_DATA = '...
               '(SERVER = DEDICATED) (SERVICE_NAME = dbname) ) )' ] );
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

## More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## MySQL JDBC for Mac OS X

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your MySQL database. This tutorial uses the MySQL Connector/J 5.1.17 driver to connect to the MySQL Version 5.5.16 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-132
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-132
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-133
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-135

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for MySQL is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

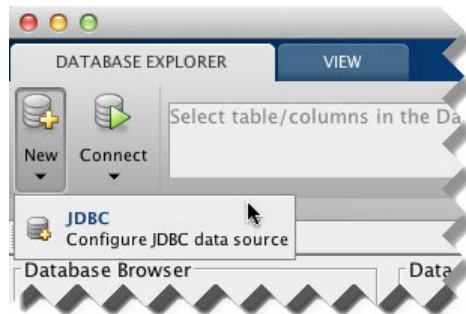
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/mysql-connector-java-5.1.17-bin.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

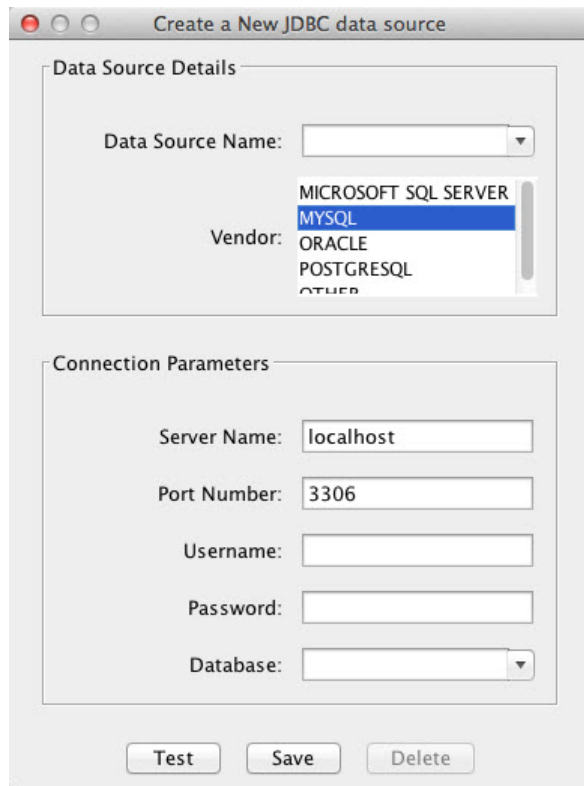
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to MySQL using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-137

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **MYSQL** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.
- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!



- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

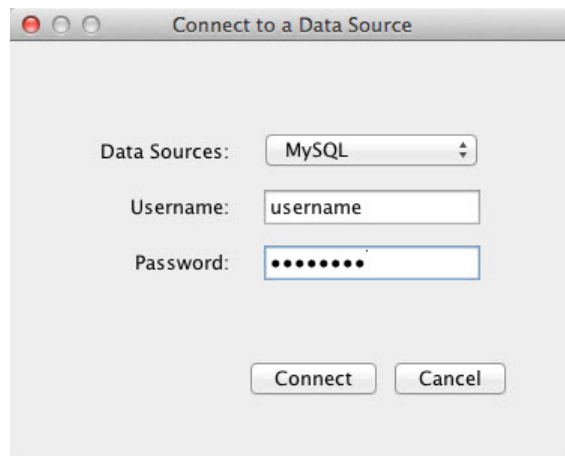
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the MySQL database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

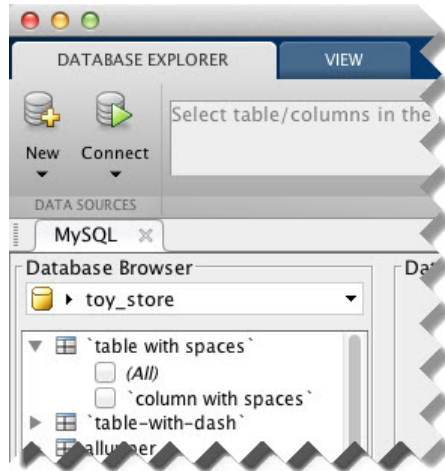
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to MySQL using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the MySQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

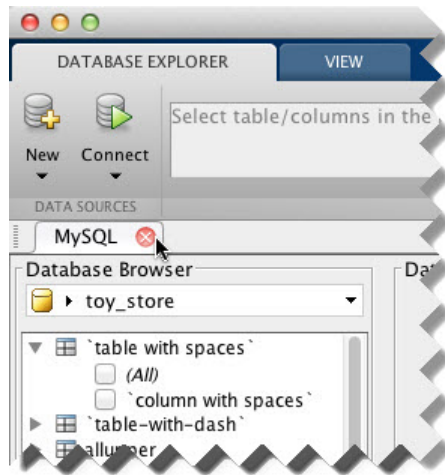


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **MySQL** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-left corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to MySQL using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the Vendor name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to a MySQL database. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` on a database server named `sname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'MySQL', ...
               'Server', 'sname');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## MySQL JDBC for Linux

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your MySQL database. This tutorial uses the MySQL Connector/J 5.1.17 driver to connect to the MySQL Version 5.5.16 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-139

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-139

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-140

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-142

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for MySQL is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

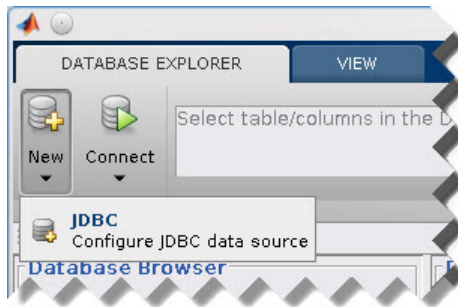
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/mysql-connector-java-5.1.17-bin.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

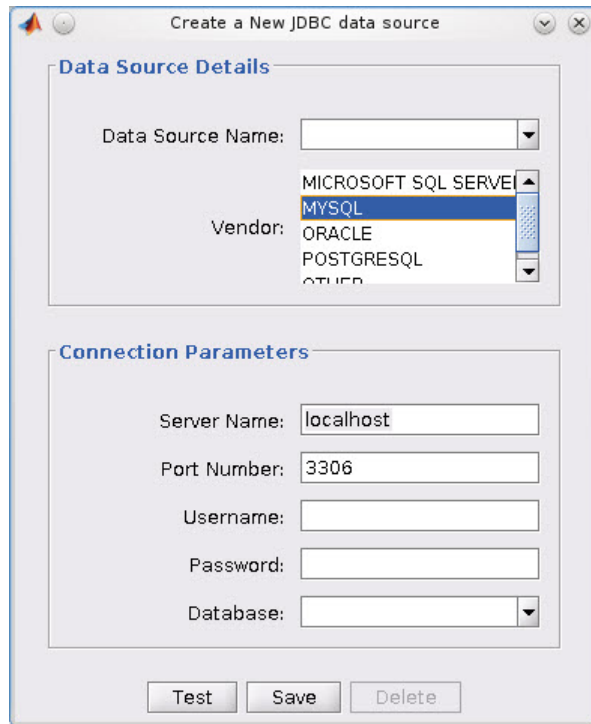
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to MySQL using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-144

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **MYSQL** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.
- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays **Connection Successful!**
- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear

in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.

- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

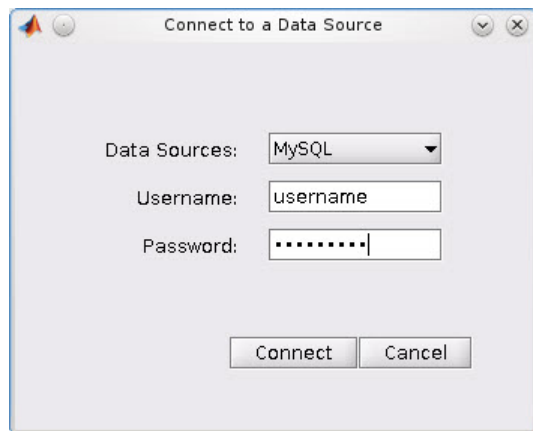
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the MySQL database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

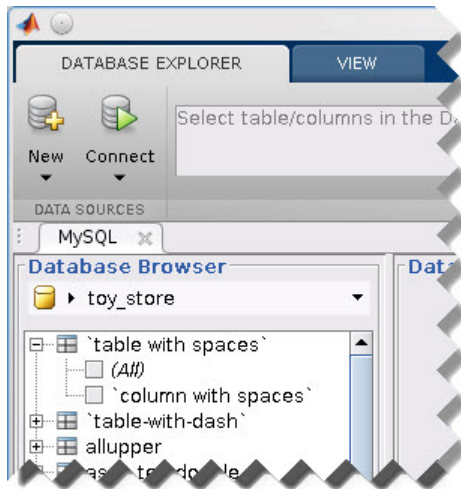
#### Connect to MySQL using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the MySQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.



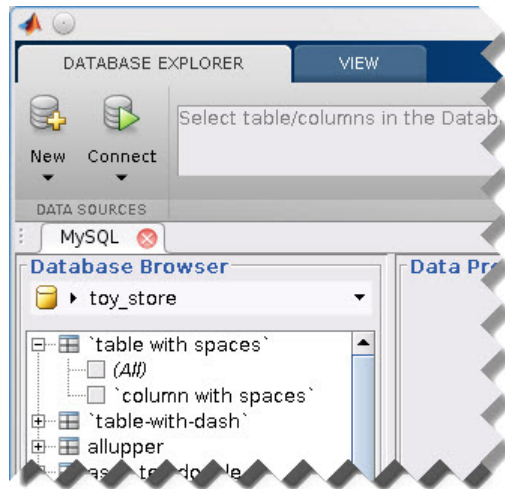
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.





- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **MySQL** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (✕) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to MySQL using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the Vendor name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to a MySQL database. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` on a database server named `sname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
               'Vendor', 'MySQL', ...  
               'Server', 'sname');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## PostgreSQL JDBC for Mac OS X

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your PostgreSQL database. This tutorial uses the JDBC4 PostgreSQL Driver, Version 8.4 to connect to the PostgreSQL 9.2 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-146
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-146
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-147
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-149

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for PostgreSQL is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

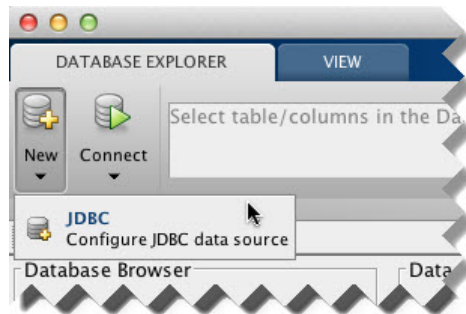
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/postgresql-8.4-702.jdbc4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

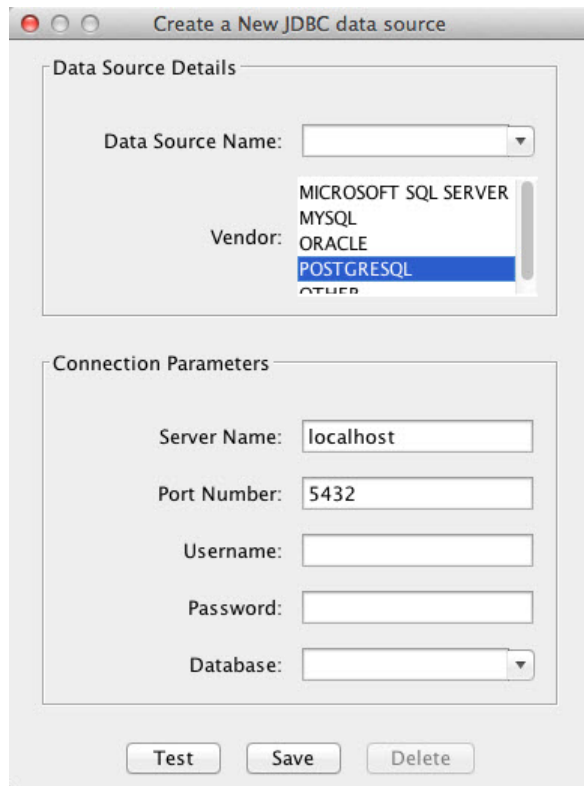
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to PostgreSQL using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-151

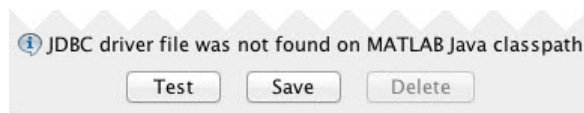
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **POSTGRESQL** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.
- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!

- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

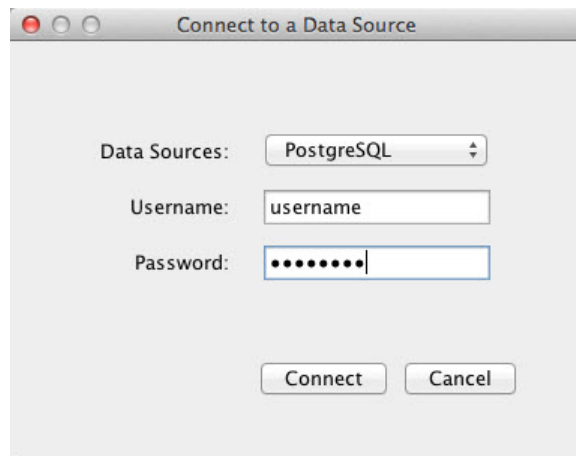
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the PostgreSQL database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

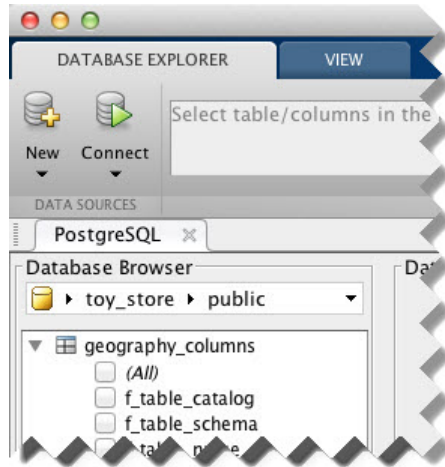
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to PostgreSQL using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the PostgreSQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.



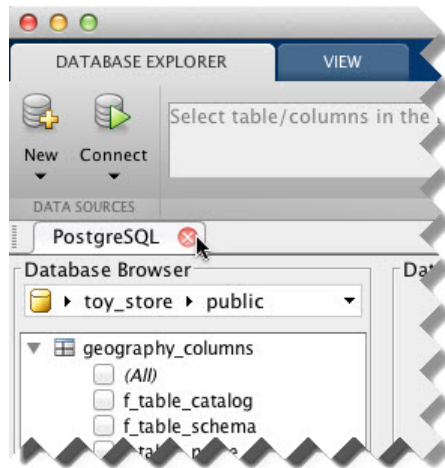
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **PostgreSQL** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-left corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.





### Connect to PostgreSQL using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the **Vendor** name-value pair argument of **database** to specify a connection to a PostgreSQL database. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named **dbname** on a database server named **sname** with user name **username** and password **pwd**.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'PostgreSQL', ...
               'Server', 'sname');
```

- 2 Close the database connection **conn**.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

close | database | javaaddpath

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## PostgreSQL JDBC for Linux

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your PostgreSQL database. This tutorial uses the JDBC4 PostgreSQL Driver, Version 8.4 to connect to the PostgreSQL 9.2 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-153

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-153

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-154

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-156

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for PostgreSQL is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

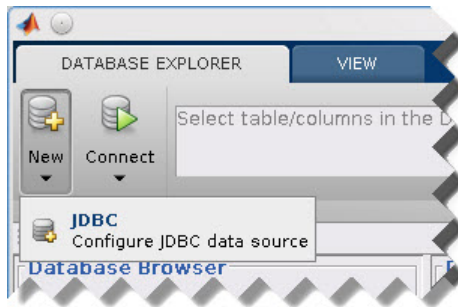
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/postgresql-8.4-702.jdbc4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

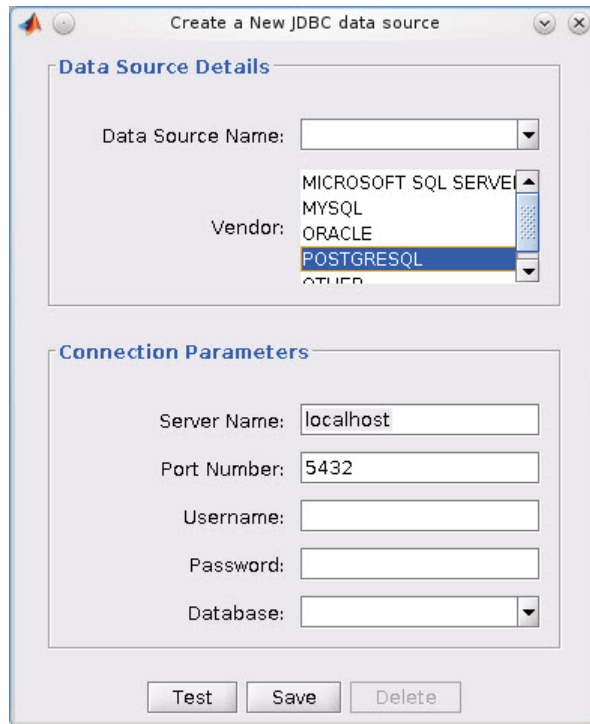
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to PostgreSQL using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-158

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **POSTGRESQL** from the **Vendor** list. After selecting the vendor, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 4 Enter the database server name in the **Server Name** field, port number in the **Port Number** field, user name in the **Username** field, password in the **Password** field, and database name in the **Database** field.
- 5 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays **Connection Successful!**

- 6 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 7 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

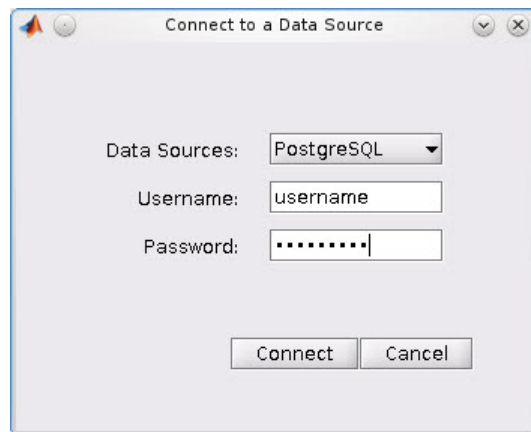
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the PostgreSQL database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

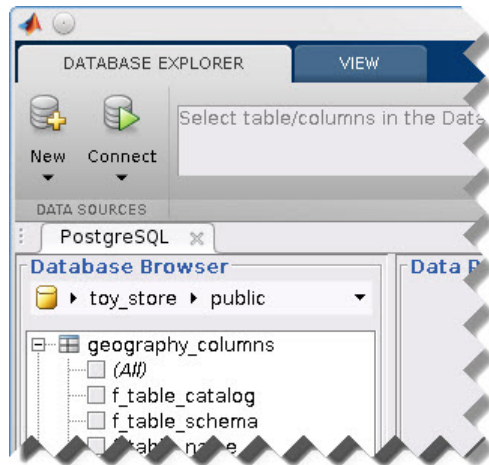
### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to PostgreSQL using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the PostgreSQL database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

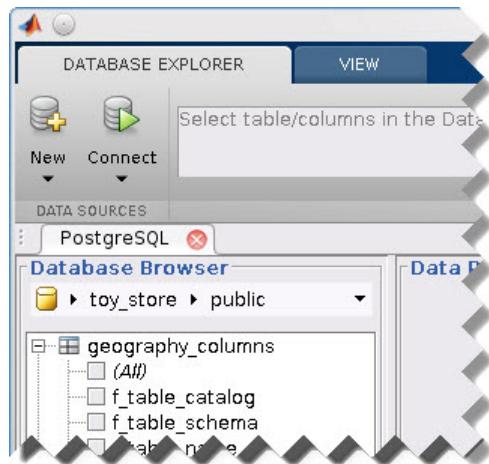


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **PostgreSQL** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⊗) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to PostgreSQL using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Use the Vendor name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to a PostgreSQL database. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` on a database server named `sname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
              'Vendor', 'PostgreSQL', ...  
              'Server', 'sname');
```

- 2 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2



- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## SQLite JDBC for Mac OS X

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your SQLite database. This tutorial uses the SQLite JDBC 3.7.2 Driver to connect to the SQLite Version 3.7.17 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-160
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-160
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-161
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-163

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for SQLite is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

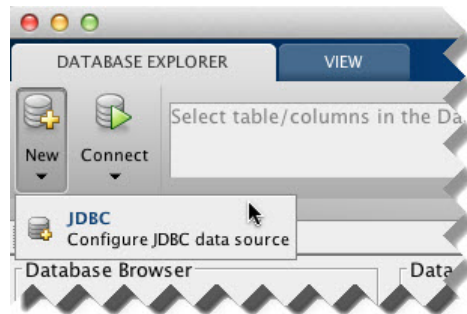
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/sqlite-jdbc-3.7.2.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

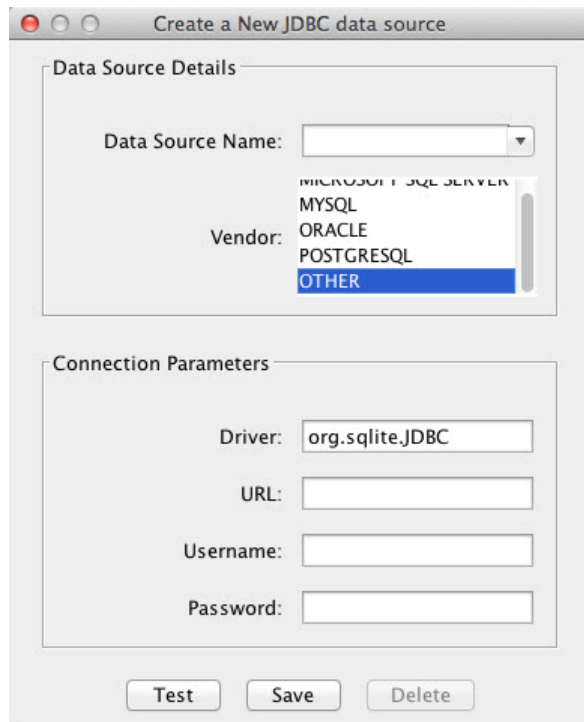
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to SQLite using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-165

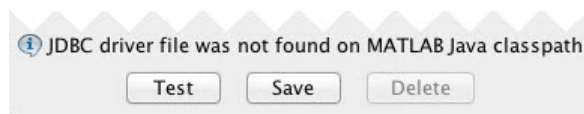
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **OTHER** from the **Vendor** list.
- 4 Enter the SQLite driver Java class object in the **Driver** field. Here, use `org.sqlite.JDBC`. After entering the driver, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 5 Connect to the SQLite database by creating a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sqlite`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For SQLite, this contains the location of the database. For example, your string is `jdbc:sqlite:dbpath`, where

`dbpath` is the full path to your SQLite database on your computer. Enter your string into the **URL** field.

- 6 Enter your user name in the **Username** field and your password in the **Password** field, or leave them blank if your database does not need them.
- 7 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 8 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 9 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

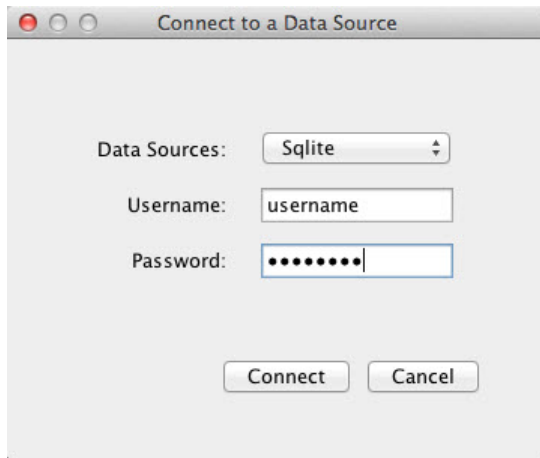
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the SQLite database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

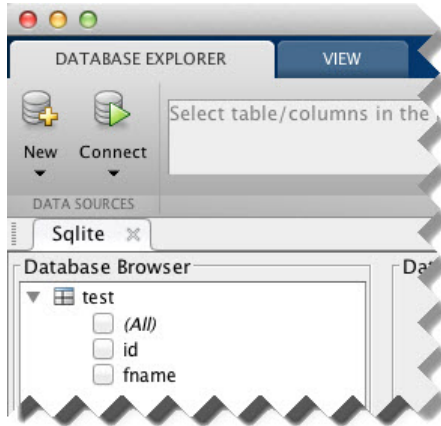
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to SQLite using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the SQLite database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password or leave them blank if your database does not require them. Click **Connect**.

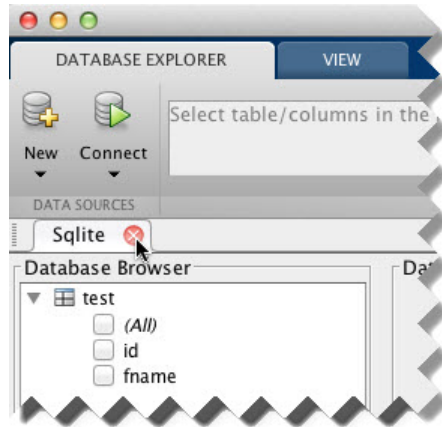


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **Sqlite** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (⊗) in the top-left corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (⌘) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to SQLite using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Create a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sqlite`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For SQLite, this contains the location of the database. For example, your string is `jdbc:sqlite:dbpath`, where `dbpath` is the full path to your SQLite database on your computer.
- 2 Connect to the SQLite database by using the `database` function. Enter the full path to your SQLite database `dbpath` for the first argument, or leave this argument blank and include the full path in the URL string `URL`. Enter your user name `username` and your password `pwd`, or leave these blank if your database does not require them. The fourth argument is the driver Java class object. This code assumes the class object is `org.sqlite.JDBC`. The last argument is the URL string `URL`.

```
conn = database(dbpath,username,pwd,'org.sqlite.JDBC','URL');
```

- 3 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”



## SQLite JDBC for Linux

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your SQLite database. This tutorial uses the SQLite JDBC 3.7.2 Driver to connect to the SQLite Version 3.7.17 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-167

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-167

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-168

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-170

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for SQLite is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

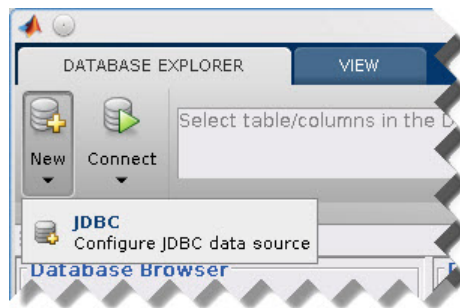
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/sqlite-jdbc-3.7.2.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

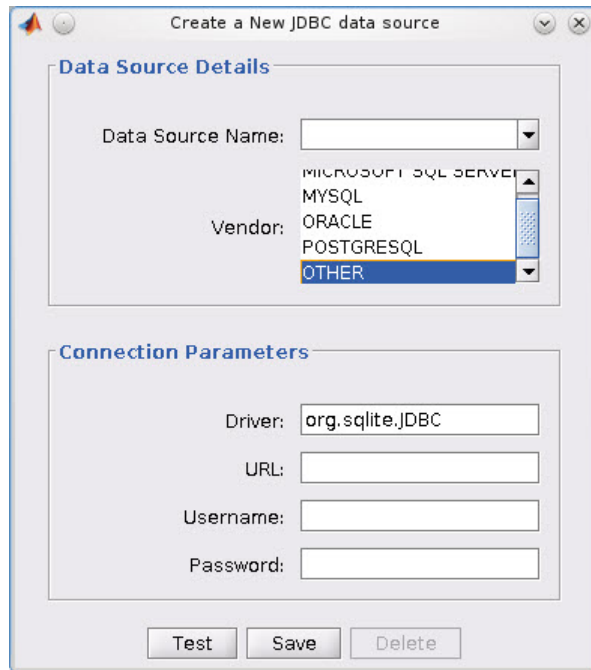
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to SQLite using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-172

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **OTHER** from the **Vendor** list.
- 4 Enter the SQLite driver Java class object in the **Driver** field. Here, use `org.sqlite.JDBC`. After entering the driver, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 5 Connect to the SQLite database by creating a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sqlite`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For SQLite, this contains the location of the database. For example, your string is `jdbc:sqlite:dbpath`, where `dbpath` is the full path to your SQLite database on your computer. Enter your string into the **URL** field.

- 6 Enter your user name in the **Username** field and your password in the **Password** field, or leave them blank if your database does not need them.
- 7 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 8 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 9 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the SQLite database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

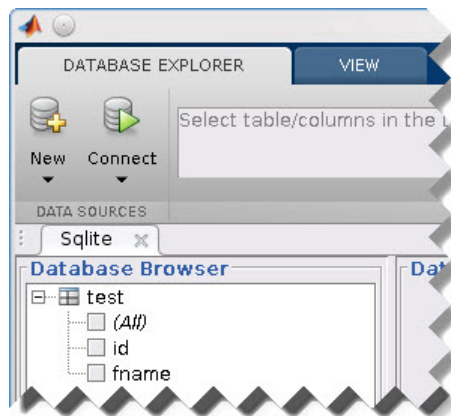
### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to SQLite using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the SQLite database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password or leave them blank if your database does not require them. Click **Connect**.

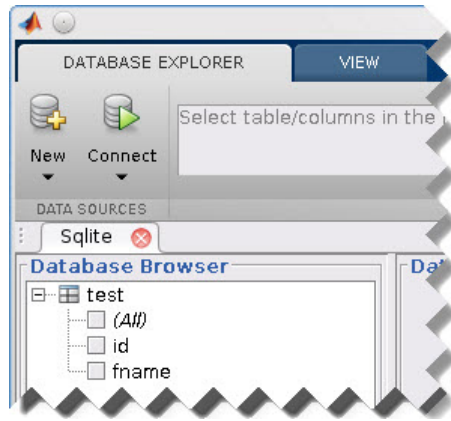


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (X) next to the **Sqlite** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (X). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (X) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (✕) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to SQLite using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Create a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sqlite`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For SQLite, this contains the location of the database. For example, your string is `jdbc:sqlite:dbpath`, where `dbpath` is the full path to your SQLite database on your computer.
- 2 Connect to the SQLite database by using the `database` function. Enter the full path to your SQLite database `dbpath` for the first argument, or leave this argument blank and include the full path in the URL string `URL`. Enter your user name `username` and your password `pwd`, or leave these blank if your database does not require them. The fourth argument is the driver Java class object. This code assumes the class object is `org.sqlite.JDBC`. The last argument is the URL string `URL`.

```
conn = database(dbpath,username,pwd,'org.sqlite.JDBC','URL');
```

- 3 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

## More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## Sybase JDBC for Mac OS X

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Sybase database. This tutorial uses the jConnect 4 JDBC Driver to connect to the Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise 15.7 database.

In this section...
“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-174
“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-174
“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-175
“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-177

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Sybase is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/jconn4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

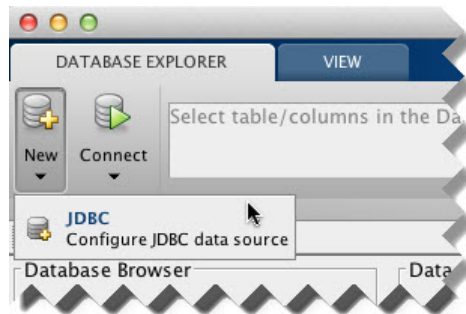
Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.



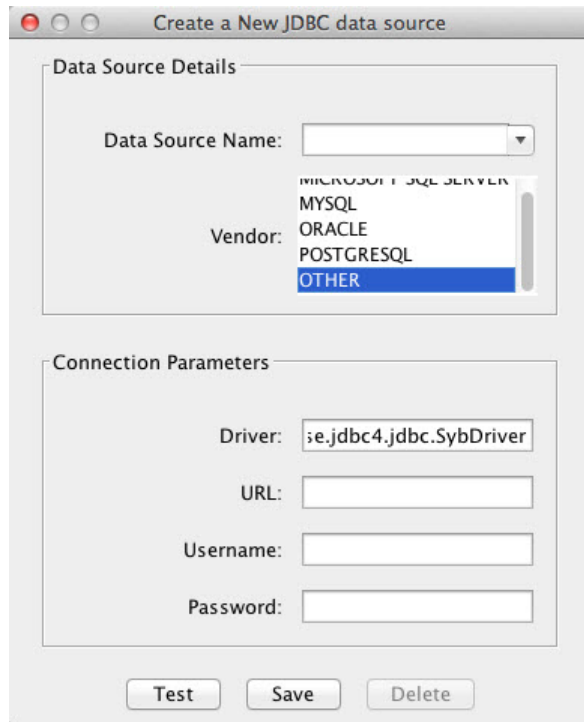
### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Sybase using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-179

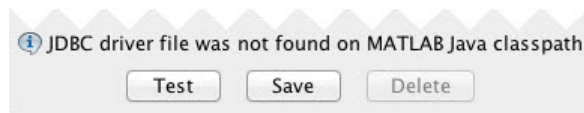
- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.



- 3 Select **OTHER** from the **Vendor** list.
- 4 Enter the Sybase driver Java class object in the **Driver** field. Here, use `com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver`. After entering the driver, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 5 Connect to the Sybase database by creating a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sybase:Tds`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For Sybase, this contains the server name, the port number, and the database name. For example, your string

is `jdbc:sybase:Tds:ServerName:PortNumber/dbname`, where `ServerName` is your server name, `PortNumber` is your port number, and `dbname` is your database name. Enter your full string into the **URL** field.

- 6 Enter your user name in the **Username** field and your password in the **Password** field.
- 7 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 8 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 9 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

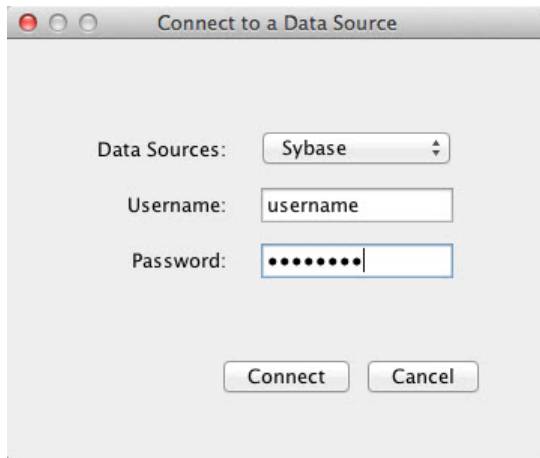
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Sybase database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

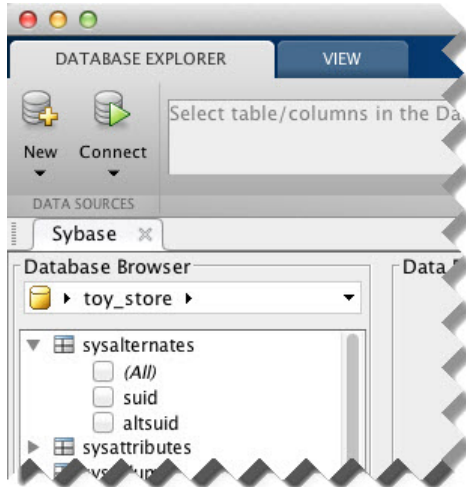
## Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connect to Sybase using Database Explorer.


- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the Sybase database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.




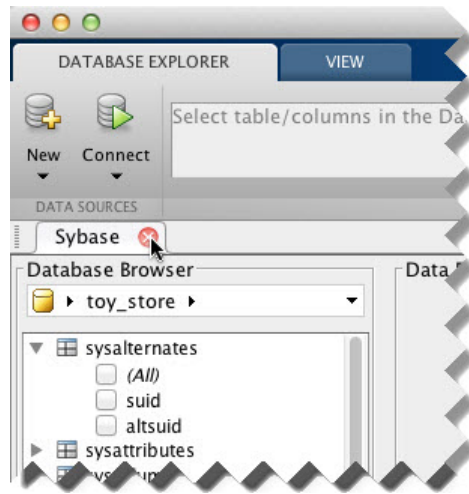
Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **Sybase** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you

want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (  ) in the top-left corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (  ) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Sybase using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Create a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sybase:Tds`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For Sybase, this contains the server name, the port number, and the database name. For example, your URL string is `jdbc:sybase:Tds:ServerName:PortNumber/dbname`, where `ServerName` is your server name, `PortNumber` is your port number, and `dbname` is your database name.
- 2 Connect to the Sybase database using the `database` function. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`. The fourth argument is the driver Java class

object. This code assumes the class object is `com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver`. The last argument is the URL string `URL`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
               'com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver', 'URL');
```

- 3 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## Sybase JDBC for Linux

This tutorial shows how to set up a data source and connect to your Sybase database. This tutorial uses the jConnect 4 JDBC Driver to connect to the Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise 15.7 database.

### In this section...

“Step 1. Verify the driver installation.” on page 2-181

“Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.” on page 2-181

“Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.” on page 2-182

“Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.” on page 2-184

### Step 1. Verify the driver installation.

If the JDBC driver for Sybase is not installed on your computer, find the link on the Driver Installation page to install the driver. Follow the instructions to download and install this driver on your computer.

### Step 2. Add the JDBC driver to the MATLAB static Java class path.

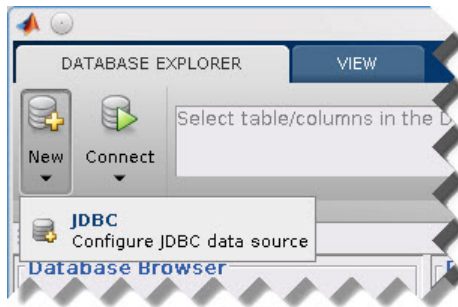
- 1 Run the `prefdir` command in the Command Window. The output is a file path to a folder on your computer.
- 2 Close MATLAB if it is running.
- 3 Navigate to the folder and create a file called `javaclasspath.txt` in the folder.
- 4 Open `javaclasspath.txt`. Add the full path to the database driver JAR file in `javaclasspath.txt`. The full path includes the path to the folder where you downloaded the JAR file from the database provider and the JAR file name. For example, `/home/user/DB_Drivers/jconn4.jar`. Save and close `javaclasspath.txt`.
- 5 Restart MATLAB.

Alternatively, you can use `javaaddpath` to add your JDBC driver to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

### Step 3. Set up the data source using Database Explorer.

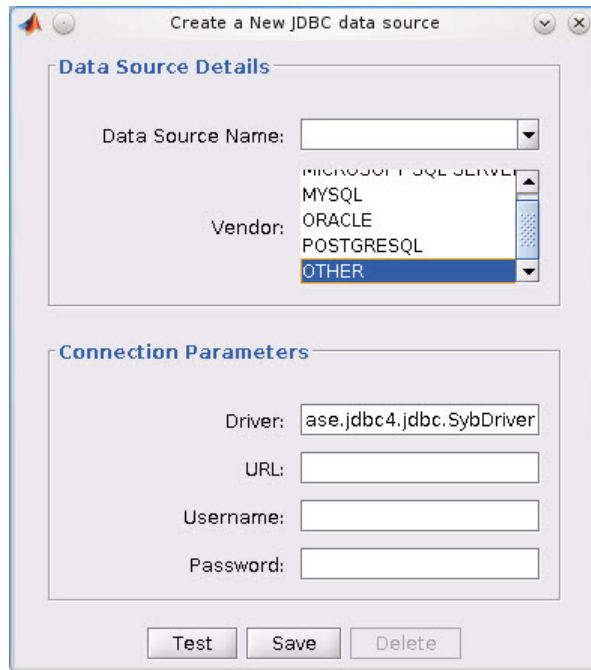
This step is required only for connecting to Database Explorer. If you want to use the command line to connect to your database, see “Connect to Sybase using the JDBC connection command line.” on page 2-186

- 1 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Then, select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, enter `dexplore` at the command line. If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.
- 2 Click the **Database Explorer** tab, and then select **New > JDBC**.



The Create a New JDBC data source dialog box opens.





- 3 Select **OTHER** from the **Vendor** list.
- 4 Enter the Sybase driver Java class object in the **Driver** field. Here, use `com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver`. After entering the driver, if you did not add the JDBC driver file path to the Java class path, this dialog box displays this message at the bottom. Address this message by following the steps described in Step 2.



- 5 Connect to the Sybase database by creating a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sybase:Tds`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For Sybase, this contains the server name, the port number, and the database name. For example, your string is `jdbc:sybase:Tds:ServerName:PortNumber/dbname`, where `ServerName` is

your server name, `PortNumber` is your port number, and `dbname` is your database name. Enter your full string into the **URL** field.

- 6 Enter your user name in the **Username** field and your password in the **Password** field.
- 7 Click **Test** to test the connection. If your connection succeeded, Database Explorer displays Connection Successful!
- 8 Enter a data source name in the **Data Source Name** field in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. Use a new data source name that does not appear in the existing list of data source names. Click **Save**. The new JDBC data source appears in the list of data sources in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.
- 9 If this time is the first time that you are creating a data source using Database Explorer, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

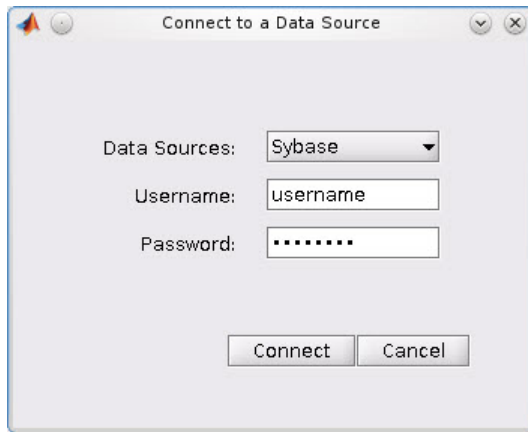
Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

After you complete the data source setup, connect to the Sybase database using Database Explorer or the command line with the JDBC connection.

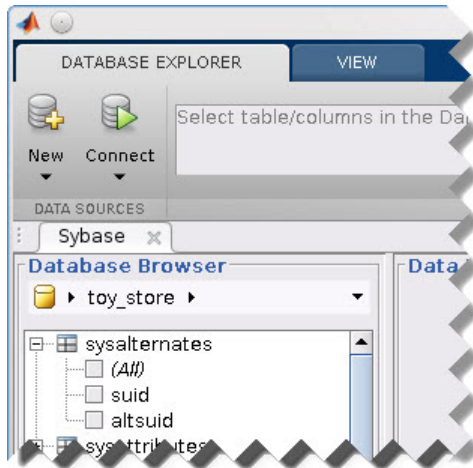
### Step 4. Connect using Database Explorer or the command line.

#### Connect to Sybase using Database Explorer.

- 1 After setting up the data source, connect to your database by selecting the data source name for the Sybase database from the **Data Sources** list. Enter a user name and password. Click **Connect**.

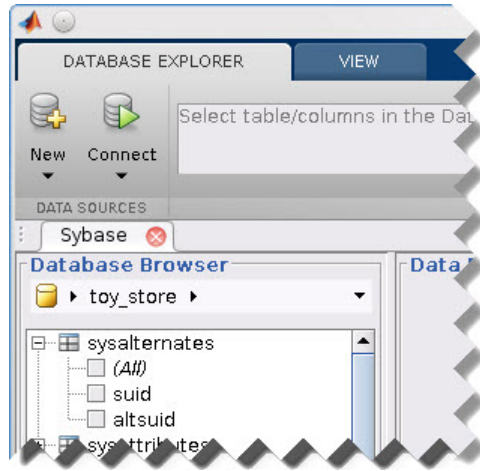


Database Explorer connects to your database and displays its contents in a tab named with the data source name.



- 2 Close the connection using Database Explorer by hovering the cursor over the **Close** button (✕) next to the **Sybase** data source name on the database tab. The **Close** button turns into a red circle (⊗). Click it to close the database connection. If you want to close Database Explorer and all database connections, click the **Close** button (✕) in the top-right corner.

If Database Explorer is docked, click the **Close** button (✕) to close all database connections and Database Explorer.



### Connect to Sybase using the JDBC connection command line.

When using the command line, you do not have to set up a data source with Database Explorer. You can use the command line to pass all the required parameters for connection.

- 1 Create a URL string using the format `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. `subprotocol` is a database type. In this case, `subprotocol` is `sybase:Tds`. The last part of the URL string is `subname`. For Sybase, this contains the server name, the port number, and the database name. For example, your URL string is `jdbc:sybase:Tds:ServerName:PortNumber/dbname`, where `ServerName` is your server name, `PortNumber` is your port number, and `dbname` is your database name.
- 2 Connect to the Sybase database using the `database` function. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`. The fourth argument is the driver Java class object. This code assumes the class object is `com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver`. The last argument is the URL string `URL`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
```

```
'com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver', 'URL');
```

- 3 Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `javaaddpath`

## More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”

## Other ODBC- or JDBC-Compliant Databases

This tutorial provides high-level workflows for using other ODBC- or JDBC-compliant databases.

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### ODBC-Compliant Databases

This tutorial shows how to configure your driver and connect to your ODBC-compliant database with MATLAB. Database Toolbox can connect to any ODBC-compliant database that is relational and that uses ANSI SQL. For example, if your database is Microsoft Excel or IBM DB2, here are some basic steps to follow.

- 1 If your driver is not preinstalled on your computer, find a compatible driver and install it on your computer. You can view preinstalled drivers using the Microsoft Data Source ODBC Administrator.
- 2 Create a data source that uses the installed driver using the Microsoft Data Source ODBC Administrator. For details about the Microsoft Data Source ODBC Administrator, see *Driver Installation*.
- 3 Use Database Explorer to test your connection. For details, see “Configure ODBC Data Sources” on page 4-8.
- 4 Use Database Explorer to connect to your database. For details, see “Connect to a Data Source” on page 4-16.
- 5 Alternatively, you can connect to your database using the command line function `database`.
- 6 For more in-depth assistance, contact your database administrator or database documentation. For more in-depth instructions, see the example “MySQL ODBC for Windows” on page 2-57.

### JDBC-Compliant Databases

This tutorial shows how to configure your driver and connect to your JDBC-compliant database with MATLAB. Database Toolbox can connect to any JDBC-compliant database that is relational and that uses ANSI SQL. For example, if your database is Apache™

Derby or Microsoft Windows Azure, here are some basic steps to follow. The details of the steps below can vary depending on your database and database version. For details about your database, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation. The driver and URL fields (in Database Explorer Create a New JDBC data source dialog box and in the database command) can vary depending on the type and version of the JDBC driver and the database you are working with. For details about the driver and URL, see the JDBC driver documentation for your database.

- 1 If your driver is not preinstalled on your computer, find a compatible driver and install it on your computer.
- 2 Add the JDBC driver path to the static Java class path, or alternatively to the dynamic Java class path. For details about static and dynamic class paths, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.
- 3 To connect to a JDBC-compliant database, you need to know your database driver Java class object string. For example, the Java class object for a SQLite database is `org.sqlite.JDBC`. Use this string for establishing a connection either with Database Explorer in the **Driver** field or the command line in the **driver** argument.
- 4 To connect to a JDBC-compliant database, you need to create a URL string. The URL string is in the form `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`. The `jdbc` part of this string stays constant for any JDBC driver. The `subprotocol` is the database type. The last part of the URL string is the `subname`. The `subname` contains the location of the database and additional connection information such as the port number. For example, if you are using SQLite, your string is `jdbc:sqlite:dbpath`, where `dbpath` is the full path to your SQLite database on your computer. Use this string for establishing a connection either with Database Explorer or the command line.
- 5 Use Database Explorer to test your connection. For details, see “Configure JDBC Data Sources” on page 4-12.
- 6 Use Database Explorer to connect to your database. For details, see “Connect to a Data Source” on page 4-16.
- 7 Alternatively, you can connect to your database using the command line function `database`.
- 8 For more in-depth assistance, contact your database administrator or database documentation. For more in-depth instructions, see the example “Sybase JDBC for Windows” on page 2-97.

## See Also

`close` | `database`

### **Related Examples**

- “MySQL ODBC for Windows” on page 2-57
- “Sybase JDBC for Windows” on page 2-97

### **More About**

- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”
- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2



## Connecting to a Database

To connect to your database, your ODBC or JDBC driver must be installed and your data source must be defined. For details about driver installation and data source setup, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

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## Connection Options

You can connect to your database using Database Explorer or the command line. You can perform different actions using Database Explorer than you can using the command line. For details about deciding which option to use, see “Connection Options” on page 2-6.

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### Oracle

- ODBC
  - Database Explorer cannot work with the Oracle ODBC driver because of an issue with the JDBC/ODBC bridge. For details, see “Database Explorer Error Messages” on page 3-14.
  - To connect using the command line, see “Step 4. Connect using the native ODBC connection command line.” on page 2-47
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## Other ODBC- or JDBC-Compliant Databases

For an example of how to connect to a database that is not listed previously, see “Other ODBC- or JDBC-Compliant Databases” on page 2-188.

## See Also

close | database

## More About

- “Choosing Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers” on page 2-10

- “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13

## Selecting Data

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You can open two different connections to the same database, one using Database Explorer and another using the command line. If you are working with large data sets, use the command line instead of Database Explorer for maximum performance.

### Use Database Explorer to Select Data

If you have minimal proficiency writing SQL queries or want to quickly browse the data in your database, use Database Explorer. To build queries using Database Explorer, see “Refine Results Using Query Criteria and Rules”.

### Use the Command Line to Select Data

Exploring your database data using the command line requires knowledge of writing SQL queries to perform the selection. Use the `exec` and `fetch` functions to select data from your database. The `exec` function executes your SQL statement and the `fetch` function retrieves the data from the database into a MATLAB variable. If you are not comfortable with writing SQL, then use Database Explorer to select data from your database.

If you have a stored procedure you want to run using Database Toolbox, you can use the `runstoredprocedure` or `exec` function.

### Working with Custom Data Types

Database Toolbox functions return custom data types, for example Oracle ref cursors, as Java objects. You can manually parse these objects to retrieve their data contents. Use the `methods` function to access all the methods of your Java object. Use the available methods to retrieve data from your Java object. The steps for your object are specific to your database. For details, refer to your JDBC driver or database-specific documentation.

### **Running SQL Queries Saved in Scripts or Files**

If you have SQL queries stored in .sql or text files that you want to run from MATLAB, you can use the `runsqlscript` function.

#### **More About**

- “Working with Large Data Sets” on page 2-198
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## Inserting Data Using the Command Line

You can use `datainsert`, `fastinsert`, or `insert` to insert data using the command line. To understand which function is best for your purposes and setup, see this table.

	<b>datainsert</b>	<b>fastinsert</b>	<b>insert</b>
Methodology	Creates a single parameterized query and performs a batch insert for all rows of data at once	Creates a single parameterized query and performs a batch insert for all rows of data at once	Creates an SQL insert query for each row of data
Input data format	Matrix, cell array	Matrix, cell array, structure, dataset array, table	Matrix, cell array, structure, dataset array, table
Input data size	Large	Large	Small
Special formatting	Special formatting is required for dates and timestamps, null and NaN.	Special formatting is required for dates and timestamps.	Special formatting is required for dates and timestamps.
JDBC performance	Fastest	Fast. Use if <code>datainsert</code> is not an option.	Slow. Use only if <code>datainsert</code> and <code>fastinsert</code> are not options.
Native ODBC performance	Not supported	Fast	Fast

If you still experience performance issues using these functions, then use the bulk insert functionality of your database. For details, see “Exporting Data Using Bulk Insert”.

To fetch data in your database, use the `exec` and `fetch` functions.

## Working with Large Data Sets

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### Connect to a Database with Maximum Performance

When you are using MATLAB with a database containing large volumes of data, you might experience out-of-memory issues or slow processing. To achieve the fastest performance, connect to your database using the native ODBC interface. For details, see “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”. If the native ODBC interface does not work, connect to your database using a JDBC driver. For details, see “Connecting to a Database” on page 2-191.

### Import Large Data Sets into MATLAB

If you are selecting large volumes of data in a database to import into MATLAB, you might experience out-of-memory issues or slow processing. To achieve the fastest performance, you can import the data in batches.

When working with a native ODBC connection, you might be restricted by the amount of memory available to MATLAB. You might have to process parts of your data in MATLAB rather than processing your whole set of data at once. Use the `fetch` function to limit the number of rows your query returns by using the row limit argument. Using a MATLAB script, you can fetch data in increments using the row limit until all data is retrieved. For an example, see `fetch`.

When working with a JDBC connection, you might run into out-of-memory issues because of JVM heap memory restrictions. To achieve the best performance with importing large sets of data into MATLAB, you might need to fetch the data in batches by setting database preferences. To assess your memory needs and for options on running an SQL query that returns large amounts of data, see “Preference Settings for Large Data Import” on page 5-19.



## Export Large Data Sets from MATLAB

When inserting large volumes of data into a database, you might experience slow processing. To achieve the fastest performance, use the appropriate function to insert the data.

If you are using native ODBC, use the `fastinsert` or `insert` function for fastest processing. If you are using a JDBC driver, use `datainsert` for the fastest processing to export your data from MATLAB.

For a comparison of these functions, see “Inserting Data Using the Command Line” on page 2-197.

## Access Data Stored in a Database Using a DatabaseDatastore

An alternative for importing large data sets in a database into MATLAB is using a `DatabaseDatastore`. A `DatabaseDatastore` is a datastore that contains a collection of data stored in a database. You can use MapReduce to analyze large data sets stored in a `DatabaseDatastore` object. For details, see “Working with a DatabaseDatastore”.

### More About

- “Choosing Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers” on page 2-10

## Deploying a Database Application with MATLAB Compiler

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If you want to share your MATLAB code with others in your organization, then you must create a standalone database application using MATLAB Compiler™. After compiling the database application, you can deploy it to the target machines. Use this procedure and driver-specific information to create and deploy a database application.

### Create and Deploy a Database Application

- 1 Write your database application code and save it as a MATLAB function in a file. Do not save the code as a MATLAB script file. Write the code in function form for database application deployment. Further, you must keep certain things in mind as you write your database application code. For details, see “Write Deployable MATLAB Code”.
- 2 Compile your database application with MATLAB Compiler using the standalone application packaging process. For details, see “Package Standalone Application with Application Compiler App”. The bitness of the MATLAB session used to create the database application determines the bitness of the resulting database application.
  - Compile the database application using a 32-bit MATLAB to create a 32-bit database application.
  - Compile the database application using a 64-bit MATLAB to create a 64-bit database application.
- 3 The generated output from the compilation process contains a folder called `for_testing`. Conduct a test on a target machine using the files found in this folder.
- 4 After the test is successful, you can distribute the database application to the target machines in your organization.

### About Driver Configurations

Ensure the target machines have the correct driver configuration for your database application. See the following driver-specific tasks to configure data sources and drivers.

## Native ODBC and ODBC Drivers

After compiling your database application, you must define the data sources referenced in your code on the target machine using the ODBC Data Source Administrator. Then, you can run your database application on the target machine.

## JDBC Drivers

For applications that use JDBC drivers, use either option to specify the JDBC driver on the target machine:

- Use `javaaddpath` in your function code to add your JDBC driver JAR file. Do not include the JAR file in the `javaclasspath.txt` file.
- Add the JDBC driver JAR file to your `javaclasspath.txt` file. Do not use `javaaddpath` in your function code. For Microsoft SQL Server operating system authentication, add the full path of the library file to the `javalibrarypath.txt` file. For details, see “Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Windows” on page 2-33.

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**Caution:** Do not add driver JAR files using `javaclasspath` as this might cause issues on the target machine. For details, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

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## See Also

`javaaddpath`

## More About

- “Write Deployable MATLAB Code”
- “Create Functions in Files”
- “Package Standalone Application with Application Compiler App”
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”



# Working with Data Sources

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## **Setting Up ODBC Data Sources**

For instructions on setting up ODBC data sources, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

## Setting Up JDBC Data Sources

For instructions on setting up JDBC data sources, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

## Accessing Existing JDBC Data Sources

To access an existing data source from Visual Query Builder in future MATLAB sessions:

- 1** In Visual Query Builder, select **Query > Define JDBC data source**.
- 2** In the Define JDBC data sources dialog box, click **Use Existing File**.
- 3** In the Specify Existing JDBC data source MAT-file dialog box, select the MAT-file that contains the data sources you want to use and click **Open**.

The data sources in the selected MAT-file appear in the Define JDBC data sources dialog box.

- 4** Click **OK** to close the Define JDBC data sources dialog box. The data sources now appear in the Visual Query Builder **Data source** list.



## Modifying Existing JDBC Data Sources

- 1 Access the existing data source as described in “Accessing Existing JDBC Data Sources” on page 3-4.
- 2 Select the data source in the Define JDBC Data Sources dialog box.
- 3 Modify the data in the **Driver** and **URL** fields.
- 4 Click **Add/Update**.
- 5 Click **OK** to save your changes and close the Define JDBC data sources dialog box.

## Removing JDBC Data Sources

- 1 Access the existing data source as described in “Accessing Existing JDBC Data Sources” on page 3-4.
- 2 Click **Remove**.
- 3 Click **OK** to save your changes and close the Define JDBC data sources dialog box.

## Fetching Data Common Errors

This table describes how to address common errors you might encounter while working with Database Toolbox. These errors might occur in either Database Explorer or the command line when using `exec` or `fetch`.

Vendor	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
Microsoft SQL Server	The statement did not return a result set.	There are other SQL statements in the middle of the stored procedure. This error happens after executing <code>exec</code> but before executing <code>fetch</code> . This error happens only with the command line.	Add 'SET NOCOUNT ON' at the beginning of your stored procedure. For details, see <code>exec</code> .
Microsoft SQL Server	JDBC Driver 3.0 returns incorrect date values when used with JRE™ 1.7 by a Java application.	There is an issue with the Microsoft SQL Server JDBC Driver 3.0. This error happens after executing <code>fetch</code> . This error happens either with Database Explorer or the command line.	Install a hotfix from Microsoft for JDBC Driver 3.0. Alternatively, upgrade your Microsoft SQL Server JDBC driver to version 4.0.
Microsoft SQL Server	Connection is busy with results for another command.	You are connecting to Microsoft SQL Server using a driver that <code>preview</code> does not support.	Connect to Microsoft SQL Server using the JDBC driver.
Oracle	Stored procedures and functions return result sets as cursor types.	The JDBC driver returns stored procedure and function result sets as custom Java objects. This	Write custom MATLAB code to process the Java objects into MATLAB variables.

Vendor	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
		<p>error happens after executing <code>fetch</code>. This error happens only with the command line.</p>	
PostgreSQL	<p>Java exception occurred:  <code>java.lang.OutOfMemoryError</code>            Java heap space</p>	<p>The JDBC driver caches results in the memory. There is not enough memory in the Java heap to store the large amount of data fetched from your database. This error happens after executing <code>exec</code> but before executing <code>fetch</code>. This error happens either with Database Explorer or the command line.</p>	<p>Write custom code. Write the code for connecting to your database via the command line. Then write the following.</p> <pre> set(conn, 'AutoCommit', 'off'); h = conn.Handle; stmt = h.createStatement(); stmt.setFetchSize(50); rs = stmt.executeQuery('java.lang.* * from largeData where productnumber &lt;= 3000000'); </pre> <p>Modify the previous statement to include your SQL query instead.</p> <p>Then process the resultset object <code>rs</code> in batches.</p>

## Database Connection Error Messages

This table describes how to address common errors you might encounter while connecting to the Database Toolbox using Database Explorer or the command line.

### Connection Error Messages and Probable Causes

Vendor	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
All	Undefined variable 'database' or class 'database.ODBCConnection'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Database Toolbox software is not installed.</li> <li>You are connecting using the native ODBC interface with MATLAB R2013a or earlier.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that Database Toolbox software is installed.</li> <li>If you want to use the native ODBC interface, ensure that MATLAB R2013b or later is installed.</li> </ul>
All ODBC-Compliant Databases	[Microsoft][ODBC Driver Manager] Data source name not found and no default driver specified	Data source name is not spelled correctly.	Verify your data source name.
All JDBC-Compliant Databases	Unable to find JDBC driver.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Path to the JDBC driver JAR file is not on the static or dynamic class path.</li> <li>Incorrect driver name provided while using the 'driver' and 'url' syntax.</li> </ul>	Verify that you add the path to your JDBC driver to the static or dynamic path. Ensure that you provide the correct JDBC driver name for the driver and databaseurl arguments.
All ODBC-Compliant Databases	[Microsoft][ODBC Driver Manager] The specified DSN contains an architecture mismatch between Driver and Application	There is a difference in the bitness (32-bit or 64-bit) between the database, driver, and MATLAB.	Install the driver and database with the correct bitness. For details about Windows bitness configurations for different databases, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source”.

Vendor	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
Microsoft Access	[Microsoft][ODBC Microsoft Access Driver] '(unknown)' is not a valid path. make sure that the path name is spelled correctly and that you are connected to the server on which the file resides	Error occurs in the Connection Failure dialog box after clicking <b>Connect</b> in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.  The file location of the Microsoft Access database is incorrect.	Verify the location of the database file. Modify the existing file location by selecting <b>New &gt; ODBC</b> and selecting the existing database name from the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box. Then select <b>Configure</b> to change the database file location.
Microsoft SQL Server	The TCP/IP connection to the host <code>hostname</code> , port <code>portnumber</code> has failed. Error: "null. Verify the connection properties, check that an instance of SQL Server is running on the host and accepting TCP/IP connections at the port, and that no firewall is blocking TCP connections to the port."	Incorrect server name or port number.	Verify your database server name and your port number. Microsoft SQL Server uses a dynamic port for JDBC. Verify the value using Microsoft SQL Server Configuration Manager. For details, see "Step 2. Verify the port number." on page 2-33
Microsoft SQL Server	This driver is not configured for integrated authentication.	The Microsoft SQL Server Windows authentication library is not added to <code>javainlibrarypath.txt</code>	Add the Microsoft SQL Server Windows authentication library to <code>javainlibrarypath.txt</code> . For details about configuring a Microsoft SQL Server Authenticated Database Connection, see "Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Windows" on page 2-33.

Vendor	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
Microsoft SQL Server or Sybase	Invalid string or buffer length.	64-bit ODBC driver error.	Use a JDBC driver or the native ODBC interface instead.
Microsoft SQL Server	JDBC Driver Error: com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc Not Found/Loaded.	The full path to the JAR file was not added to the <code>java.classpath.txt</code> file, or it was added using the <code>java.addpath</code> command. Alternatively, the path to the JAR file is incorrect.	Ensure that the path to the JAR file is not misspelled. Ensure that you add the path to the static class path.
Microsoft SQL Server	com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc <clinit> WARNING: Failed to load the <code>sqljdbc_auth.dll</code>	The path to the folder containing the file <code>sqljdbc_auth.dll</code> was not added to the <code>java.library.path.txt</code> file. Or, the full path to the file was added instead of the path to the folder. This error also occurs when you add the path to the 64-bit version of the DLL using a 32-bit version of MATLAB, or you add the path to the 32-bit version of the DLL using a 64-bit version of MATLAB.	Add the path to the folder containing the file <code>sqljdbc_auth.dll</code> to the <code>java.library.path.txt</code> file. Verify the correct bitness, 32-bit or 64-bit, when adding the path to the <code>java.library.path.txt</code> file. For details about configuring a Microsoft SQL Server Authenticated Database Connection, see “Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Windows” on page 2-33.
Microsoft SQL Server	Login failed for user 'DOMAIN\username'.	Either the login credentials you are using are incorrect or your user account does	Ensure that your user name and password are correct. Refer to your system administrator

Vendor	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
		not have enough rights to access the remote machine. This error also occurs when the database server is not configured to accept Integrated Windows Authentication login credentials.	for appropriate access rights to your machines. Contact your database administrator to see if your database is set up with Windows Authentication.
MySQL	Access denied for user 'user'@'machinename' (using password: YES)	Incorrect user name and password combination.	Verify your user name and password.
MySQL	Communications link failure. The last packet sent successfully to the server was 0 milliseconds ago. The driver has not received any packets from the server.	Incorrect server name or port number.	Verify your database server name and port number.
MySQL	Unknown database 'databasename'.	Provided database name is incorrect.	Verify your database name.
Oracle	Error when connecting to Oracle oci8 database using JDBC driver:  Error using com.mathworks.toolbox Java exception occurred: java.lang.UnsatisfiedLinkError: r java.library.pathat java.lang.ClassLoader.loadLibrary java.lang.Runtime.loadLibrary0...	MATLAB cannot find the Oracle DLL that the oci8 drivers need.	Add the path for the location of the Oracle DLLs to <code>javalibrarypath.txt</code> . For details, see “Oracle JDBC for Windows”.
Oracle	Invalid Oracle URL specified:  <code>OracleDataSource.makeUR</code>	The <code>DriverType</code> parameter is not specified.	Specify the <code>DriverType</code> parameter as either <code>thin</code> for connecting without Windows authentication or <code>oci</code> for connecting



Vendor	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
			with Windows authentication.
Oracle	The Network Adapter could not establish the connection.	Either <b>Server</b> or <b>Portnumber</b> is not specified or has an incorrect value.	Verify the server name and port number for your Oracle database.
Oracle	TNS:listener does not currently know of SID given in connect descriptor: Incorrect database name or incorrect URL.	The service name for your database is incorrect.	Verify the service name for your Oracle database.

## See Also

database

## More About

- “Configuring a Driver and Data Source”
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”

## Database Explorer Error Messages

This table describes how to address common errors you might encounter while working with Database Explorer. For details about Database Toolbox connection errors, see “Database Connection Error Messages” on page 3-9.

### Database Explorer Error Messages and Probable Causes

Vendor	Error Location	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
All JDBC-Compliant Database	Error occurs in the Connection Failure dialog box after clicking <b>Connect</b> in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.	[Microsoft][ODBC Driver Manager] Data source name not found and no default driver specified	JDBC data sources created by Visual Query Builder cannot be used in Database Explorer.	You must run this command: <pre>setdbprefs(..., 'JDBCDataSourceFile', ...)</pre> Then, create a new JDBC data source from Database Explorer.
Microsoft SQL Server	Error occurs in the Data Preview Error dialog box after selecting a column of a table in the	Invalid Object Name catalog name.table name	The selected schema name in Database Explorer is incorrect.	You must select the appropriate schema name in Database Explorer using the <b>Catalog/Schema</b> address bar above the table columns tree.

Vendor	Error Location	Error Message	Probable Causes	Resolution
	Database Browser pane.			
Oracle	Error occurs inside the Database Browser pane.	No tables found in this schema Consider changing the schema.	Database Explorer has a conflict with the Oracle ODBC driver due to issues in the JDBC/ODBC bridge.	Switch your database connection to use a JDBC driver. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.
Oracle	Error occurs after clicking <b>Connect</b> in the Connect to a Data Source dialog box.	Unable to get meta data:[Oracle][ODBC]Driver not capable.	Database Explorer has a conflict with the Oracle ODBC driver due to issues in the JDBC/ODBC bridge.	Switch your database connection to use a JDBC driver. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.
Oracle	Error occurs after trying to change the schema using Oracle ODBC driver.	Error changing catalog/schema: [Oracle][ODBC]Driver not capable	Database Explorer has a conflict with the Oracle ODBC driver due to issues in the JDBC/ODBC bridge.	Switch your database connection to use a JDBC driver. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

## **More About**

- “Working with Database Explorer”

## Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface

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“Native ODBC, JDBC/ODBC Bridge and JDBC Interface Comparison” on page 3-19

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### About the Native ODBC Interface

The native ODBC interface is a C++ library that allows direct communication with the ODBC driver instead of using the Oracle JDBC/ODBC bridge. This eliminates issues from using the bridge and eliminates heap memory outages caused by the JVM heap memory restrictions. Using the native ODBC interface results in an improved data import and export experience, especially when working with large amounts of data.

### Native ODBC Interface Workflow

This example shows how to connect to a database using the native ODBC interface, execute an SQL statement and fetch the returned data, insert data, and then close the connection.

#### Connect to the Database Using the Native ODBC Interface

Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name, `dbtoolboxdemo`, using the user name, `admin`, and password, `admin`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

`database.ODBCConnection` returns `conn` as a `database.ODBCConnection` object.

#### Import Data Using the Native ODBC Interface

Select data in column `productDescription` from `productTable` using the database connection, `conn`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable  `curs`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select productDescription from productTable');
```

With the native ODBC interface, `exec` returns `curs` as an `ODBCCursor` Object instead of a `Database Cursor` Object.

**Note:** The native ODBC interface has a default batch size of 100,000 that enables acceptable performance. To override this value, you must use `setdbprefs` as follows. Set `FetchInBatches` to `yes` and set `FetchBatchSize` to a specific batch size number `<h>`.

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','<h>')
```

---

Use `fetch` to import all data into the cursor object `curs`, and store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object field `curs.Data`.

```
curs = fetch(curs);
```

View the contents of the `Data` element in the cursor object `curs`.

`curs.Data`

```
ans =

    'Victorian Doll'
    'Train Set'
    'Engine Kit'
    'Painting Set'
    'Space Cruiser'
    'Building Blocks'
    'Tin Soldier'
    'Sail Boat'
    'Slinky'
    'Teddy Bear'
```

#### Export Data Using the Native ODBC Interface

Define the columns of data to insert in the cell array `colnames`.

```
colnames = {'productNumber','stockNumber','supplierNumber',...
            'unitCost','productDescription'}
```

`colnames =`

Columns 1 through 3

```
'productNumber'    'stockNumber'    'supplierNumber'
```

Columns 4 through 5

```
'unitCost'      'productDescription'
```

Define the data for the row to insert in the cell array `coldata`.

```
coldata = {11,800999,1006,9.00, 'Toy Car'}
```

```
coldata =
```

```
    [11]    [800999]    [1006]    [9]    'Toy Car'
```

Insert the data in `coldata` into the `productTable` with the defined column names, `colnames`.

```
insert(conn, 'productTable', colnames, coldata);
```

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**Caution:** The Microsoft Access ODBC driver demonstrates unexpected behavior during large inserts. When inserting large amounts of data with Microsoft Access, insert the data in batches. For example, if you want to insert 100,000 rows of data, insert 10,000 rows at a time.

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Close the cursor object `curs`, and then close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

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**Caution:** Leaving cursor and connection objects open or overwriting open objects can result in unexpected behavior. Once you are finished working with these objects, you must close them using `close`.

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## Native ODBC, JDBC/ODBC Bridge and JDBC Interface Comparison

This table highlights the differences between using the native ODBC, JDBC/ODBC bridge, and JDBC interfaces to access and manipulate data in a database.

Item	Native ODBC	JDBC/ODBC Bridge	JDBC
Connection function	Use <code>database.ODBCConn</code>	Use <code>database</code>	Use <code>database</code>
Actions	Can perform the following actions:	Can perform the following actions:	Can perform the following actions:

Item	Native ODBC	JDBC/ODBC Bridge	JDBC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Query data (exec)</li> <li>• Import data (fetch)</li> <li>• Run stored procedure (exec)</li> <li>• Export data (insert, fastinsert)</li> <li>• Close connection (close)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Query data (exec)</li> <li>• Import data (fetch)</li> <li>• Export data (insert, fastinsert, datainsert, update)</li> <li>• Run stored procedure (exec, runstoredprocedure)</li> <li>• Retrieve metadata (dmd, tables, columns, database.catalogs, and many others)</li> <li>• Use Database Explorer</li> <li>• Close connection (close)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Query data (exec)</li> <li>• Import data (fetch)</li> <li>• Export data (insert, fastinsert, datainsert, update)</li> <li>• Run stored procedure (exec, runstoredprocedure)</li> <li>• Retrieve metadata (dmd, tables, columns, database.catalogs, and many others)</li> <li>• Use Database Explorer</li> <li>• Close connection (close)</li> </ul>
Underlying technology	C++	Java	Java
Memory performance	Restricted by MATLAB memory, but not JVM heap memory	Restricted by both JVM heap memory and MATLAB memory	Restricted by both JVM heap memory and MATLAB memory
Data access performance	Fastest	Slowest	Medium
64-bit systems	No major issues	Several known issues with connectivity and data access	No major issues



Item	Native ODBC	JDBC/ODBC Bridge	JDBC
Data type support	Long data types are not supported (e.g. LONG, BLOB, etc.)	Long data types are supported	Long data types are supported

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**Note:** For details about the `database.ODBCConnection` syntax, see the native ODBC interface example in `database`.

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## Compatibility and Limitations

The native ODBC interface has the following compatibility and limitation considerations:

- Native ODBC database connections are supported on MATLAB 32-bit and 64-bit versions using the `database` function. The native ODBC interface supports 64-bit database vendors. This interface is backward compatible for 32-bit versions. The bitness of MATLAB must always match the bitness of the database driver.
- The native ODBC interface is available only for the command line. You cannot use Database Explorer to access the native ODBC interface.
- The native ODBC interface does not support long data types such as Oracle LONG and SQL Server NTEXT. You are accessing an unsupported data type if one of these errors displays:
  - Driver unable to retrieve length for column number: <index of column in the query>
  - Out of memory. Type `HELP MEMORY` for your options.

## More About

- “Selecting Data Using the `exec` Function” on page 6-40
- “Importing Data Using the `fetch` Function” on page 6-48



# Using Database Explorer

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# Working with Database Explorer

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If you are using Database Explorer for the first time, migrate from Visual Query Builder (VQB) and set Database Explorer preferences. After performing these tasks, you are ready to configure data sources and connect to your database.

## Getting Started with Database Explorer

Database Explorer is a Database Toolbox app for connecting to a database and interacting with database data. You can configure ODBC and JDBC data sources, modify database connections, and work with multiple databases. You can also display data from a database table, explore data from multiple database tables, and import data to the MATLAB workspace for analysis. Once you create queries using Database Explorer, you can generate code. For details, see:

- “Configure Data Sources and Connect to Databases” on page 4-6
- “Refine Results Using Query Criteria and Rules” on page 4-21
- “Generate SQL and MATLAB Code” on page 4-25

## Migrate from VQB to Database Explorer

Database Explorer replaces VQB as an app for exploring the data in your database. If you are using VQB, to help migrate from VQB to Database Explorer, refer to these points:

- If you use VQB (querybuilder) to access a JDBC data source, before starting Database Explorer for the first time, execute this command. You cannot use the same JDBC data source with Database Explorer.

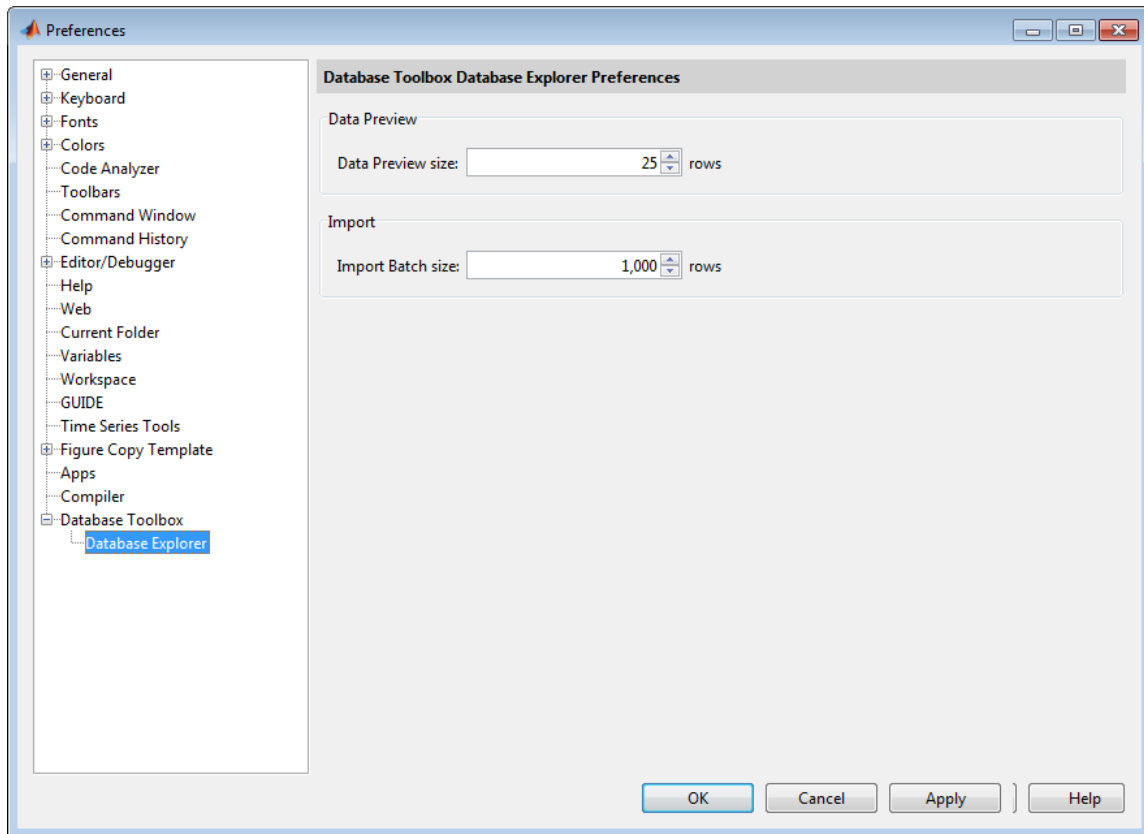
```
setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile', '')
```

Then, define your JDBC data source using Database Explorer.

- If you use VQB to export data from MATLAB to your database, use the command-line functions `datainsert` or `fastinsert`.
- If you use VQB to generate reports, use MATLAB reporting and plotting functionality to generate reports. You can also use MATLAB Report Generator™ to generate reports.
- If you use VQB to display charts, use the MATLAB plotting tools to generate charts and graphics.
- If you generate MATLAB files using VQB, open Database Explorer and recreate your SQL query. Use Database Explorer to generate a script (`.m` file) that includes your SQL query, preference settings, and connection.
- If you save your SQL queries using VQB, open Database Explorer and recreate your SQL query. Use Database Explorer to generate a script with just your SQL query. Save the SQL script file with a `.sql` extension in MATLAB.

## Set Database Explorer Preferences

- 1 On the Database Explorer Toolstrip, select **Preferences** to open the Database Explorer Preferences dialog box. These preference settings apply only to Database Explorer.



- 2 Specify the **Preferences** settings that apply to Database Explorer as described in the following table.

Preference	Allowable Values	Description
<b>Data Preview size</b>	5–10,000 rows	The number of rows that you see in the <b>Data Preview</b> pane of Database Explorer.
<b>Import batch size</b>	1,000–1,000,000 rows	The number of rows fetched at one time from a database. When importing large amounts of data using Database Explorer, tune this value for optimum performance. For details, see “Preference Settings for Large Data Import” on page 5-19.

Select **Database Toolbox** to manage additional preferences for Database Toolbox. For details, see “Working with Preferences”. Alternatively, use `setdbprefs` to specify preferences for the retrieved data.

- 3 Click **OK**.

## See Also

database | `setdbprefs`

## More About

- “Preference Settings for Large Data Import” on page 5-19
- “Working with Preferences”
- “Configure Data Sources and Connect to Databases” on page 4-6
- “Refine Results Using Query Criteria and Rules” on page 4-21
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## Configure Data Sources and Connect to Databases

### In this section...

“Configure Your Environment” on page 4-6

“Work with Multiple Databases” on page 4-17

To make connections, Database Explorer uses data sources to identify your databases. Configure data sources to start exploring data in your databases. The data source setup differs depending on the database drivers that you are using for connection. Once data sources are available, you can connect to your databases, modify and delete database connections, and work with multiple databases at once.

### Configure Your Environment

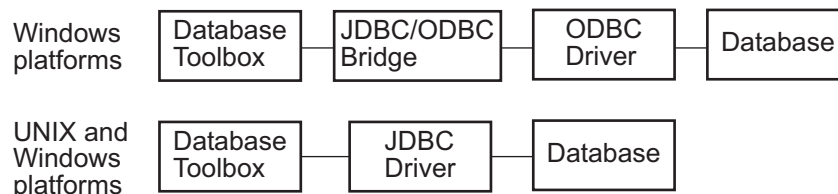
Before using Database Explorer to connect to a database, set up a *data source*. A data source consists of:

- Data that the toolbox accesses
- Information required to find the data, such as driver, folder, server, or network names

Data sources interact with *ODBC drivers* or *JDBC drivers*. An ODBC driver is a standard Microsoft Windows interface that enables communication between database management systems and SQL-based applications. A JDBC driver is a standard interface that enables communication between applications based on Oracle Java and database management systems.

Database Toolbox software is based on Java. It uses a JDBC/ODBC bridge to connect to the ODBC driver of a database, which the software installs as part of the MATLAB JVM.

This figure illustrates how drivers interact with Database Toolbox software.





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**Tip** Some Windows systems support both ODBC and JDBC drivers. On such systems, JDBC drivers generally provide better performance than ODBC drivers because the software does not use the JDBC/ODBC bridge to access databases.

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### Before You Begin

Before you can use Database Explorer with the examples, do the following:

- 1 Set up the data sources that are provided with Database Toolbox.

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**Requirement:** If you use Visual Query Builder (`querybuilder`) to access a JDBC data source, before starting Database Explorer for the first time, execute this command. You cannot use the same JDBC data source with Database Explorer.

```
setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile','')
```

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- 2 Configure the data sources for use with your database driver.
  - If you are using an ODBC driver, see “Configure ODBC Data Sources” on page 4-8.
  - If you are using a JDBC driver, see “Configure JDBC Data Sources” on page 4-12.

### Set Up the `dbtoolboxdemo` Data Source

The `dbtoolboxdemo` data source uses the `tutorial` database located in `matlabroot/toolbox/database/dbdemos/tutorial.mdb`.

- 1 Copy `tutorial.mdb` into a folder to which you have write access.
- 2 Confirm that you have write access to `tutorial.mdb`.
- 3 Open `tutorial.mdb` from the MATLAB current folder by right-clicking the file and selecting **Open Outside MATLAB**. The file opens in Microsoft Access.

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**Note:** Depending on the Access version that you are running, you might need to convert the database to that version. For example, beginning in Microsoft Access 2007, you see the option to save as `*.accdb`. For details, consult your database administrator.

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### Configure ODBC Data Sources

When setting up a data source for an ODBC driver, the target database can be on a PC running the Windows operating system. Or, the target database can be on another system to which the PC is networked. These instructions use the Microsoft ODBC Data Source Administrator Version 6.1 for the U.S. English version of Microsoft Access 2010 for Windows systems. If you have a different configuration, consult your database administrator for help with your data source setup.

- 1 Close open databases, including `tutorial.mdb` in the database program.
- 2 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, at the command line, enter:

```
dexplore
```

If no data sources are set up, a message box opens. Click **OK** to close it. Otherwise, the Connect to a Data Source dialog box opens. Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.

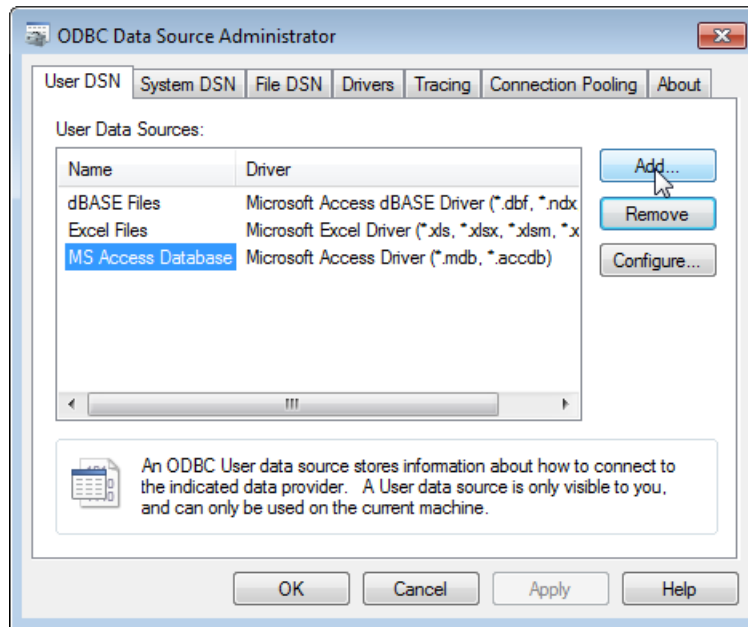
- 3 Click the **Database Explorer** tab. Select **New > ODBC** to open the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box to define the ODBC data source.

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**Requirement:** When using a 32-bit version of Microsoft Office, use a 32-bit version of MATLAB to complete the remaining steps.

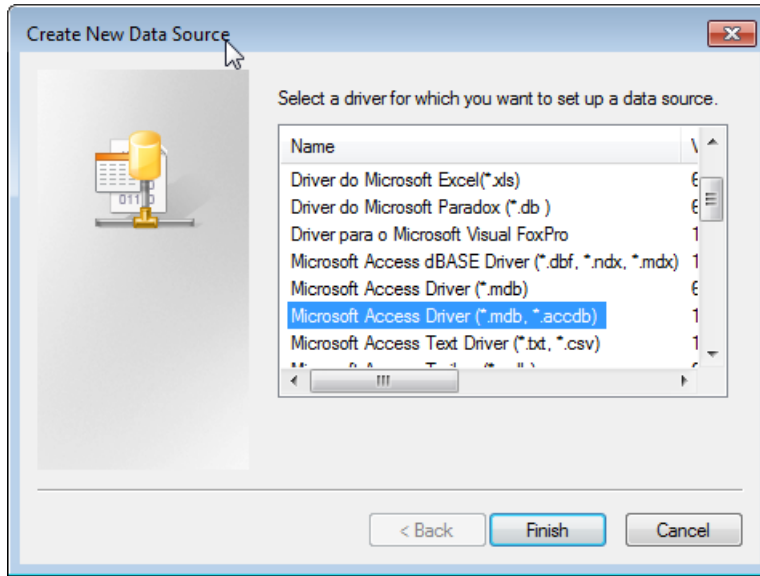
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- 4 Click the **User DSN** tab and click **Add**.

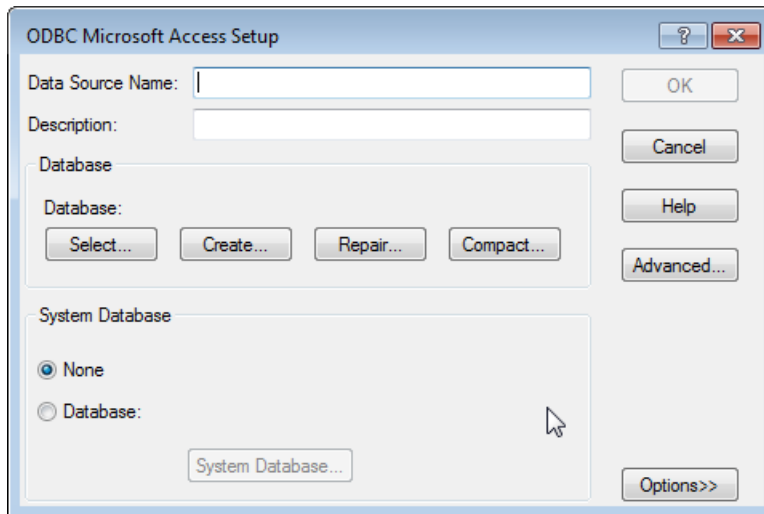


A list of installed ODBC drivers appears in the Create New Data Source dialog box.

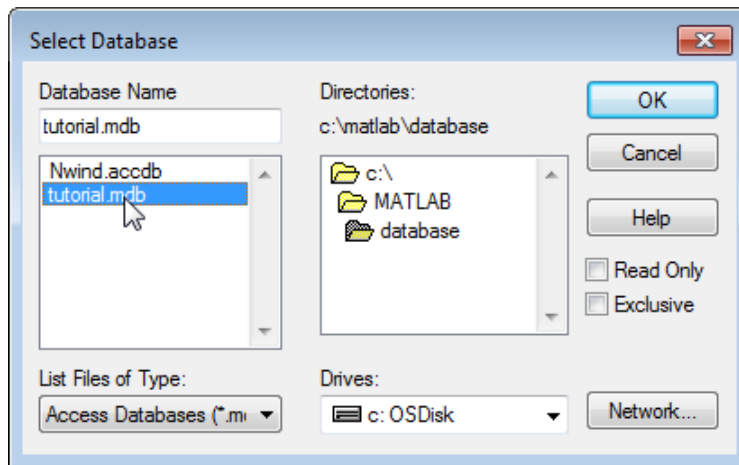
- 5 Select Microsoft Access Driver (\*.mdb, \*.accdb) and click **Finish**.



The ODBC Microsoft Access Setup dialog box for your driver opens. The dialog box for your driver can differ from the following dialog box.

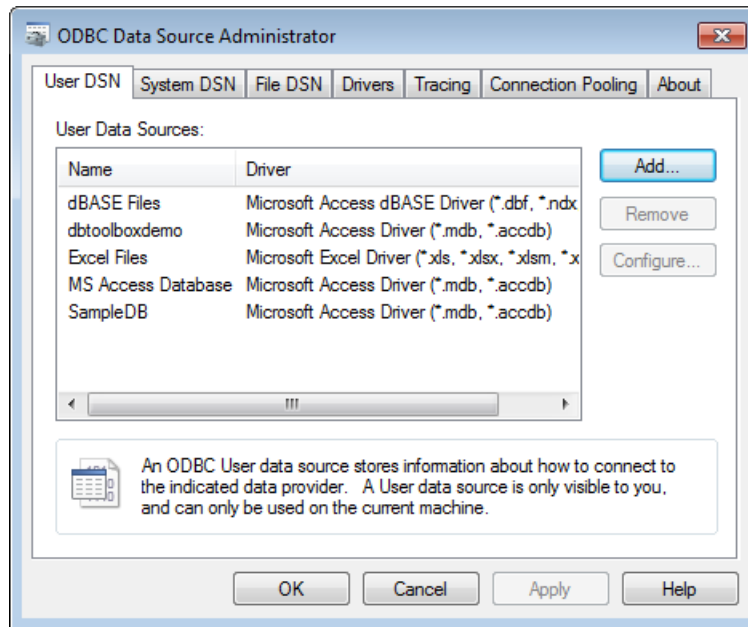


- 6 Enter `dbtoolboxdemo` as the data source name and `tutorial database` as the description.
- 7 Select the database for this data source to use. For some drivers, you can skip this step. If you are unsure about skipping this step, consult your database administrator.
  - a In the ODBC Microsoft Access Setup dialog box, click **Select**.



- b Specify the database that you want to use. For the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, select `tutorial.mdb`.
    - c If your database is on a system to which your PC is connected:
      - i Click **Network**.
      - ii In the Map Network Drive dialog box, specify the folder containing the database that you want to use. Click **Finish**.
    - d Click **OK** to close the Select Database dialog box.
  - 8 In the ODBC Microsoft Access Setup dialog box, click **OK**.
  - 9 Repeat steps 6 through 8 with the following changes to define the data source for any additional databases that you want to use.

The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box displays the `dbtoolboxdemo` and any additional data sources that you have added in the **User DSN** tab.



10 Click **OK** to close the dialog box.

### Configure JDBC Data Sources

- 1 Find the name of the JDBC driver file. This file is provided by your database vendor. The name and location of this file differ for each system. If you do not know the name or location of this file, consult your database administrator.

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**Requirement:** If you use Visual Query Builder (`querybuilder`) to access a JDBC data source, before starting Database Explorer for the first time, execute this command. You cannot use the same JDBC data source with Database Explorer.

```
setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile', '')
```

Then follow these instructions to set up the JDBC data source using Database Explorer.

- 2 Specify the location of the JDBC driver file in the MATLAB Java class path by adding the JDBC driver file path to the `javaclasspath.txt` file. At the start of each session, MATLAB loads the static class path. The static path offers better class

loading performance than the dynamic path. To add folders to the static path, create the file `javaclasspath.txt`, and then restart MATLAB.

Create an ASCII file in your preferences folder. Name the file `javaclasspath.txt`. To view the location of the preferences folder, type:

```
prefdir
```

Each line in the file is the path of a folder or JAR file. For example:

```
d:\work\javaclass
```

To simplify the specification of folders in cross-platform environments, use any of these macros: `$matlabroot`, `$arch`, or `$jre_home`.

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**Note:** MATLAB reads the static class path only at startup. If you edit `javaclasspath.txt` or change your `.class` files while MATLAB is running, restart MATLAB to put those changes into effect.

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If the drivers file is not located where `javaclasspath.txt` indicates, errors do not appear, and Database Explorer does not establish a database connection.

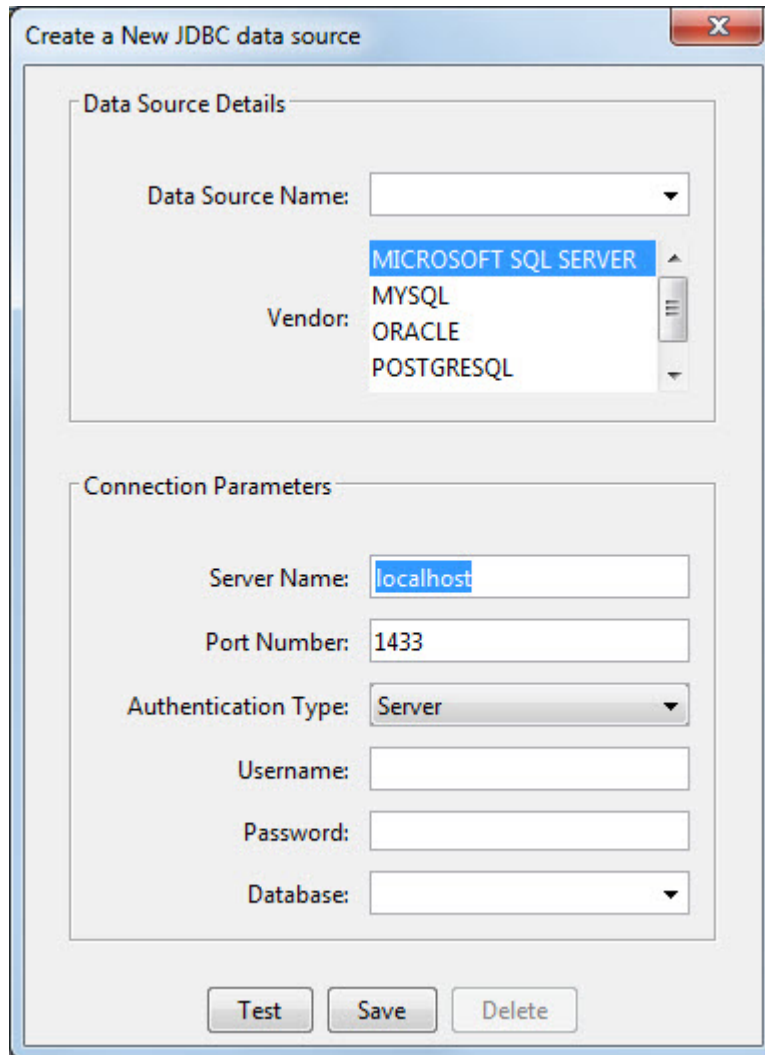
Alternatively, you can create a `javaclasspath.txt` file in your MATLAB startup folder. The classes that you specify in this file override the classes that you specify in the `javaclasspath.txt` file in the preferences folder.

For details, see “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”.

- 3 Close the open database, `tutorial.mdb`, in the database program.
- 4 Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, at the command line, enter:

```
dexplore
```

- 5 Click the **Database Explorer** tab. Select **New > JDBC** to open the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box.



- 6 Use the information in the following table to set up JDBC drivers for Database Explorer.
  - a Use the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. This table describes the fields that you use to define your JDBC data source. For examples of syntax for these fields, see “JDBC Driver Name and Database Connection URL”.



Field	Description
<b>Data Source Name</b>	The name that you assign to the data source. For some databases, <b>Name</b> must match the name of the database as recognized by the machine that it runs on.
<b>Vendor</b>	<p>The vendor name for the data source. When using <b>Other</b> as a vendor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Driver</b> — The JDBC driver name (sometimes referred to as the class that implements the Java SQL driver for your database).</li> <li>• <b>URL</b> — The JDBC URL object, of the form <code>jdbc:subprotocol:subname.subprotocol</code>, is a database type. <i>subname</i> can contain other information that the <b>Driver</b> uses, such as the location of the database or a port number. It can take the form <code>//hostname:port/databasename</code>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> When using <b>Other</b> as the <b>Vendor</b>, your database driver documentation specifies the <b>Driver</b> and <b>URL</b> formats. For help with this information, consult your database system administrator.</p>
<b>Server Name</b>	Server name.
<b>Port Number</b>	Server port number.
<b>Authentication Type</b>	(Microsoft SQL Server only) Server or Windows authentication.
<b>Driver Type</b>	(Oracle only) Driver type is <b>thin</b> or <b>oci</b> .
<b>Username</b>	User name to access the database.
<b>Password</b>	Password.
<b>Database</b>	Database name.

- b** In the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box, click **Save**.
- c** When you are creating a data source using Database Explorer for the first time, the New file to store JDBC connection parameters dialog box opens. Use this

dialog box to create a MAT-file that saves your specified data source information for future Database Explorer sessions.

Navigate to the folder where you want to put the MAT-file, specify a name for it that includes a `.mat` extension, and click **Save**.

- d** To test the connection, click **Test**.

If your database requires a user name and password, a dialog box opens prompting you to supply them. Enter values into these fields and click **OK**.

A confirmation dialog box states that the database connection succeeded.

- e** To add more data sources, repeat steps 5 and 6 for each new data source.

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**Note:** You can use tabs in Database Explorer to access different data sources. All of the data sources that you create using Database Explorer are stored in a single MAT-file for easy access. This MAT-file name is stored in `setdbprefs('JDBCDataSourceFile')` and is valid for all MATLAB sessions.

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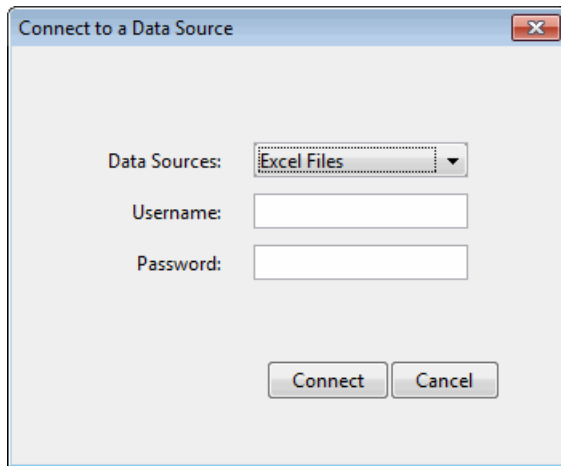
### Connect to a Data Source

After configuring your ODBC or JDBC data sources, use Database Explorer to connect to the database.

- 1** Open Database Explorer by clicking the **Apps** tab on the MATLAB Toolstrip. Select **Database Explorer** from the **Database Connectivity and Reporting** section in the apps gallery. Alternatively, at the command line, enter:

```
dexplore
```

- 2** In the Connect to a Data Source dialog box, select your data source. Or, click **Cancel**, click the **Database Explorer** tab, and click **Connect** to select your data source.
- 3** Select your data source from the **Data Sources** list. Enter your user name and password.



For details about potential errors, see “Database Connection Error Messages”.

## Work with Multiple Databases

- 1 If you have not defined the ODBC or JDBC connection for your new data source, click **Open** and select **ODBC** or **JDBC**. Complete the fields in the associated dialog box. For details, see “Configure ODBC Data Sources” on page 4-8 or “Configure JDBC Data Sources” on page 4-12.
- 2 Select **Connect > Connect** to select your new data source.
- 3 The new data source appears in a new tab in the **Database Browser** pane. You can change databases by clicking the associated tab.

You can use only Database Explorer to create SQL queries for a single database at a time.

You can work with a different catalog and schema on the same database server as the one that connects to your current data source. To change to a different catalog and schema:

- From the drop-down list in the address bar of the Database Browser, select the catalog or schema. For database systems that have a hierarchy of catalogs and schemas, ensure that you choose the correct value for catalogs and schemas to access data in your tables.

### **See Also** database

### **More About**

- “Choosing Between ODBC and JDBC Drivers”
- “Configuring a Driver and Data Source”
- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

# Modify and Delete Database Connections

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“JDBC Drivers” on page 4-19

## ODBC Drivers

For data sources that you create with ODBC drivers, you can modify the data source using the ODBC Data Source Administrator. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

- 1 Click **Start**. Select **Administrative Tools > Data Sources (ODBC)**. The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box opens. For details about locating ODBC Data Source Administrator on your computer, see Driver Installation.
- 2 In the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box, select the data source that you want to modify. Click **Configure**.
- 3 Modify the settings as needed.

For data sources that you create with ODBC drivers, you can delete the data source using the ODBC Data Source Administrator.

- 1 After opening the ODBC Data Source Administrator, select the data source that you want to delete.
- 2 Click **Remove**.

## JDBC Drivers

For data sources that you create with JDBC drivers, you can modify the data source using Database Explorer. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

- 1 Open Database Explorer and click the **Database Explorer** tab. Select **New > JDBC**.
- 2 Select the data source name that you want to modify from the drop-down list.
- 3 Modify the settings in the Create a New JDBC data source dialog box. If you leave the data source name as is, the data source name is overwritten with the new

settings. If you do not want to overwrite the existing data source, enter a new data source name. Click **Save**.

For data sources that you create with JDBC drivers, you can delete the data source using the Database Explorer.

- 1 After opening Database Explorer, select **New > JDBC**.
- 2 Select the data source name that you want to delete from the drop-down list. Click **Delete**.

## Refine Results Using Query Criteria and Rules

### In this section...

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“Query Rules Using the SQL Criteria Panel” on page 4-22

To define a query without writing SQL code, use the **SQL Criteria** panel in Database Explorer. Define criteria to build your query within one table or join multiple tables in the database. Build your query using the **SQL Criteria** panel rules and control options.

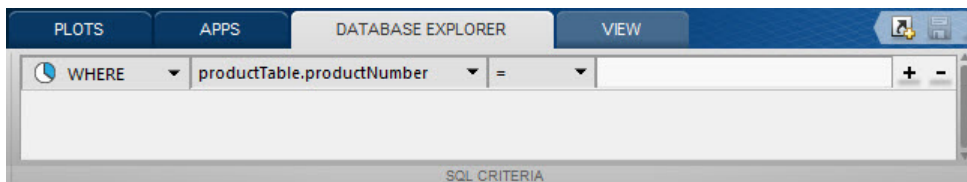
### Define Query Criteria to Refine Results

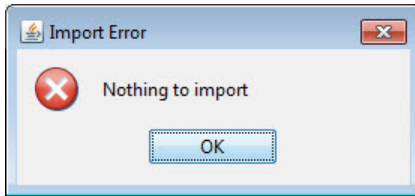
Database Browser selections and SQL criteria work together.

Using the **Database Browser** pane and the **SQL Criteria** panel, you can define query conditions and display the results in the **Data Preview** pane. Each row in the **SQL Criteria** panel has a drop-down list of controls to define SQL query conditions. You can create SQL query conditions that span multiple rows in the **SQL Criteria** panel.

**Requirement:** When you enter a custom value in the text box on the right side of a query condition, press **Enter** or **Tab** to apply it. Alternatively, you can click the **Import** button to apply the condition and import data into a MATLAB variable.

If you do not use the **Enter** or **Tab** keys to apply the query condition, selecting **Import > Import** applies the condition to the **Data Preview** pane. Then, Database Explorer imports the data into a MATLAB variable. If there is no data to satisfy the condition, then the Nothing to import error message appears.





Each row in the **SQL Criteria** panel has four columns to define your SQL query.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
<p>Column 1 defines the SQL condition type where the supported values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>INNER JOIN</b></li> <li>• <b>LEFT JOIN</b></li> <li>• <b>RIGHT JOIN</b></li> <li>• <b>FULL JOIN</b></li> <li>• <b>WHERE</b></li> <li>• <b>ORDER BY</b></li> <li>• <b>AND</b></li> <li>• <b>OR</b></li> </ul>	<p>Column 2 defines the column names for every table that you select in the <b>Database Browser</b> pane.</p>	<p>Column 3 defines the mathematical operator for each row of SQL statements where the supported values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>=</b></li> <li>• <b>!=</b></li> <li>• <b>&gt;</b></li> <li>• <b>&lt;</b></li> <li>• <b>&lt;=</b></li> <li>• <b>&gt;=</b></li> <li>• <b>LIKE</b></li> <li>• <b>NOT LIKE</b></li> <li>• <b>IS</b></li> <li>• <b>IN</b></li> <li>• <b>NOT IN</b></li> <li>• <b>ASC</b></li> <li>• <b>DES</b></li> </ul>	<p>Depending on the preceding condition of the query statement, Column 4 displays column names for every table that you select in the <b>Database Browser</b> pane.</p>

Use multiple rows in the **SQL Criteria** panel to define multiple SQL query statements.

### Query Rules Using the SQL Criteria Panel

The control options for the **SQL Criteria** panel depend on your selections in the **Database Browser** pane. The **SQL Criteria** panel supports multiple rows for



specifying your query criteria. You can add more rows for these options in the **SQL Criteria** panel by clicking **+**. You can remove a row by clicking **-**.

- If you select one table in the **Database Browser** pane, the available options for the first query condition are **WHERE** and **ORDER BY**.
- If you select two tables in the **Database Browser** pane, the available options for the first query condition are:
  - **INNER JOIN**
  - **LEFT JOIN**
  - **RIGHT JOIN**
  - **FULL JOIN**
  - **WHERE**
  - **ORDER BY**
  - **AND**
  - **OR**
- Press **Enter** or **Tab** to apply a condition for a row. The first (leftmost) column contains query options that produce semantically correct SQL statements for each subsequent condition that you add. For example, the leftmost column of an applied condition contains an **ORDER BY** option. If you click **+** to add a query option in a new row, the **ORDER BY** option can follow only another **ORDER BY**.

A **Join** option can follow only another **JOIN** or **WHERE**. A **JOIN** option cannot follow a **WHERE** or **ORDER BY** option.

- When defining a query line for any conditions other than a **JOIN**, the line does not take effect until you apply it. When you apply a condition, the software removes all preceding and succeeding conditions that you did not apply from the **SQL Criteria** panel. Similarly, if you click **-** to remove a query line, if you have applied that query line, all succeeding conditions are removed. If you have not yet applied the query line, the software removes only that line from the **SQL Criteria** panel.
- When using a **WHERE** SQL statement with a mathematical operator, to match a string, include the string value in ' ' to apply the condition. If you use the **LIKE** or **NOT LIKE** SQL operator to match a string, the software adds the ' ' to the string value.

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**Note:** If you click + to add a query condition between two previously entered conditions, the available query options do not always produce semantically correct SQL statements. In this case, ensure that your query options are semantically correct. For best results using the **SQL Criteria** panel, add and apply your conditions in sequence.

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### More About

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

## Generate SQL and MATLAB Code

### In this section...

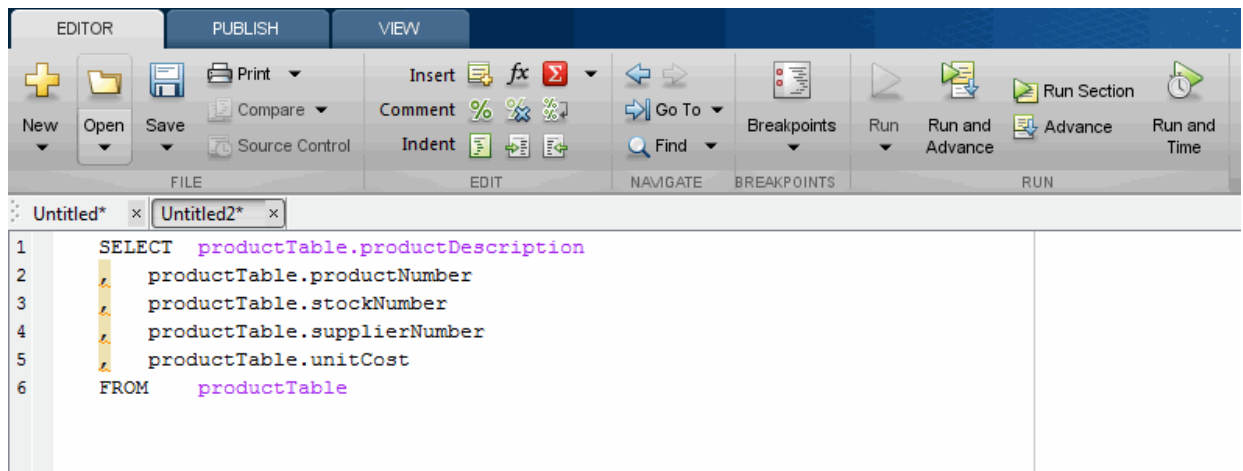
- “Save Queries as SQL Code” on page 4-25
- “Generate MATLAB Code” on page 4-26

Use Database Explorer to generate SQL or MATLAB code. Once you define a SQL query using the **SQL Criteria** panel, you can generate the SQL code for running a SQL script. You can also generate MATLAB code to automate connecting to the database, running a SQL query, and performing data analysis on the imported data.

### Save Queries as SQL Code

You can save a Database Explorer query as SQL code.

- 1 In the **Database Browser** pane, select data from a single table or multiple tables. Use the **SQL Criteria** panel to create queries and display the results in the **Data Preview** pane.
- 2 After you have created a query using the **SQL Criteria** panel, select **Import > Generate SQL** to display the SQL code in the MATLAB Editor.



- 3 Save the SQL code to a `.txt` or `.sql` file. You can then use the SQL statements to rebuild a query using the **SQL Criteria** panel. Alternatively, you can use the `.sql` file to import data programmatically into MATLAB by using `runsqlscript`.

### Generate MATLAB Code

You can generate MATLAB code to automate accessing data that you display in the **Data Preview** pane.

- 1 Connect to a data source. Use the **SQL Criteria** panel to create a query and display the results in the **Data Preview** pane.
- 2 Select **Import > Generate Script** to display MATLAB code in the MATLAB Editor.

```

1  %Set preferences with setdbprefs.
2  setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat', 'cellarray');
3  setdbprefs('NullNumberRead', 'NaN');
4  setdbprefs('NullStringRead', 'null');
5
6
7  %Make connection to database. Note that the password has been omitted
8  %Using ODBC driver.
9  conn = database('tutorial_ted', 'admin', '');
10
11 %Read data from database.
12 curs = exec(conn, ['SELECT productTable.productDescription'...
13     ', productTable.productNumber'...
14     ', productTable.stockNumber'...
15     ', productTable.supplierNumber'...
16     ', productTable.unitCost'...
17     ' FROM productTable ']);
18
19 curs = fetch(curs);
20 close(curs);
21
22 %Assign data to output variable
23 untitled = curs.Data;
24
25 %Close database connection.
26 close(conn);
27
28 %Clear variables
29 clear curs conn

```

- 3 Save the MATLAB code to a file. You can run this code file at the command line to connect to a data source and run a query.

## See Also

runsqlscript

### **More About**

- “Working with Database Explorer” on page 4-2

# Using Visual Query Builder

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## Getting Started with Visual Query Builder

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“Using Queries to Import Data” on page 5-2
“Using Queries to Export Data” on page 5-9
“Clearing Variables from the VQB Data Area” on page 5-14

### What Is Visual Query Builder?

Visual Query Builder (VQB) is an easy-to-use graphical user interface (GUI) for exchanging data with your database. To start VQB, use `querybuilder`. You can use VQB to:

- Build queries to retrieve data by selecting information from lists instead of using MATLAB functions.
- Store data retrieved from a database in a MATLAB cell array, structure, or numeric matrix.
- Process the retrieved data using the MATLAB suite of functions.
- Display retrieved information in relational tables, reports, and charts.
- Export data from the MATLAB workspace into new rows in a database.

### Using Queries to Import Data

The following steps summarize how to use VQB to import data.



To start the Visual Query Builder, type `querybuilder` at the MATLAB prompt.

\*Required step

1\* Specify **Select**.    2\* Select data source.    3 Select catalog and schema.    4\* Select tables.    5\* Select fields to retrieve.

12 View query results in table, chart, and report formats.

8 Set preferences for data retrieval.

13 Save, load, and run queries, and generate M-files.

6 Refine query.

7 View SQL statement.

9\* Assign variable for results.

11 Double-click to view query results in MATLAB Array Editor.

10\* Run query.

The screenshot shows the Visual Query Builder window with the following configuration:

- Data operation:**  Select,  Insert
- Data source:** MS Access Databases, SampleDB, dBASE Files, dbtoolboxdemo
- Catalog:** <default>, Schema: <default>
- Tables:** inventoryTable, productTable, salesVolume, suppliers, Temperatures
- Fields:** StockNumber, January, February, March, April
- Advanced query options:**  All,  Distinct; Where: > 400000
- SQL statement:** SELECT ALL StockNumber, March FROM salesVolume WHERE StockNumber > 400000
- MATLAB workspace variable:** A
- Execute button:** Execute
- Data table:**

Workspace variable	Size	Memory (bytes)
A	7x2	952

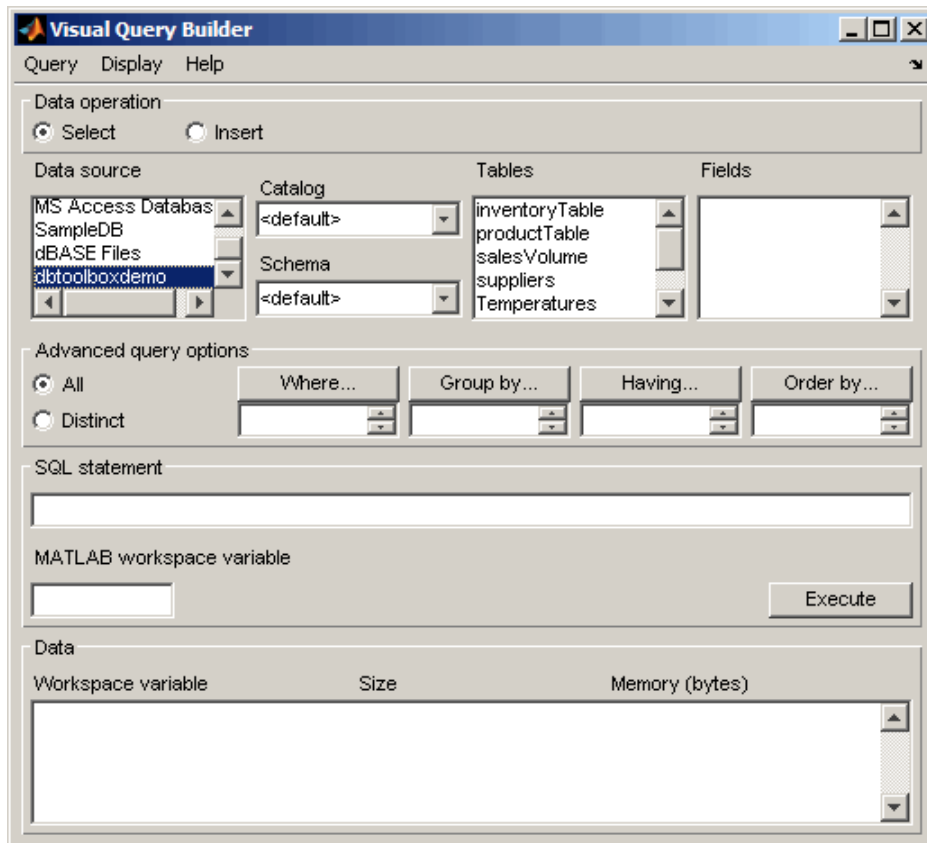
You can graphically construct and run SQL queries to import database data using:

- Visual Query Builder (`querybuilder`)
- Database Explorer

To create and run a query using Visual Query Builder to import data from a database into the MATLAB workspace:

- 1 Select data from a database by clicking the **Select** button under **Data operation**. The data sources that you defined in “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13 appear.
- 2 Select `dbtoolboxdemo` as the data source from which to import data.

After you select a data source, the catalog, schema, and tables for your specified data source appear in the **Catalog**, **Schema**, and **Tables** fields.



- 3 Accept the default values <default> for the **Catalog** and **Schema** fields. Setting these fields to the default values indicates that you have not specified a catalog or schema.

**Tip** To populate the VQB **Schema** and **Catalog** fields, you must associate your user name with schemas or catalogs before starting VQB.

- To specify a **Catalog**, select one from the list, and then select a schema from within that catalog. The **Schema** field updates to reflect your selections.

- Alternatively, you can select a schema without specifying a catalog; that is, when the **Catalog** field set to <default>. The **Tables** field updates to reflect the schema you selected.

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- 4 In the **Tables** list, select **salesVolume** as the table that contains the data you want to import.

The set of **Fields** (column names) in the table appears.

- 5 In the **Fields** list, select **StockNumber**, **January**, **February**, and **March** as the fields that contain the data you want to import.

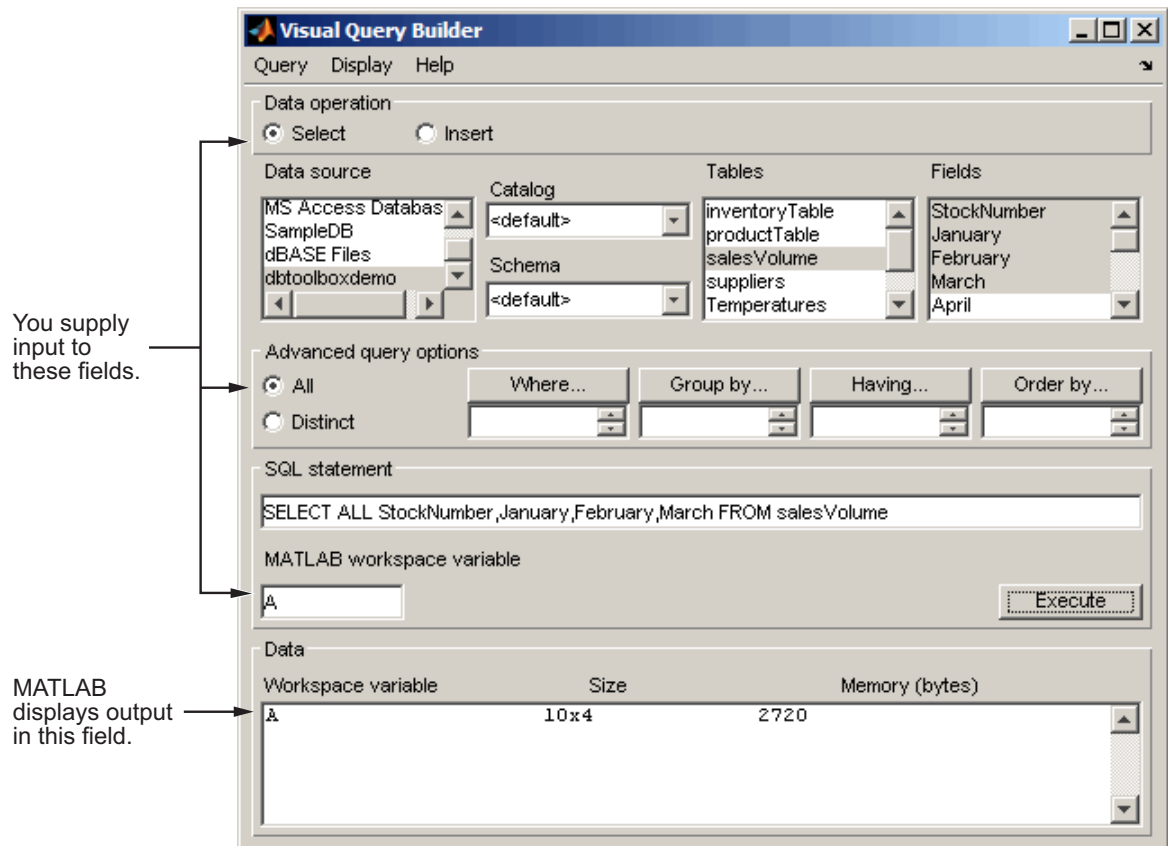
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**Tip** To select more than one field, hold down the **Ctrl** or **Shift** key while selecting multiple fields. To clear an entry, use **Ctrl+click**.

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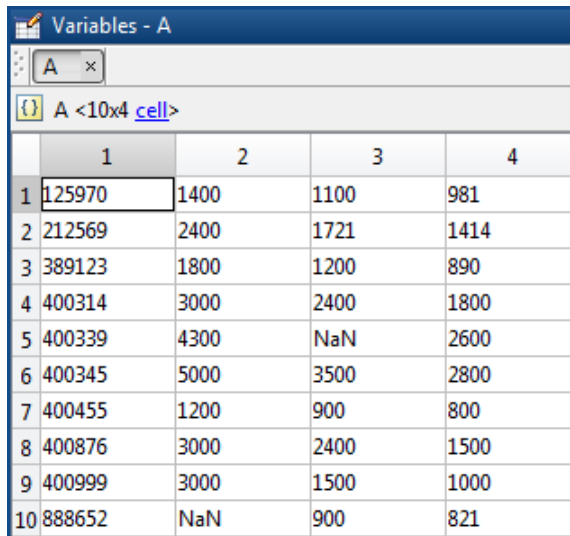
VQB adds each field you select to the query in the **SQL statement** field.

- 6 Enter the name **A** in the **MATLAB workspace variable** field. **A** is a cell array that stores the data that the query returns.
- 7 Click **Execute** to run the query and import the data. The **Data** field displays information about the query result.



- Double-click **A** in the **Data** area. The contents of **A** appear in the Variables editor, where you can view and edit the data. In this example, sales for item 400876 are 3000 in January, 2400 in February, and 1500 in March.

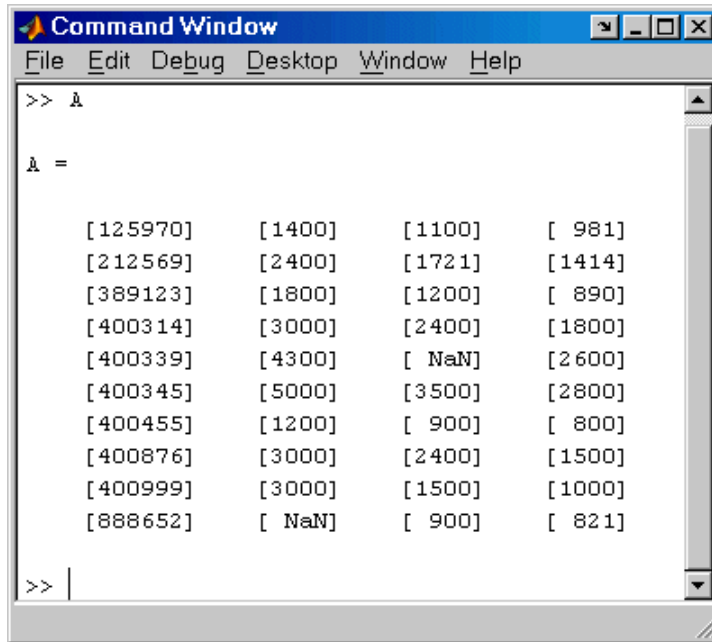
For details about using the Variables editor, see “View, Edit, and Copy Variables”.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Variables - A" with a command window containing "A <10x4 cell>". Below the command window is a table with 10 rows and 4 columns. The first column contains row numbers 1 through 10. The second column contains integers, the third column contains integers or NaN, and the fourth column contains integers. The cell at row 1, column 1 is highlighted.

	1	2	3	4
1	125970	1400	1100	981
2	212569	2400	1721	1414
3	389123	1800	1200	890
4	400314	3000	2400	1800
5	400339	4300	NaN	2600
6	400345	5000	3500	2800
7	400455	1200	900	800
8	400876	3000	2400	1500
9	400999	3000	1500	1000
10	888652	NaN	900	821

Alternatively, you can view the contents of A by entering A in the Command Window.



The screenshot shows a 'Command Window' with a menu bar (File, Edit, Debug, Desktop, Window, Help) and a command prompt. The prompt shows the variable 'A' assigned to a table of data. The data is displayed as a grid of values, with some cells containing 'NaN'.

```
>> A
A =
    [ 125970]    [ 1400]    [ 1100]    [  981]
    [ 212569]    [ 2400]    [ 1721]    [ 1414]
    [ 389123]    [ 1800]    [ 1200]    [  890]
    [ 400314]    [ 3000]    [ 2400]    [ 1800]
    [ 400339]    [ 4300]    [  NaN]    [ 2600]
    [ 400345]    [ 5000]    [ 3500]    [ 2800]
    [ 400455]    [ 1200]    [  900]    [  800]
    [ 400876]    [ 3000]    [ 2400]    [ 1500]
    [ 400999]    [ 3000]    [ 1500]    [ 1000]
    [ 888652]    [  NaN]    [  900]    [  821]
```

## Using Queries to Export Data

The following steps summarize how to use VQB to export data.

To start the Visual Query Builder, type querybuilder at the MATLAB prompt.

\*Required step

1\* Specify **Insert**.      2\* Select data source.      3 Select catalog and schema.      4\* Select tables.      5\* Select fields to which to export data.

9 Save, load, and run queries, set preferences for exporting NULLs, and generate M-files.

7 View MATLAB statement.

6\* Specify variable containing data to export.

8\* Run query.

**Visual Query Builder**

Query Display Help

Data operation  
 Select     **Insert**

Data source      Catalog      Tables      Fields

Excel Files      <default>      Avg\_Freight\_Cost      Calc\_Date  
 MS Access Databas      Schema      Categories      Avg\_Cost  
 SampleDB      <default>      Customers  
 dBASE Files      Employees

Advanced query options  
 All    Where...    Group by...    Having...    Order by...  
 Distinct

MATLAB command  
 insert(conn,'Avg\_Freight\_Cost',{'Calc\_Date','Avg\_Cost'},export\_data)

MATLAB workspace variable  
 export\_data      **Execute**

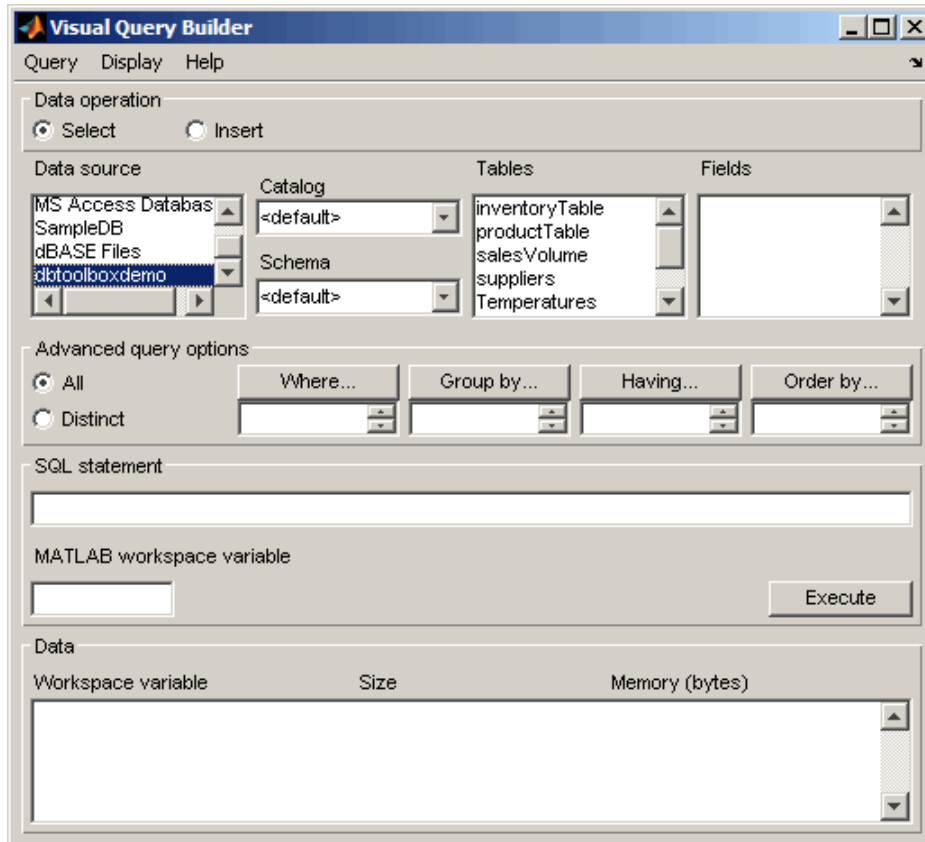
Data

Workspace variable	Size	Memory (bytes)
export_data	1x2	150

To build, run, and save a query that exports data from the MATLAB workspace into new rows in a database:



- 1 Select **Data Operation > Insert** to select data to export.
- 2 Select **dbtoolboxdemo** as the data source to which to export data from the **Data source** list box. The **Catalog**, **Schema**, and **Tables** fields for dbtoolboxdemo appear.



- 3 Do not specify values for **Catalog** and **Schema**.
- 4 In the **Tables** list box, select **inventoryTable** as the table to which you want to export data from the MATLAB software.

The set of **Fields** (column names) in your selected table appears.

- 5 In the **Fields** list box, select **productNumber**, **Quantity**, and **Price** as the fields to which you want to export data from the MATLAB software.

VQB adds each field you select to the query in the **MATLAB command** field.

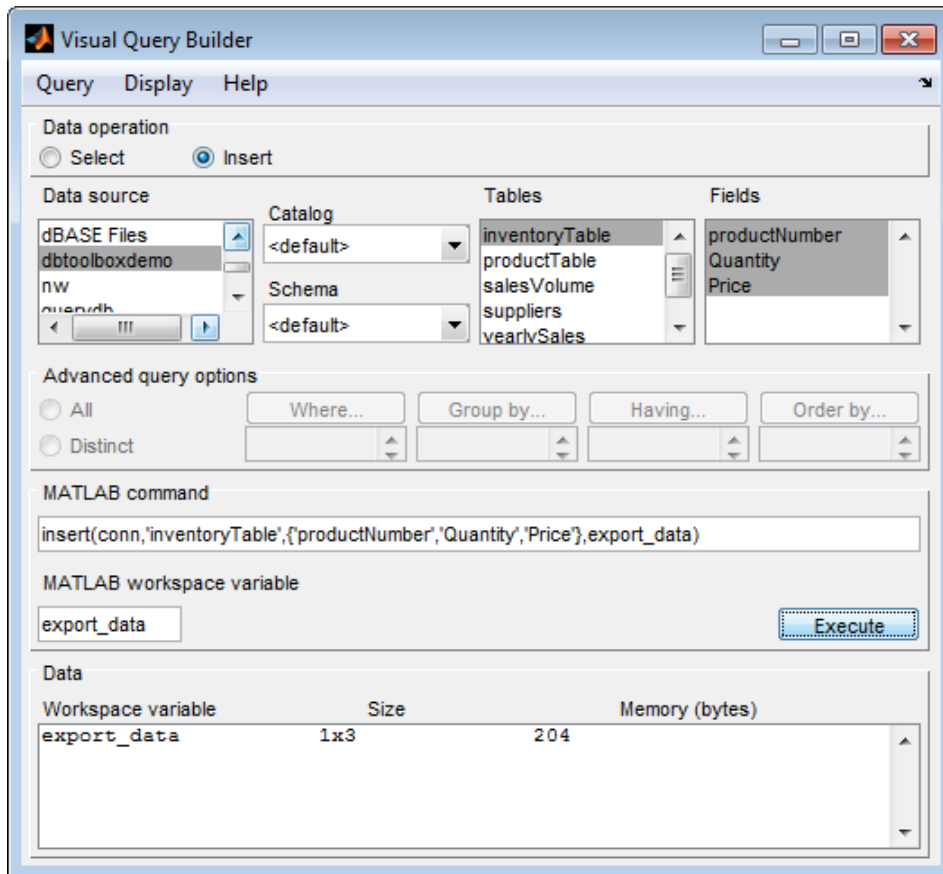
- 6 In the **MATLAB workspace**, assign the data you want to export to a cell array, `export_data`.

```
export_data = {14,1500,18.50};
```

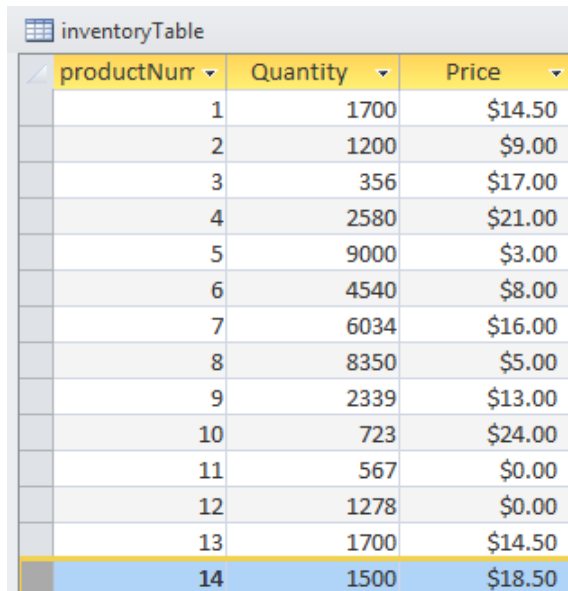
- 7 In the **MATLAB workspace variable** field, enter the name of the variable containing data to export, `export_data`. Press **Enter** or **Return** to view the **MATLAB command** that exports the data.

- 8 Click **Execute** to run the query to export the data.

Information about the exported data appears in the **Data** area.



- 9 View the `inventoryTable` table in the Microsoft Access database to verify the query results.



productNur	Quantity	Price
1	1700	\$14.50
2	1200	\$9.00
3	356	\$17.00
4	2580	\$21.00
5	9000	\$3.00
6	4540	\$8.00
7	6034	\$16.00
8	8350	\$5.00
9	2339	\$13.00
10	723	\$24.00
11	567	\$0.00
12	1278	\$0.00
13	1700	\$14.50
14	1500	\$18.50

**10** To save this query, select **Query > Save** and name it `export.qry`.

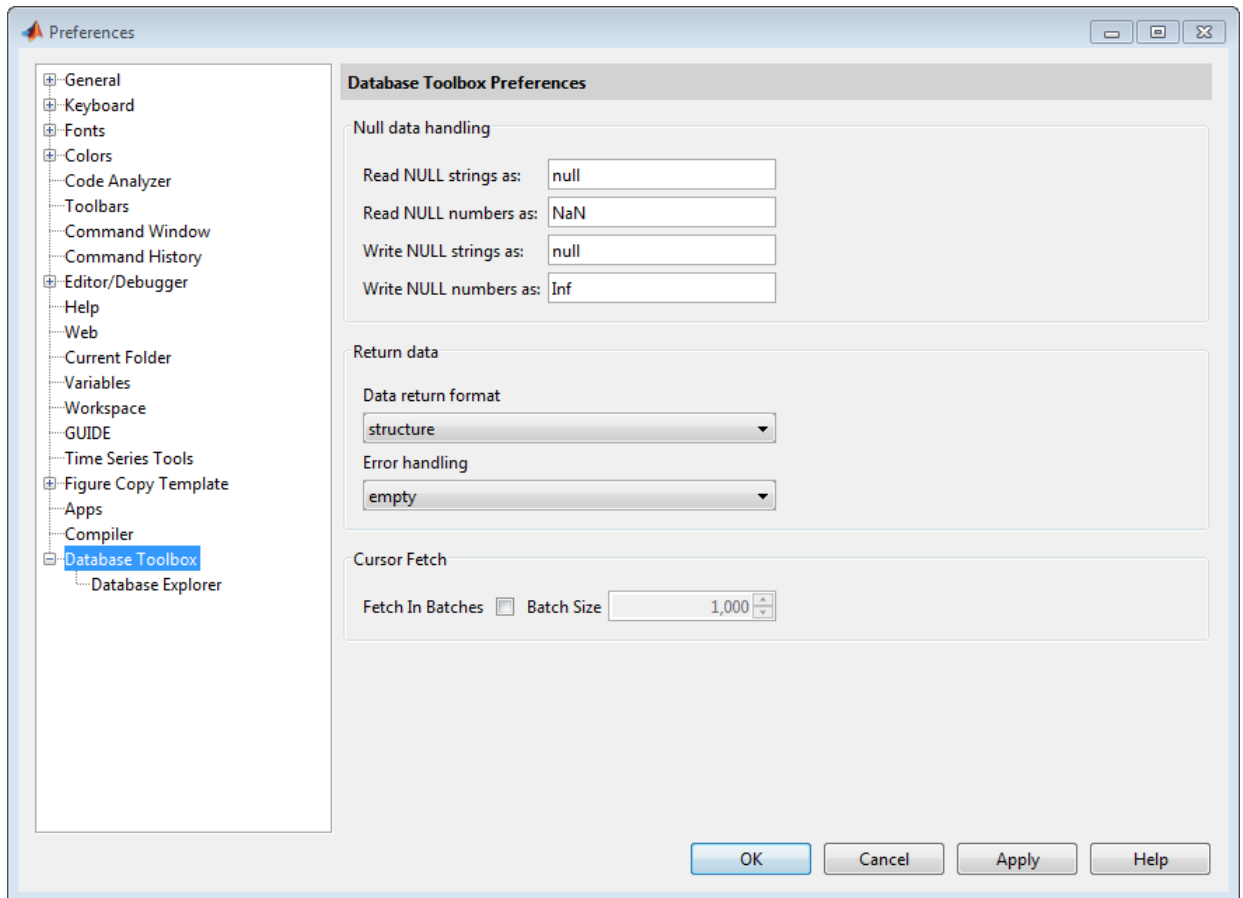
### Clearing Variables from the VQB Data Area

Variables in the **Data** area include those you assigned in the Command Window and those that contain query results. The variables do not appear in the **Data** area until you execute a query. They then remain in the **Data** area until you clear them. To clear the variables, run the **clear** function in the Command Window.

## Working with Preferences

Database Toolbox preferences enable you to specify:

- How NULL data in a database is represented after you import it into the MATLAB workspace
  - The format of data retrieved from databases
  - The method of error notification
  - The preference for fetching in batches
- 1 From Visual Query Builder, select **Query > Preferences**. The Preferences dialog box appears. Alternatively, from the MATLAB Toolstrip, click **Preferences** and select **Database Toolbox**.



2 Specify the Preferences settings as described in this table.

Preference	Acceptable Values	Description
<b>Read NULL strings as:</b>	null (default)	Specifies how NULL strings appear after being fetched from a database.
<b>Read NULL</b>	Nan (default)	Specifies how NULL numbers appear after being fetched from a database. If you accept the default value for this field, NULL data imported from databases into the MATLAB workspace appears

Preference	Acceptable Values	Description
<b>numbers as:</b>		as NaN. Setting this field to 0 causes NULL data imported into the MATLAB workspace to appear as 0s.
<b>Write NULL strings as:</b>	null (default)	Specifies how NULL strings appear after being exported to a database. This setting does not apply to Database Explorer.
<b>Write NULL numbers as:</b>	Nan (default)	Specifies how NULL numbers appear after being exported to a database. This setting does not apply to Database Explorer.
<b>Data return format</b>	cell array, numeric, structure, or dataset	<p>Select a data format based on the type of data you are importing, memory considerations, and your preferred method of working with retrieved data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>cellarray</b> (default) — Imports nonnumeric data into MATLAB cell arrays.</li> <li>• <b>numeric</b> — Imports data into MATLAB matrix of doubles. Nonnumeric data types are considered NULL and appear as specified in the <b>Read NULL numbers as:</b> setting. Use only when data to retrieve is in numeric format, or when nonnumeric data to retrieve is not relevant.</li> <li>• <b>structure</b> — Imports data into a MATLAB structure. Use for all data types. Facilitates working with returned columns.</li> <li>• <b>dataset</b> — Imports data into MATLAB <b>dataset</b> objects. This option requires Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox™.</li> </ul> <p>This setting does not apply to Database Explorer. If you are using Database Explorer, the data return format is specified using the <b>Imported Data</b> panel in Database Explorer.</p>
<b>Error handling</b>	store, report, or empty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set this field to <b>store</b> or <b>empty</b> to direct errors to either a dialog box when using Visual Query Builder or a message field when using the Database Toolbox command line interface.</li> <li>• Set this field to <b>report</b> to display query errors in the Command Window.</li> </ul> <p>This setting does not apply to Database Explorer.</p>

Preference	Acceptable Values	Description
<b>Cursor Fetch</b>	Fetch In Batches and Batch Size	<p>Specifies if <code>fetch</code> retrieves data in batches with a user-defined <code>Batch Size</code>. The default <code>Batch Size</code> is 1,000. For details, see “Preference Settings for Large Data Import” on page 5-19.</p> <p>This setting does not apply to Database Explorer. If you are using Database Explorer, the import batch size is specified using <b>Preferences</b> on the Database Explorer Toolstrip.</p>

- 3 Click **OK**. For details about Preferences, see `setdbprefs`.



## Preference Settings for Large Data Import

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“Will All of This Data Fit in the JVM Heap?” on page 5-20

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When using the `setdbprefs` to set `'FetchInBatches'` and `'FetchBatchSize'` or the **Cursor Fetch** option for the Preference dialog box, use the following guidelines to determine what batch size value to use. These guidelines are based on evaluating:

- The size of your data (n rows) to import into MATLAB
- The JVM heap requirements for the imported data

The general logic for making these evaluations are:

- If your data (n rows) will fit in a MATLAB variable, then will all your data fit in the JVM heap?
  - If yes, use the following preference setting:
 

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','no')
```
  - If no, evaluate h such that  $h < n$  and data of size h rows fits in the JVM heap. Use the following preference setting:
 

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','h')
```
- If your data (n rows) will not fit in a MATLAB variable, then:
  - Evaluate m such that  $m < n$  and the data of size m rows fits in a MATLAB variable.
  - Evaluate h such that  $h < m < n$  and data of size h rows fits in the JVM heap. Use the following preference setting:
 

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','h')
```

 Then import data using `fetch` or `runsqlscript` by using the value 'm' to limit the number of rows in the output:
 

```
curs = fetch(curs,m)
```

 or

```
results = runsqlscript(conn,'filename.sql','rowInc','m')
```

- If you are using the native ODBC interface to import large amounts of data, you do not need to change these settings because the native ODBC interface always fetches data in batches of 100,000 rows. You can still override the default batch size by setting 'FetchInBatches' to 'yes' and 'FetchBatchSize' to a number of your choice. Note that JVM heap memory restrictions do not apply in this case since the native ODBC interface is a C++ API.

## Will All Data (Size n) Fit in a MATLAB Variable?

This example shows how to estimate the size of data to import from a database.

It is important to have an idea of the size of data that you are looking to import from a database. Finding the size of the table(s) in the database can be misleading because MATLAB representation of the same data is most likely going to consume more memory. For instance, say your table has one numeric column and one text column and you are looking to import it in a cell array. Here is how you can estimate the total size.

```
data = {1001, 'some text here'};
whos data
```

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
data	1x2	156	cell	

If you are looking to import a thousand rows of the table, the approximate size in MATLAB would be  $156 * 1000 = 156$  KB. You can replicate this process for a structure or a dataset array depending on which data type you want to import the data in. Once you know the size of data to be imported in MATLAB, you can determine whether it fits in a MATLAB variable by executing the command `memory` in MATLAB.

A conservative approach is recommended here so as to take into account memory consumed by other MATLAB tasks and other processes running on your machine. For example, even if you have 12 GB RAM and the memory command in MATLAB shows 14 GB of longest array possible, it might still be a good idea to limit your imported data to a reasonable 2 or 3 GB to be able to process it without issues. Note that these numbers vary from site to site.

## Will All of This Data Fit in the JVM Heap?

This example shows how to determine the size of the JVM heap.

The value of your JVM heap can be determined by selecting **MATLAB Preferences and General > Java Heap Memory**. You can increase this value to an allowable size, but keep in mind that increasing JVM heap reduces the total memory available to MATLAB arrays. Instead, consider fetching data in small batches to keep a low to medium value for heap memory.

## How Do I Perform Batching?

There are three different methods based on your evaluations of the data size and the JVM heap size. Let  $n$  be the total number of rows in the data you are looking to import,  $m$  be the number of rows that fit in a MATLAB variable, and  $h$  be the number of rows that fit in the JVM heap.

### Method 1 — Data Does Not Fit in MATLAB Variable or JVM Heap

If your data ( $n$ ) does not fit in a MATLAB variable or a JVM heap, you need to find  $h$  and  $m$  such that  $h < m < n$ .

To use automated batching to fetch those  $m$  rows in MATLAB:

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','h')
```

If using `exec`, `fetch`, and connection object `conn`:

```
curs = exec(conn,'Select...');
curs = fetch(curs,m);
```

If using `runsqlscript` to run a query from an SQL file 'filename.sql':

```
results = runsqlscript(conn,'filename.sql','rowInc','m')
```

Once you are done processing these  $m$  rows, you can import the next  $m$  rows using the same commands. Keep in mind, however, that using the same cursor object `curs` for this results in the first `curs` being overwritten, including everything in `curs.Data`.

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**Note:** If 'FetchInBatches' is set to 'yes' and the total number of rows fetched is less than 'FetchBatchSize', MATLAB shows a warning message and then fetches all the rows. The message is: Batch size specified was larger than the number of rows fetched.

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### Method 2 — Data Does Fit In MATLAB Variable But Not in JVM Heap

If your data ( $n$ ) does fit in a MATLAB variable but not in a JVM heap, you need to find  $h$  such that  $h < n$ .

To use automated batching to fetch where  $h$  rows fit in the JVM heap:

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','h')
```

If using `exec`, `fetch`, and the connection object `conn`:

```
curs = exec(conn,'Select...');
curs = fetch(curs);
```

If using `runsqlscript` to run a query from an SQL file 'filename.sql':

```
results = runsqlscript(conn,'filename.sql')
```

Note that when you use automated batching and do not supply the `rowLimit` parameter to `fetch` or the `rowInc` parameter to `runsqlscript`, a count query is executed internally to get the total number of rows to be imported. This is done to preallocate the output variable for better performance. In most cases, the count query overhead is not much, but you can easily avoid it if you know or have a good idea of the value of  $n$ :

```
curs = fetch(curs,n)
or
```

```
results = runsqlscript(conn,'filename.sql','rowInc','n')
```

### Method 3 — Data Fits in MATLAB Variable and JVM Heap

If your data ( $n$ ) fits in a MATLAB variable and also in a JVM heap, then you need not use batching at all.

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','no')
```

If using `fetch`:

```
curs = fetch(curs);
```

If using `runsqlscript` to run a query from an SQL file 'filename.sql':

```
results = runsqlscript(conn,'filename.sql')
```

## Displaying Query Results

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### How to Display Query Results

To display query results, perform one of the following actions:

- Enter the variable name to which to assign the query results in the Command Window.
- Double-click the variable in the VQB **Data** area to view the data in the Variables editor.

The examples in this section use the saved query `basic.qry`. To load and configure this query:

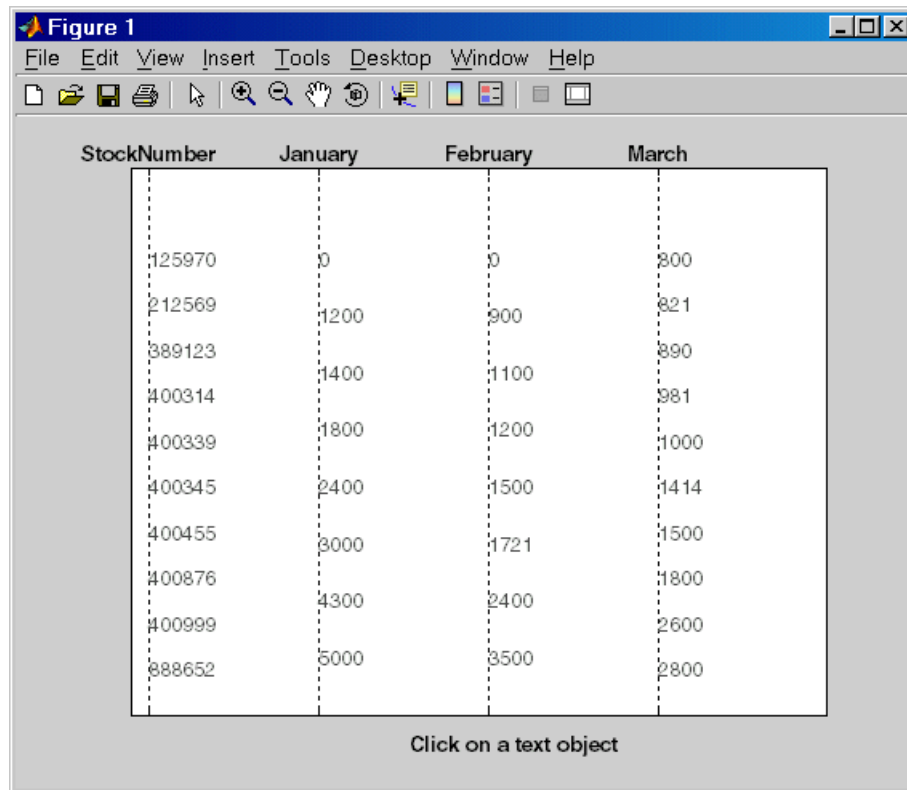
- 1 Select **Query > Preferences**, and set **Read NULL numbers as** to 0.
- 2 Select **Query > Load**.
- 3 In the Load SQL Statement dialog box, select `basic.qry` from the **File name** field and click **Open**.
- 4 In VQB, enter a value for the **MATLAB workspace variable**, for example, A, and click **Execute**.

### Displaying Data Relationally

To display the results of `basic.qry`:

- 1 Execute `basic.qry`.
- 2 Select **Display > Data**.

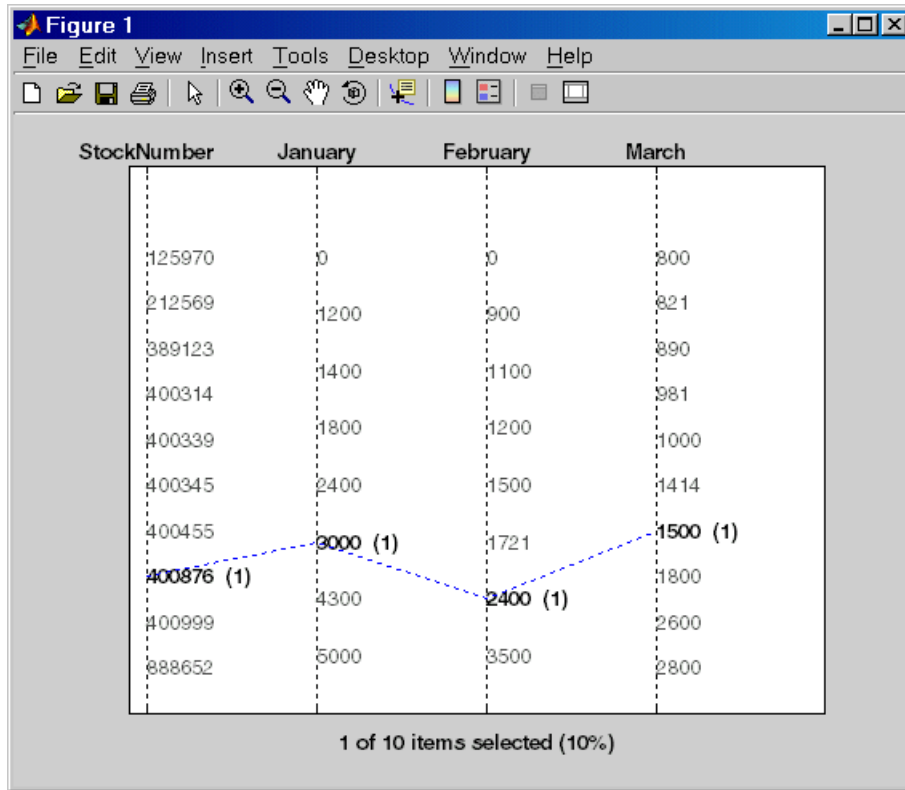
The query results appear in a figure window.



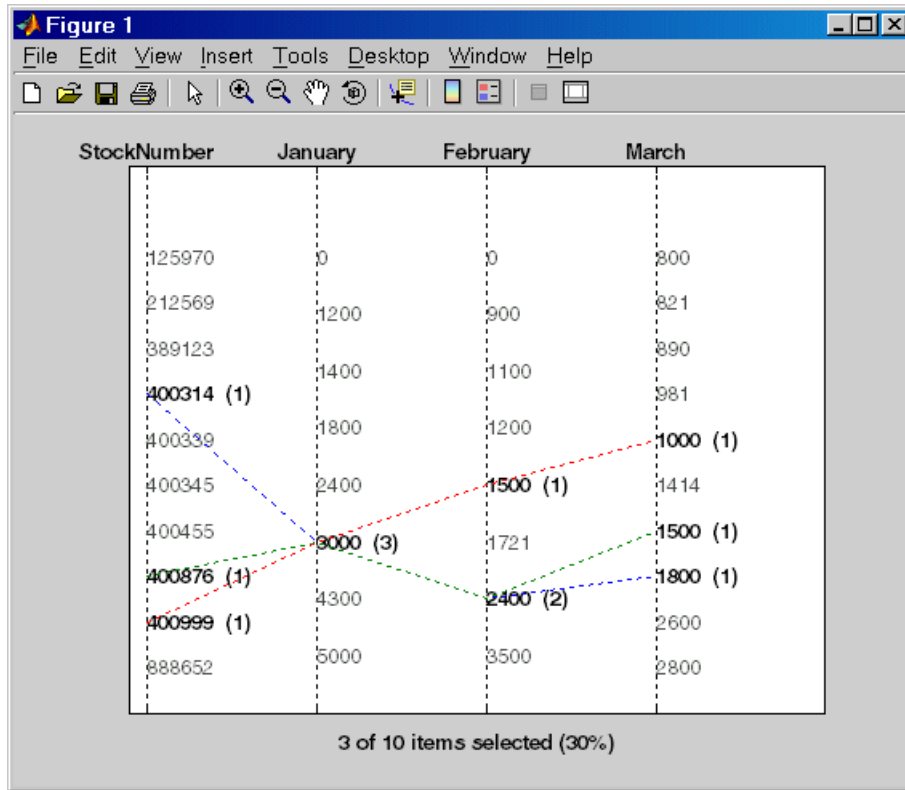
This display shows only unique values for each field, so you should not read each row as a single record. In this example, there are 10 entries for **StockNumber**, eight entries for **January** and **February**, and 10 entries for **March**. The number of entries in each field corresponds to the number of unique values in the field.

- 3 Click a value in the figure window, for example, **StockNumber 400876**, to see its associated values.

The data associated with the selected value appears in bold font and is connected with a dotted line. The data shows that sales for item 400876 are 3000 in January, 2400 in February, and 1500 in March.



- As another example, click **3000** under **January**. It shows three different items with sales of 3000 units in January: 400314, 400876, and 400999.



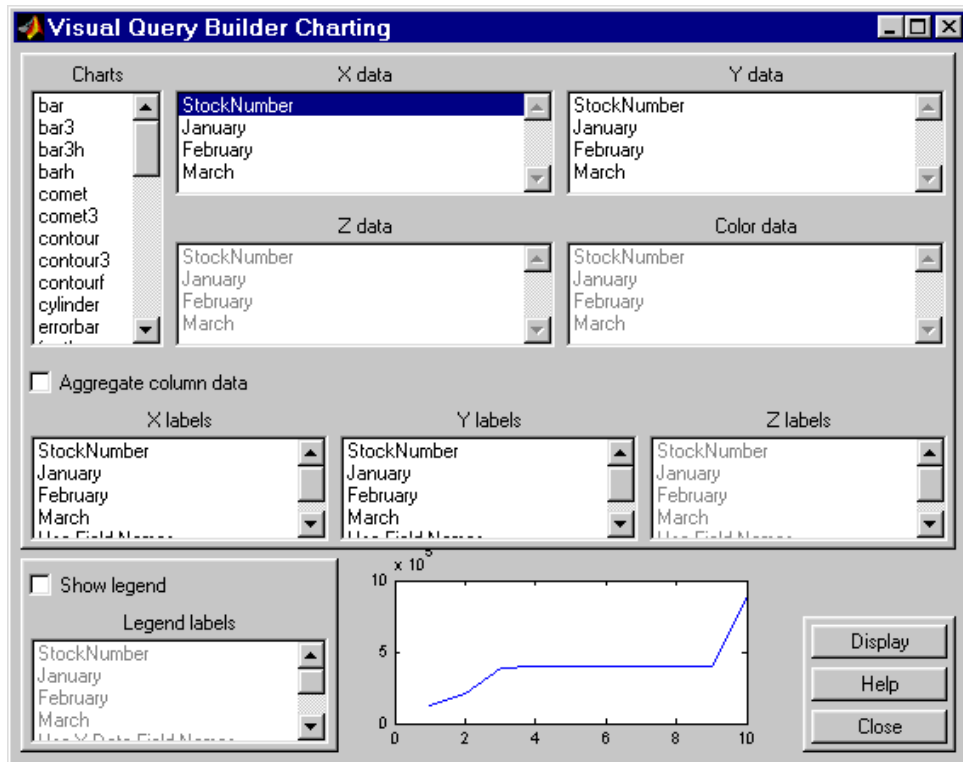


## Charting Query Results

To chart the results of `basic.qry`:

- 1 Select **Display > Chart**.

The Visual Query Builder Charting dialog box appears.



- 2 Select a type of chart from the **Charts** list. In this example, choose a pie chart by specifying **pie**.

A preview of the pie chart, with each stock item displayed in a different color, appears at the bottom of the dialog box.

- 3 Select the data to display in the chart from the **X data**, **Y data**, and **Z data** list boxes. In this example, select **MARCH** from the **X data** list box to display a pie chart of March data.

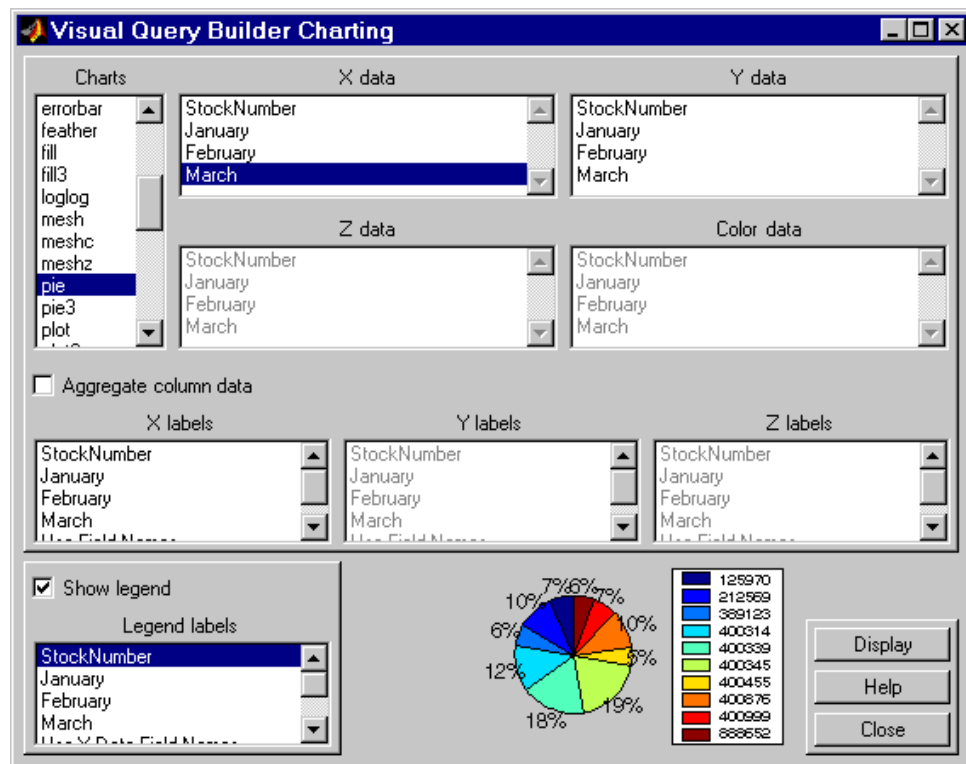
The pie chart preview now shows percentages for March data.

- 4 To display a legend, which maps colors to the stock numbers, select the **Show legend** check box.

The **Legend labels** field becomes active.

- 5 Select **StockNumber** from the **Legend labels** list box.

A legend appears in the chart preview. Drag and move the legend in the preview as needed.

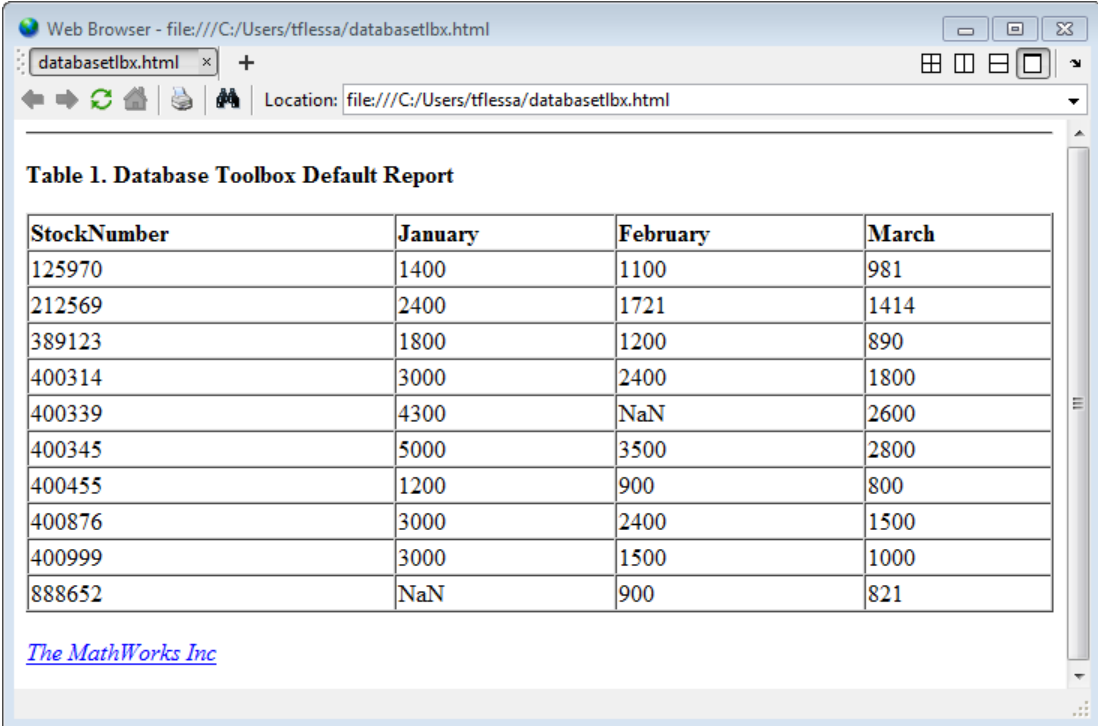


- 6 Click **Close** to close the Charting dialog box.

## Displaying Query Results in an HTML Report

To display results for `basic.qry` in an HTML report, select **Display > Report**.

The query results appear as a table in a Web browser. Each row represents a record from the database. In this example, sales for item 400876 are 3000 in January, 2400 in February, and 1500 in March.



**Table 1. Database Toolbox Default Report**

StockNumber	January	February	March
125970	1400	1100	981
212569	2400	1721	1414
389123	1800	1200	890
400314	3000	2400	1800
400339	4300	NaN	2600
400345	5000	3500	2800
400455	1200	900	800
400876	3000	2400	1500
400999	3000	1500	1000
888652	NaN	900	821

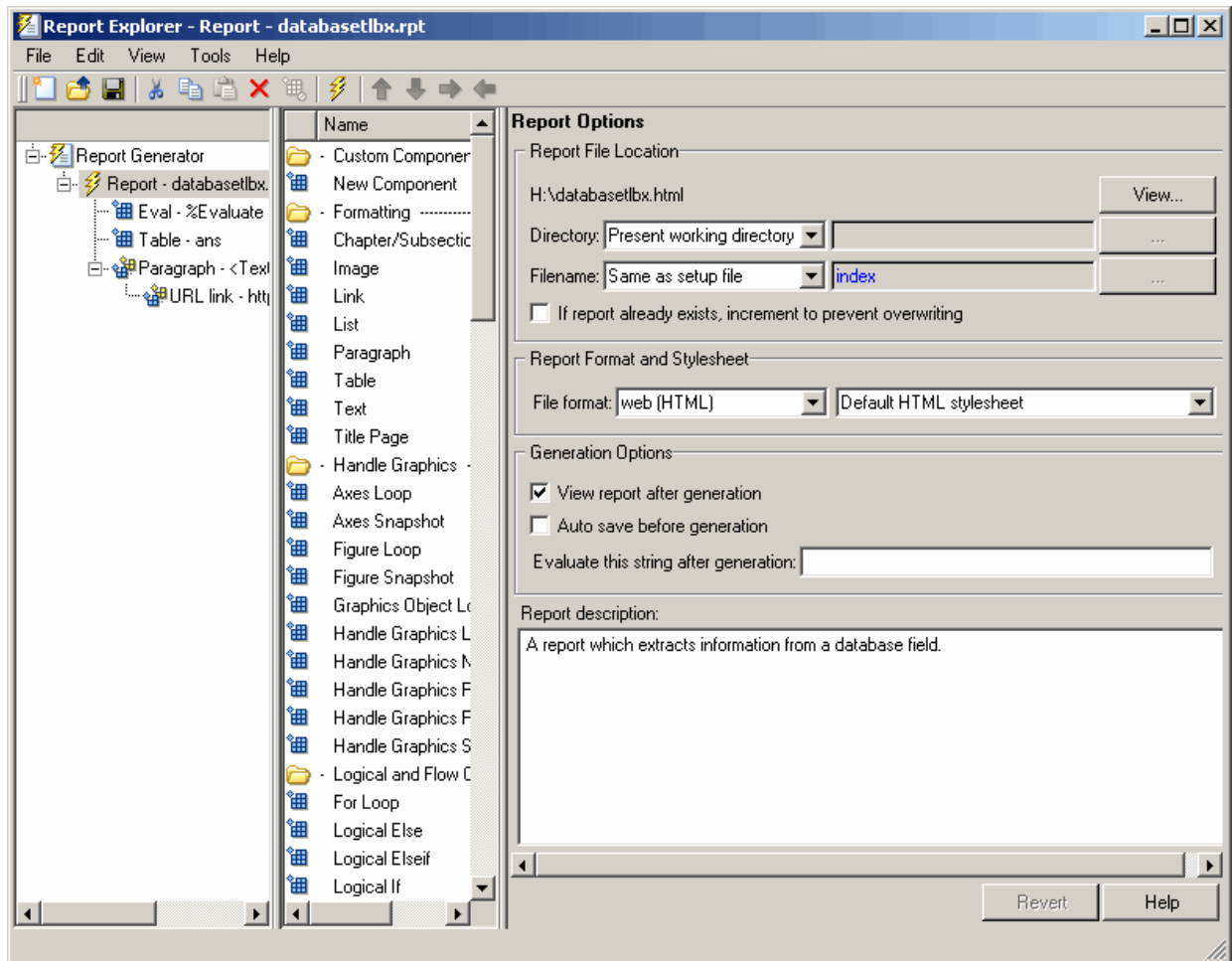
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**Tip** Because some browsers do not start automatically, you may need to open your Web browser before displaying the query results.

## Displaying Query Results with MATLAB Report Generator

To use the MATLAB Report Generator software to customize the display of the results of `basic.qry`:

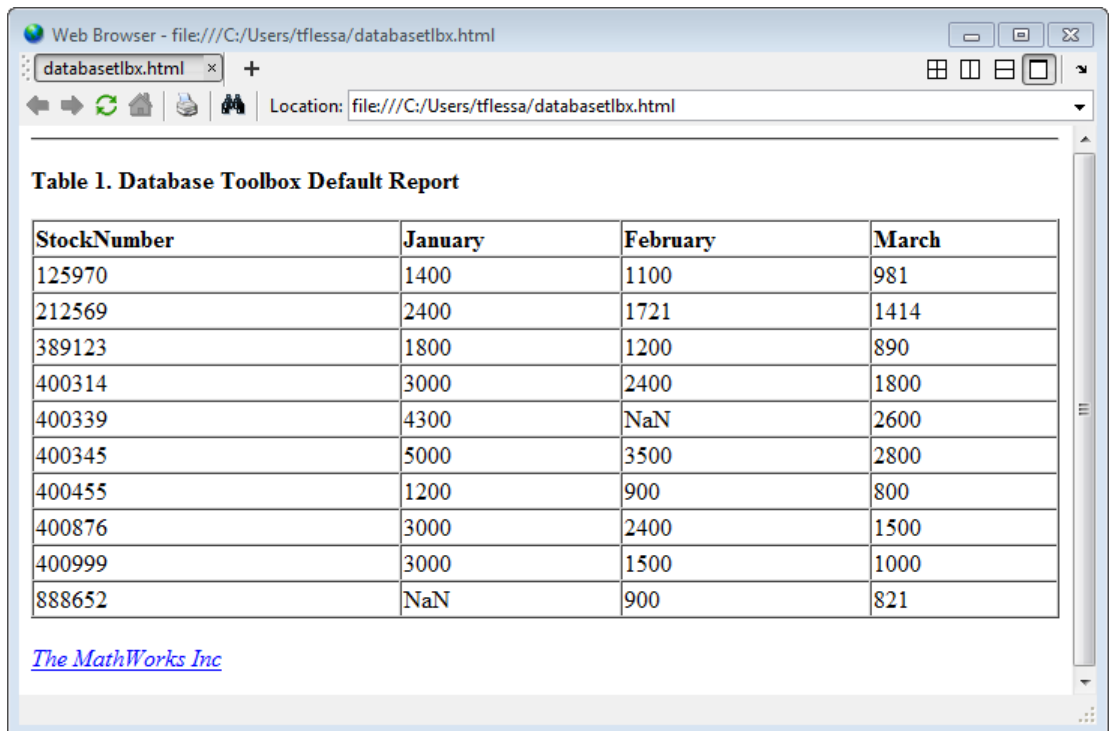
- 1 Select **Display > Report Generator**.
- 2 The Report Explorer opens, listing sample report templates that you can use to create custom reports. Select the template *matlabroot/toolbox/database/vqb/databasetlbx.rpt* from the Options pane in the middle of the Report Explorer window.



- 3 Open the report template for editing by clicking **Open a Report file or stylesheet**.

- a In the Outline pane on the left, under **Report Generator > databasetlhx.rpt**, select **Table**.
  - b In the Properties pane on the right, do the following:
    - i In **Table Content > Workspace Variable Name**, enter the name of the variable to which you assigned the query results in VQB, for example, 'A'.
    - ii Under **Header/Footer Options**, set **Number of header rows** to 0.
  - c Click **Apply**.
- 4 Select **File > Report** to run the report.

The report appears in a Web browser.

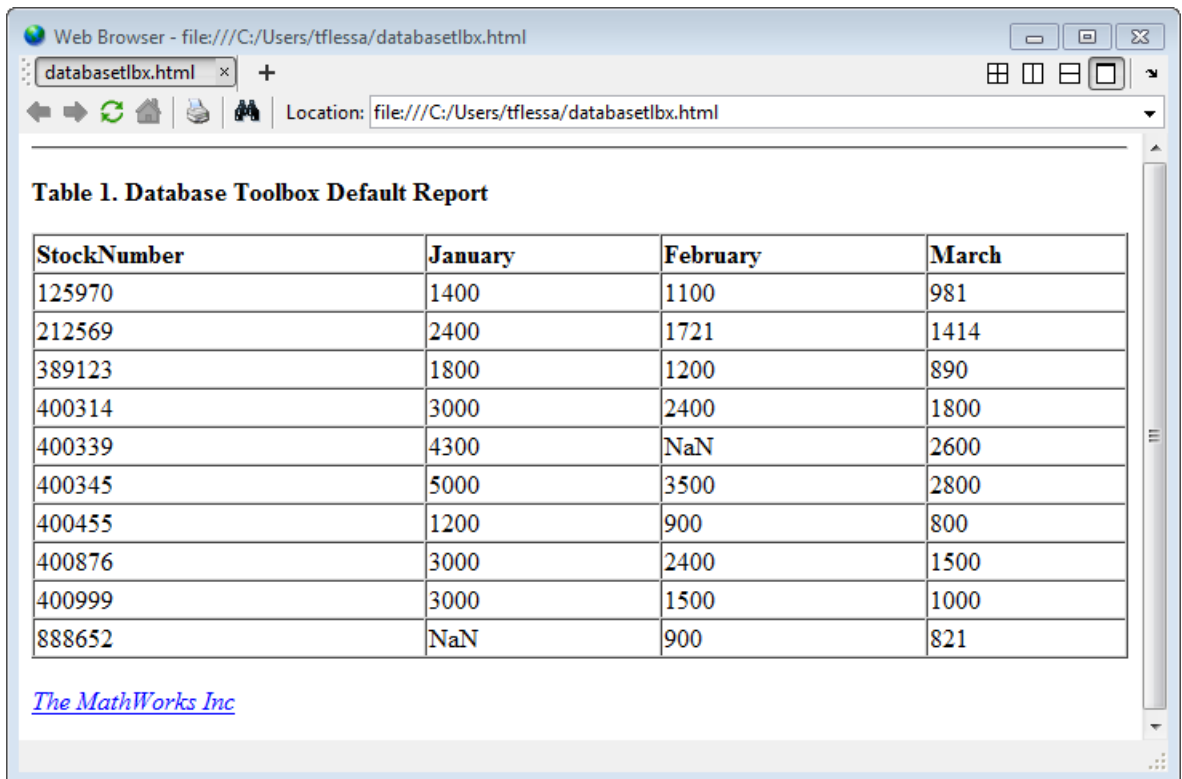


- 5 Field names do not automatically display as column headers in the report. To display the field names:

- a Modify the workspace variable **A** as follows:  

$$A = \{ \text{'Stock Number'}, \text{'January'}, \text{'February'}, \text{'March'} \}; A$$
- b In the MATLAB Report Generator Properties pane, change **Number of header rows** to 1 and regenerate the report. The report now displays field names as headings.

Each row represents a record from the database. For example, sales for item 400876 are 3000 in January, 2400 in February, and 1500 in March.



Web Browser - file:///C:/Users/tflessa/databasetlbx.html

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Location: file:///C:/Users/tflessa/databasetlbx.html

**Table 1. Database Toolbox Default Report**

StockNumber	January	February	March
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400876	3000	2400	1500
400999	3000	1500	1000
888652	NaN	900	821

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For details about the MATLAB Report Generator product, click the **Help** button in the Report Explorer.

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**Tip** Because some browsers are not configured to launch automatically, you may need to open your Web browser before displaying the report.

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## Fine-Tuning Queries Using Advanced Query Options

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**Note:** For details about advanced query options, select **Help** in any of the dialog boxes for the options.

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### Retrieving All Occurrences vs. Unique Occurrences of Data

To use the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source to demonstrate how to retrieve all versus distinct occurrences of data:

- 1 Set the **Data return format** preference to `cellarray`.
- 2 Set **Read NULL numbers as** to `NaN`.
- 3 In **Data operation**, choose **Select**.
- 4 In **Data source**, select `dbtoolboxdemo`.

Do not specify **Catalog** or **Schema**.

- 5 In **Tables**, select `SalesVolume`.
- 6 In **Fields**, select `January`.
- 7 To retrieve all occurrences of `January`:
  - a In **Advanced query options**, select **All**.
  - b Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable** `All`.
  - c Click **Execute** to run the query.



- 8 To retrieve only unique occurrences of data:
  - a In **Advanced query options**, select **Distinct**.
  - b Assign the query results to a **MATLAB workspace variable** `Distinct`.
  - c Click **Execute** to run the query.
- 9 In the Command Window, enter `All`, `Distinct` to display the query results:

```
All =  
  
    [1400]  
    [2400]  
    [1800]  
    [3000]  
    [4300]  
    [5000]  
    [1200]  
    [3000]  
    [3000]  
    [ NaN]  
  
Distinct =  
  
    [ NaN]  
    [1200]  
    [1400]  
    [1800]  
    [2400]  
    [3000]  
    [4300]  
    [5000]
```

The value 3000 appears three times in `All`, but appears only once in `Distinct`.

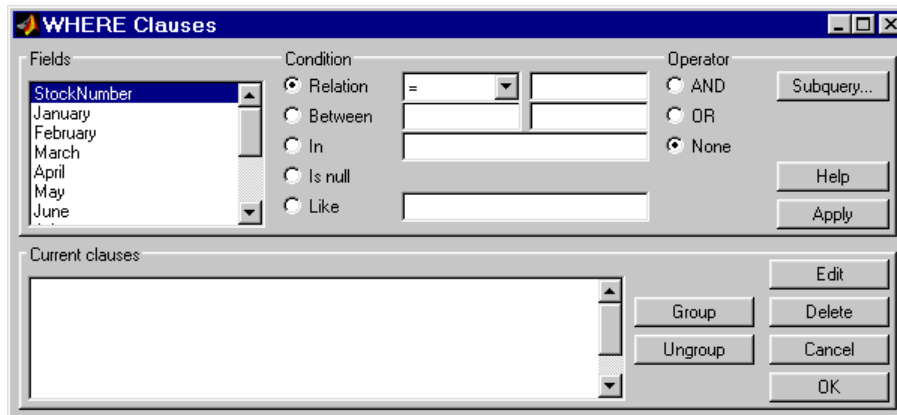
## Retrieving Data That Meets Specified Criteria

Use `basic.qry` and the **Where** field in **Advanced query options** to retrieve stock numbers greater than 400000 and less than 500000:

- 1 Load `basic.qry`.

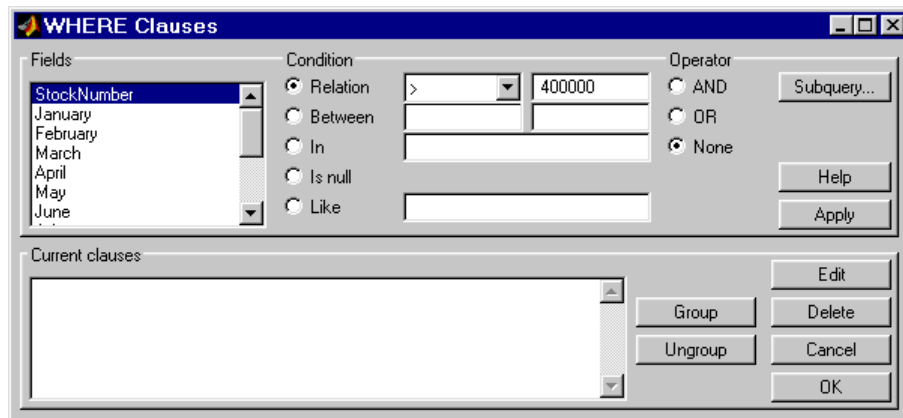
- 2 Set the **Data return format** preference to `cellarray`.
- 3 Set **Read NULL numbers as** to `NaN`.
- 4 In **Advanced query options**, click **Where**.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box appears.



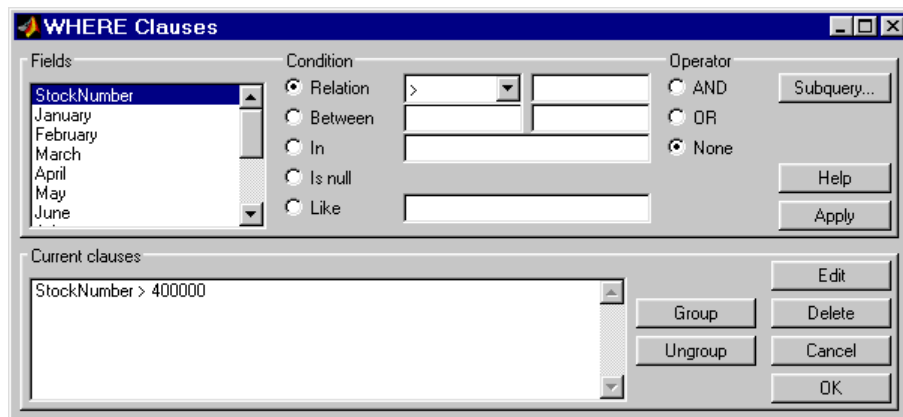
- 5 In **Fields**, select the field whose values you want to restrict, `StockNumber`.
- 6 In **Condition**, specify that `StockNumber` must be greater than `400000`.
  - a Select **Relation**.
  - b In the drop-down list to the right of **Relation**, select `>`.
  - c In the field to the right of the drop-down list, enter `400000`.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box now looks as follows.



- d Click **Apply**.

The clause that you defined, `StockNumber > 400000`, appears in the **Current clauses** area.



- 7 Add the condition that `StockNumber` must also be less than 500000.
- In **Current clauses**, select `StockNumber > 400000`.
  - In **Current clauses**, click **Edit** or double-click the `StockNumber` entry.
  - For **Operator**, select **AND**.
  - Click **Apply**.

The **Current clauses** field now displays:

```
StockNumber > 400000 AND
```

- e** In **Fields**, select **StockNumber**.
- f** In **Condition**, select **Relation**.
- g** In the drop-down list to the right of **Relation**, select **<**.
- h** In the field to the right of the drop-down list, enter **500000**.
- i** Click **Apply**.

The **Current clauses** field now displays:

```
StockNumber > 400000 AND  
StockNumber < 500000
```

- 8** Click **OK**.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box closes. The **Where** field and **SQL statement** display the Where Clause you specified.

- 9** Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable A**.
- 10** Click **Execute**.
- 11** To view the results, enter **A** in the Command Window:

```
A =
```

```
[400314] [3000] [2400] [1800]  
[400339] [4300] [ NaN] [2600]  
[400345] [5000] [3500] [2800]  
[400455] [1200] [ 900] [ 800]  
[400876] [3000] [2400] [1500]  
[400999] [3000] [1500] [1000]
```

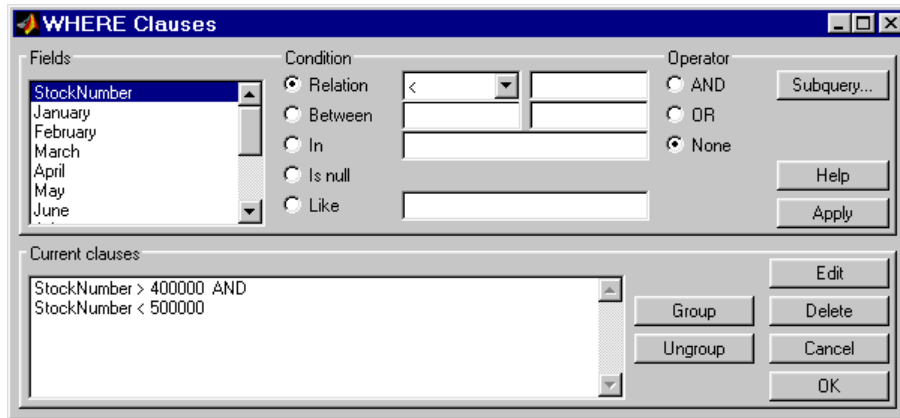
- 12** Save this query as `basic_where.qry`.

## Grouping Statements

Use the WHERE Clauses dialog box to group query statements. In this example, modify `basic_where.qry` to retrieve data where sales in January, February, or March exceed 1500 units, if sales in each month exceed 1000 units.

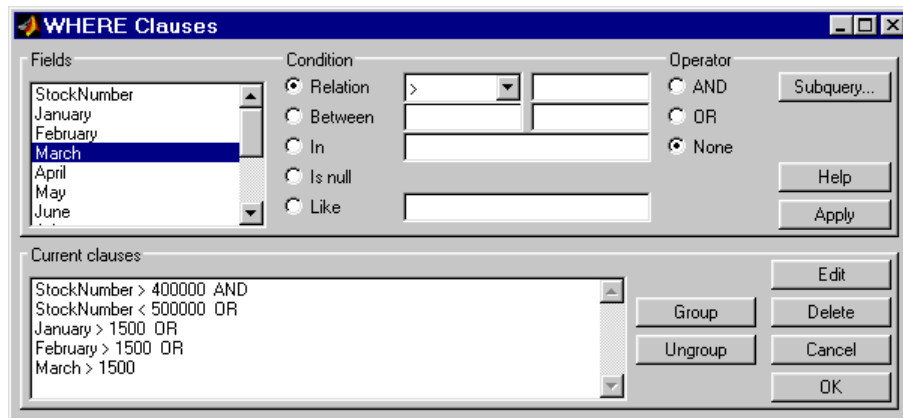
To modify `basic_where.qry`:

- 1 Click **Where** in VQB. The WHERE Clauses dialog box appears.



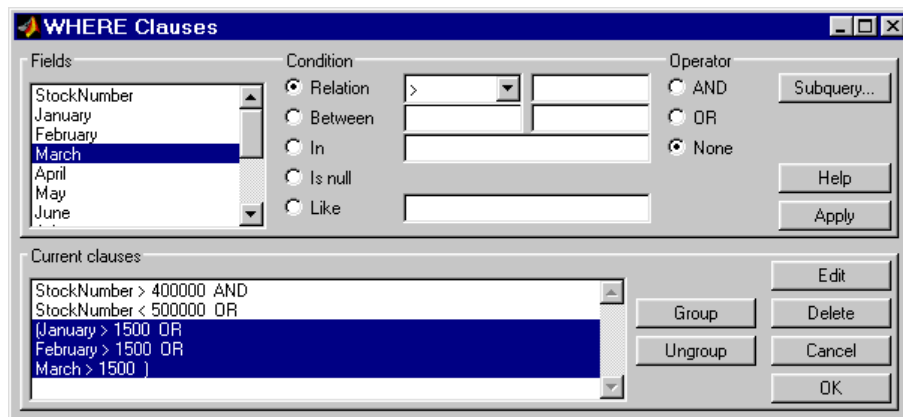
- 2 Modify the query to retrieve data if sales in January, February, or March exceed 1500 units.
  - a In **Current clauses**, select `StockNumber < 500000` and click **Edit**.
  - b For **Operator**, select **OR** and click **Apply**.
  - c In **Fields**, select **January**. For **Relation**, select `>` and enter 1500 in its field. For **Operator**, select **OR**. Click **Apply**.
  - d Repeat step c twice, specifying **February** and **March** in **Fields**.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box now looks as follows.



- 3 Group the criteria that require sales in each month to exceed 1500 units.
  - a In **Current clauses**, select the statement `January > 1500 OR`. Press **Shift**+click to select `February > 1500 OR` and `March > 1500` also.
  - b Click **Group**.

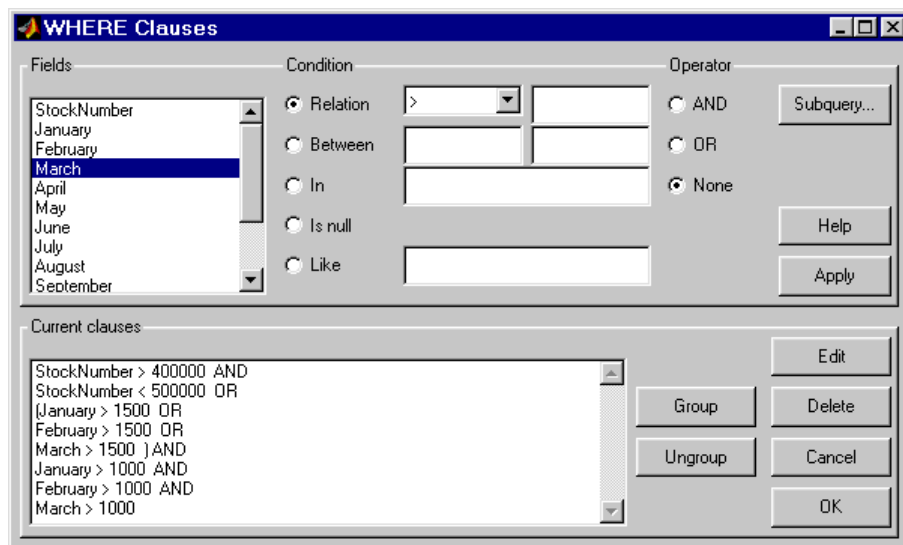
An opening parenthesis is added before `January > 1500` and a closing parenthesis is added after `March > 1500`, indicating that these statements are evaluated as a group.



- 4 Modify the query to retrieve data if sales in each month exceed 1000 units.

- a Select `March > 1500` in **Current clauses** and click **Edit**.
- b Select **AND** for **Operator** and click **Apply**.
- c Select **January** in **Fields**. Select **>** for **Relation** and enter `1000` in its field. Select **AND** for **Operator**. Click **Apply**.
- d Repeat step c twice, specifying **February** and **March** in **Fields**.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box now looks as follows.



- e Click **OK**.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box closes. The **SQL statement** dialog box displays the modified where clause.

- 5 Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable AA**.
- 6 Click **Execute** to run the query.
- 7 To view the results, enter `AA` in the Command Window.

AA =

[212569]	[2400]	[1721]	[1414]
[400314]	[3000]	[2400]	[1800]
[400339]	[4300]	[ NaN]	[2600]
[400345]	[5000]	[3500]	[2800]
[400455]	[1200]	[ 900]	[ 800]
[400876]	[3000]	[2400]	[1500]
[400999]	[3000]	[1500]	[1000]

### Removing Grouping of Statements

To use the WHERE Clauses dialog box to remove grouping criteria from the previous example:

- 1 In **Current clauses**, select (January > 1000 AND.
- 2 Press **Shift**+click to select February > 1000 AND and March > 1000) also.
- 3 Click **Ungroup**.

The parentheses are removed from the statements, indicating that their grouping is removed.

### Displaying Results in a Specified Order

Use **Order by** in **Advanced query options** to specify the order in which query results display.

This example uses the `basic_where.qry` query you created in “Retrieving Data That Meets Specified Criteria” on page 5-35. The results of `basic_where.qry` are sorted so that January is the primary sort field, February the secondary, and March the last. Results for January and February appear in ascending order, and results for March appear in descending order.

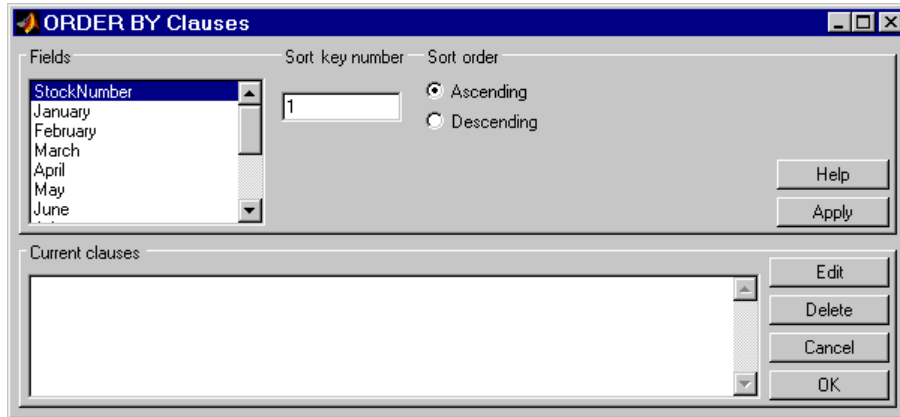
To specify the order in which results appear in `basic_where.qry`:

- 1 Load `basic_where.qry`.
- 2 Set the **Data return format** preference to `cellarray`.
- 3 Set **Read NULL numbers** to `NaN`.



- 4 In **Advanced query options**, select **Order by**.

The ORDER BY Clauses dialog box appears.



- 5 Enter values for the **Sort key number** and **Sort order** fields for the appropriate **Fields**.

To specify **January** as the primary sort field and display results in ascending order:

- a In **Fields**, select **January**.
- b For **Sort key number**, enter **1**.
- c For **Sort order**, select **Ascending**.
- d Click **Apply**.

The **Current clauses** area now displays:

January ASC

- 6 To specify **February** as the second sort field and display results in ascending order:

- a In **Fields**, select **February**.
- b For **Sort key number**, enter **2**.
- c For **Sort order**, select **Ascending**.
- d Click **Apply**.

The **Current clauses** area now displays:

January ASC  
February ASC

- 7 To specify **March** as the third sort field and display results in descending order:
  - a In **Fields**, select **March**.
  - b For **Sort key number**, enter **3**.
  - c For **Sort order**, select **Descending**.
  - d Click **Apply**.

The **Current clauses** area now displays:

January ASC  
February ASC  
March DESC

- 8 Click **OK**.

The **ORDER BY Clauses** dialog box closes. The **Order by** field and the **SQL statement** in **VQB** display the specified **Order By** clause.

- 9 Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable B**.
- 10 Click **Execute** to run the query.
- 11 To view the results, enter **B** in the **Command Window**. Enter **A** to display the unordered query results and compare them to **B**. Your results look as follows:

A =

[400314]	[3000]	[2400]	[1800]
[400339]	[4300]	[ NaN]	[2600]
[400345]	[5000]	[3500]	[2800]
[400455]	[1200]	[ 900]	[ 800]
[400876]	[3000]	[2400]	[1500]
[400999]	[3000]	[1500]	[1000]

B =

[400455]	[1200]	[ 900]	[ 800]
[400999]	[3000]	[1500]	[1000]
[400314]	[3000]	[2400]	[1800]
[400876]	[3000]	[2400]	[1500]
[400339]	[4300]	[ NaN]	[2600]
[400345]	[5000]	[3500]	[2800]

For B, results are first sorted by **January sales** in ascending order. The lowest value for **January sales**, 1200 (for item number 400455), appears first. The highest value, 5000 (for item number for 400345), appears last.

For items 400999, 400314, and 400876, **January sales** were 3000. Therefore, the second sort key **February sales** applies. February sales appear in ascending order: 1500, 2400, and 2400 respectively.

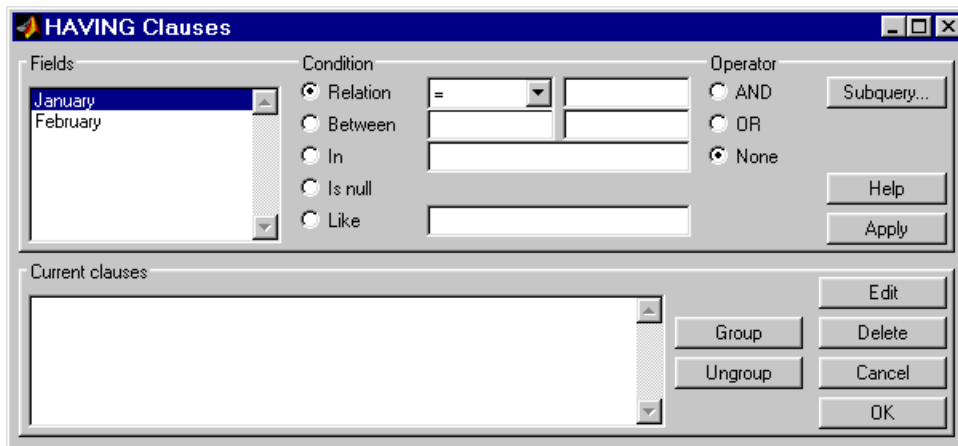
For items 400314 and 400876, **February sales** were 2400, so the third sort key, **March sales**, applies. March sales appear in descending order: 1800 and 1500, respectively.

## Using Having Clauses to Refine Group by Results

### Using the HAVING Clauses Dialog Box

Use the **Having** function to refine the results of a **Group By** clause.

After specifying a group-by clause in **Advanced query options**, click **Having**. The **HAVING Clauses** dialog box appears.



- 1 From the **Fields** list box, select the entry whose value to restrict.
- 2 Define the **Condition** for the selected field, as described in “Retrieving Data That Meets Specified Criteria” on page 5-35.
- 3 Select **Operator** to add another condition.
- 4 Click **Apply** to create the clause.

The subquery appears in the **Current clauses** area.

- 5 Repeat steps 1 through 4 to add more conditions as needed.
- 6 Change the clauses as needed:
  - To edit a clause:
    - a Select the clause from **Current clauses** and click **Edit**.
    - b Modify the **Fields**, **Condition**, and **Operator** fields as needed.
    - c Click **Apply**.
  - To group clauses:
    - a Select the clauses to group from **Current clauses**. Press **Ctrl**+click or **Shift**+click to select multiple clauses.
    - b Click **Group**. Parentheses are added around the set of clauses.

To ungroup clauses, select the clauses and then click **Ungroup**.

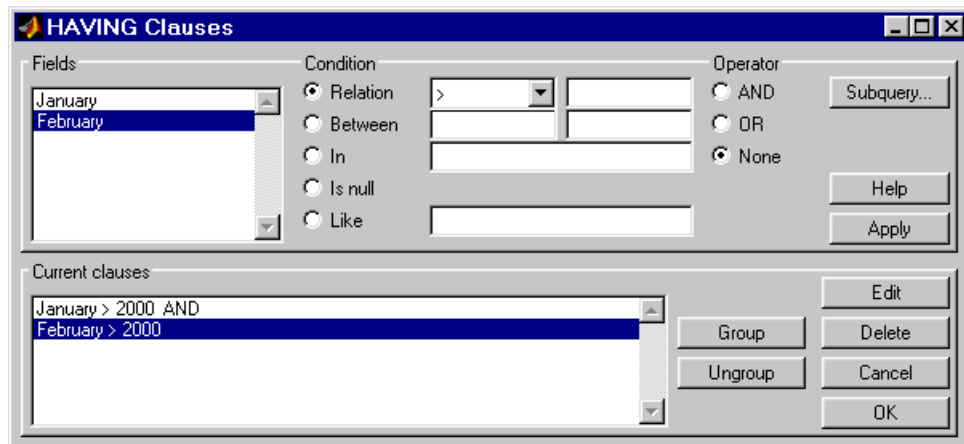
- To delete a clause, Select the clause from **Current clauses** and click **Delete**. Use **Ctrl**+click or **Shift**+click to select multiple clauses.
- 7** Specify a subquery in the HAVING Clauses dialog box, as needed. For details, see “Creating Subqueries for Values from Multiple Tables” on page 5-48.
  - 8** Click **OK**.

The HAVING Clauses dialog box closes. The **SQL statement** in the Visual Query Builder dialog box updates to reflect the specified having clause.

### Example: Using Having Clauses

This example restricts the results from `basic_where.qry` to sales greater than 2000 for January and February:

- 1** In **Advanced query options**, click **Having**. The HAVING Clauses dialog box appears.
- 2** For January:
  - a** Select `>` as the **Relation Condition**.
  - b** Enter 2000 as the **Relation** value.
  - c** Select the **AND Operator**.
  - d** Click **Apply**.
- 3** For February:
  - a** Select `>` as the **Relation Condition**.
  - b** Enter 2000 as the **Relation** value.
  - c** Click **Apply**. The HAVING Clauses dialog box appears as follows.



- 4 Click **OK**.

The **HAVING Clauses** dialog box closes. The **SQL statement** field in the **VQB** dialog box reflects the specified Having clause.

- 5 Assign a **MATLAB** workspace variable **C**, and click **Execute** to run the query.

```
C =
    [3000]    [2400]
    [5000]    [3500]
```

Compare these results to those in “Displaying Results in a Specified Order” on page 5-42.

## Creating Subqueries for Values from Multiple Tables

Use the **Where** feature in **Advanced query options** to create subqueries. Creating subqueries in this way is referred to as *nested SQL*.

This example uses `basic.qry`, which you created by selecting **Query > Save** and saving your query as `basic.qry` in the **File name** field.

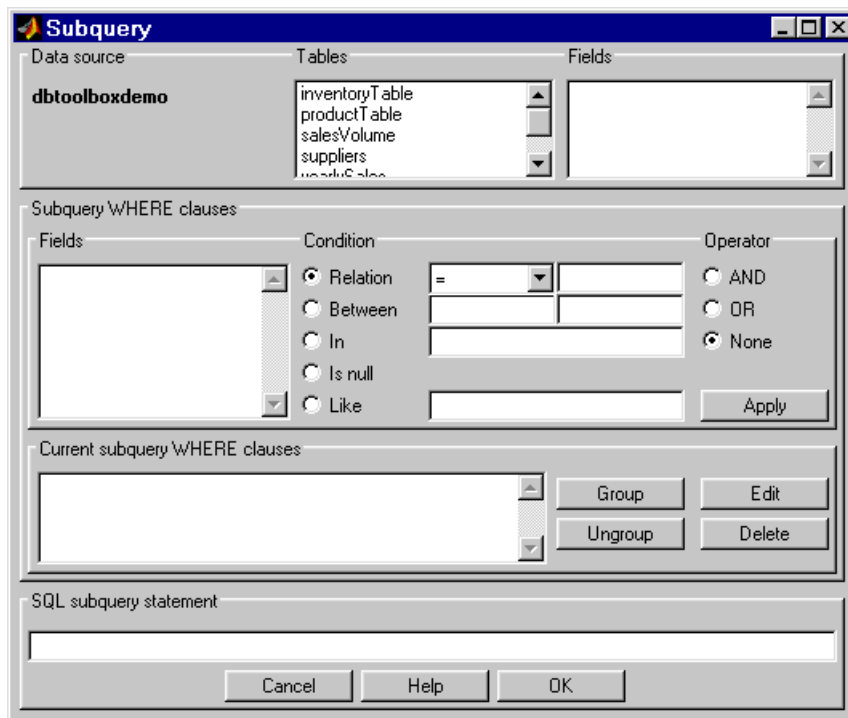
The `salesVolume` table has sales volumes and stock number fields, but no product description field. The `productTable` has product description and stock number fields, but no sales volumes. This example retrieves the stock number for the product whose description is `Building Blocks` from the `productTable` table. It then gets the sales volume values for that stock number from the `salesVolume` table.

- 1 Load `basic.qry`.
- 2 Set the **Data return format** Preference to `cellarray` and **Read NULL numbers** as to `NaN`.
- 3 Click **Where** in **Advanced query options**.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box appears.

- 4 Click **Subquery**.

The Subquery dialog box appears.

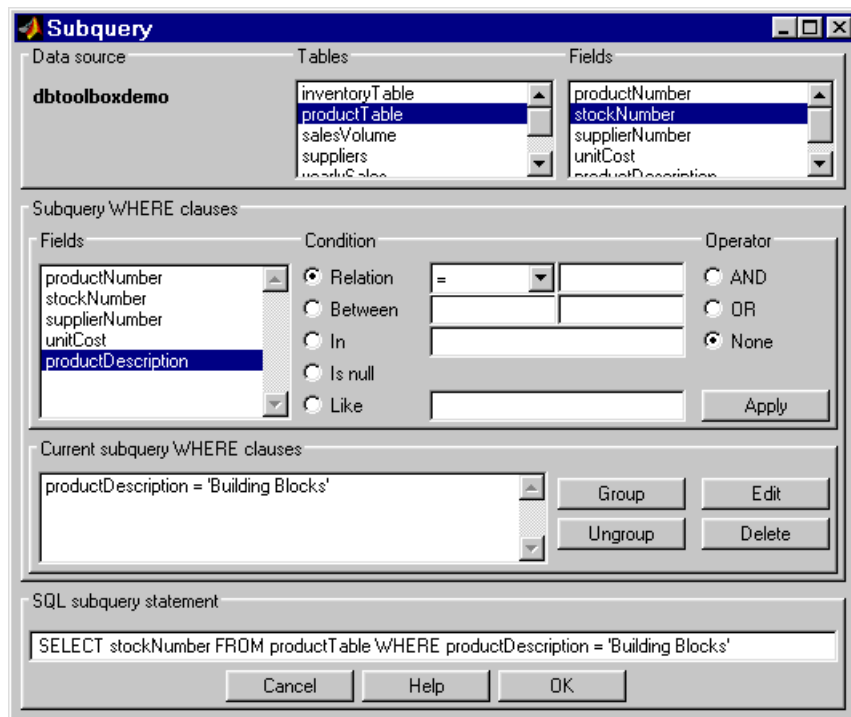


- 5 In **Tables**, select `productTable`, which includes the association between the stock number and the product description. The fields in that table appear.
- 6 In **Fields**, select `stockNumber`, the field that is common to this table and the table from which you are retrieving results.

The statement `SELECT stockNumber FROM productTable` is created in the **SQL subquery statement**.

- 7 Limit the query to product descriptions that are Building Blocks.
  - a In **Fields in Subquery WHERE clauses**, select `productDescription`.
  - b For **Condition**, select **Relation**.
  - c In the drop-down list to the right of **Relation**, select `=`.
  - d In the field to the right of the drop-down list, enter `'Building Blocks'`.
  - e Click **Apply**.

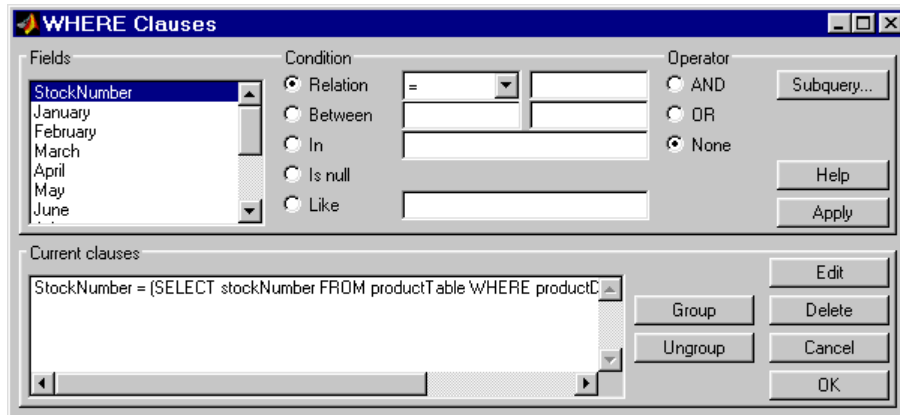
The clause appears in the **Current subquery WHERE clauses** field and is added to the **SQL subquery statement**.



- 8 Click **OK** to close the Subquery dialog box.
- 9 In the WHERE Clauses dialog box, click **Apply**.



This updates the **Current clauses** area using the subquery criteria specified in steps 3 through 8.



- 10** In the WHERE Clauses dialog box, click **OK**.

The WHERE Clauses dialog box closes. The **SQL statement** in the VQB dialog box updates.

- 11** Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable C**.  
**12** Click **Execute**.  
**13** Type **C** at the prompt in the Command Window to see the results.

```
C =  

    [400345]    [5000]    [3500]    [2800]
```

- 14** The results are for item 400345, which has the product description **Building Blocks**, although that is not evident from the results. Create and run a query to verify that the product description is **Building Blocks**:
- For **Data source**, select **dbtoolboxdemo**.
  - In **Tables**, select **productTable**.
  - In **Fields**, select **stockNumber** and **productDescription**.
  - Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable P**.

- e Click **Execute**.
- f Type **P** at the prompt in the Command Window to view the results.

```
P =  
  
[125970] 'Victorian Doll'  
[212569] 'Train Set'  
[389123] 'Engine Kit'  
[400314] 'Painting Set'  
[400339] 'Space Cruiser'  
[400345] 'Building Blocks'  
[400455] 'Tin Soldier'  
[400876] 'Sail Boat'  
[400999] 'Slinky'  
[888652] 'Teddy Bear'
```

The results show that item 400345 has the product description **Building Blocks**. In the next section, you create a query that includes **product description** in the results.

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**Note:** You can include only one subquery in a query using VQB; you can include multiple subqueries using Database Toolbox functions.

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### Creating Queries That Include Results from Multiple Tables

A query whose results include values from multiple tables is said to perform a *join* operation in SQL.

This example retrieves sales volumes by product description. It is like the one in “Creating Subqueries for Values from Multiple Tables” on page 5-48, but this example creates a query that returns **product description** rather than **stock number**.

The `salesVolume` table has `sales volume` and `stock number` fields, but no `product description` field. The `productTable` table has `product description` and `stock number` fields, but no `sales volume` field. To create a query that retrieves data from both tables and equates the `stock number` from `productTable` with the `stock number` from `salesVolume`:

- 1 Set the **Data return format** preference to `cellarray` and the **Read NULL numbers as** preference to `NaN`.
- 2 For **Data operation**, click **Select**.
- 3 For **Data source**, select `dbtoolboxdemo`.

The **Catalog**, **Schema**, and **Tables** for `dbtoolboxdemo` appear.

Do not specify **Catalog** or **Schema**.

- 4 In **Tables**, select the tables from which you want to retrieve data. For this example, press **Ctrl**+click and select both `productTable` and `salesVolume`.

The fields (columns) in those tables appear in **Fields**. Field names appear in the format `tableName.fieldName`. Therefore, `productTable.stockNumber` indicates the stock number in the product table and `salesVolume.StockNumber` indicates the stock number in the sales volume table.

- 5 In **Fields**, press **Ctrl**+click to select the following fields:

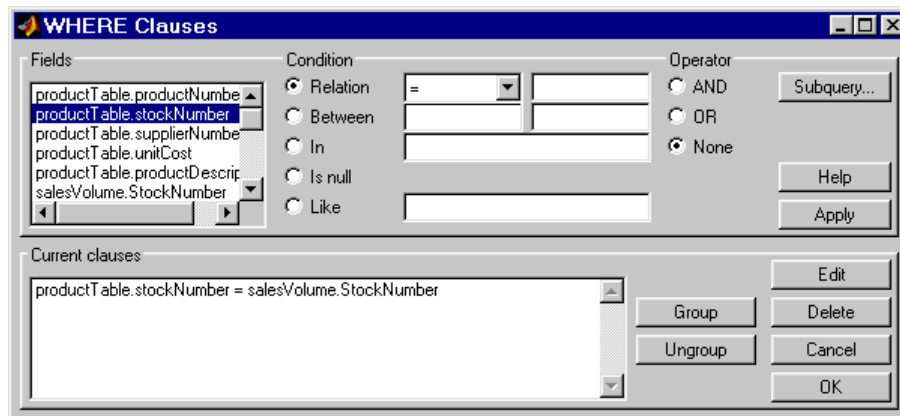
- `productTable.productDescription`
- `salesVolume.January`
- `salesVolume.February`
- `salesVolume.March`

- 6 In this example, the **Where** clause equates the `productTable.stockNumber` with the `salesVolume.StockNumber`, so that product description is associated with sales volumes in the query results.

In **Advanced query options**, click **Where** to associate fields from different tables. The **WHERE Clauses** dialog box appears.

- 7 In the **WHERE clauses** dialog box:
  - a In **Fields**, select `productTable.stockNumber`.
  - b For **Condition**, select **Relation**.
  - c In the drop-down list to the right of **Relation**, select `=`.
  - d In the field to the right of the drop-down list, enter `salesVolume.StockNumber`.
  - e Click **Apply**.

The clause appears in the **Current clauses** field.



- f Click **OK** to close the WHERE Clauses dialog box. The **Where** field and **SQL statement** in VQB display the Where clause.
- 8 Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable P1**.
- 9 Click **Execute** to run the query.
- 10 Type **P1** in the Command Window.

P1 =

'Victorian Doll'	[1400]	[1100]	[ 981]
'Train Set'	[2400]	[1721]	[1414]
'Engine Kit'	[1800]	[1200]	[ 890]
'Painting Set'	[3000]	[2400]	[1800]
'Space Cruiser'	[4300]	[ NaN]	[2600]
'Building Blocks'	[5000]	[3500]	[2800]
'Tin Soldier'	[1200]	[ 900]	[ 800]
'Sail Boat'	[3000]	[2400]	[1500]
'Slinky'	[3000]	[1500]	[1000]
'Teddy Bear'	[ NaN]	[ 900]	[ 821]

## Additional Advanced Query Options

For details about advanced query options, choose an option and click **Help** in its dialog box. For example, click **Group by** in **Advanced query options**, and then click **Help** in the Group by Clauses dialog box.

## Retrieving BINARY and OTHER Data Types

This example shows how to retrieve data of types BINARY and OTHER, which may require manipulation before it can undergo MATLAB processing. To retrieve images using the dbtoolboxdemo data source and a sample file that parses image data, *matlabroot/toolbox/database/vqb/parsebinary.m*:

- 1 For **Data Operation**, select **Select**.
- 2 In **Data source**, select dbtoolboxdemo.
- 3 In **Tables**, select Invoice.
- 4 In **Fields**, select InvoiceNumber and Receipt (which contains bitmap images).
- 5 Select **Query > Preferences**.
- 6 In the **Data return format** field, specify cellarray.
- 7 As the **MATLAB workspace variable**, specify A.
- 8 Click **Execute** to run the query.
- 9 Type A in the Command Window to view the query results.

A =

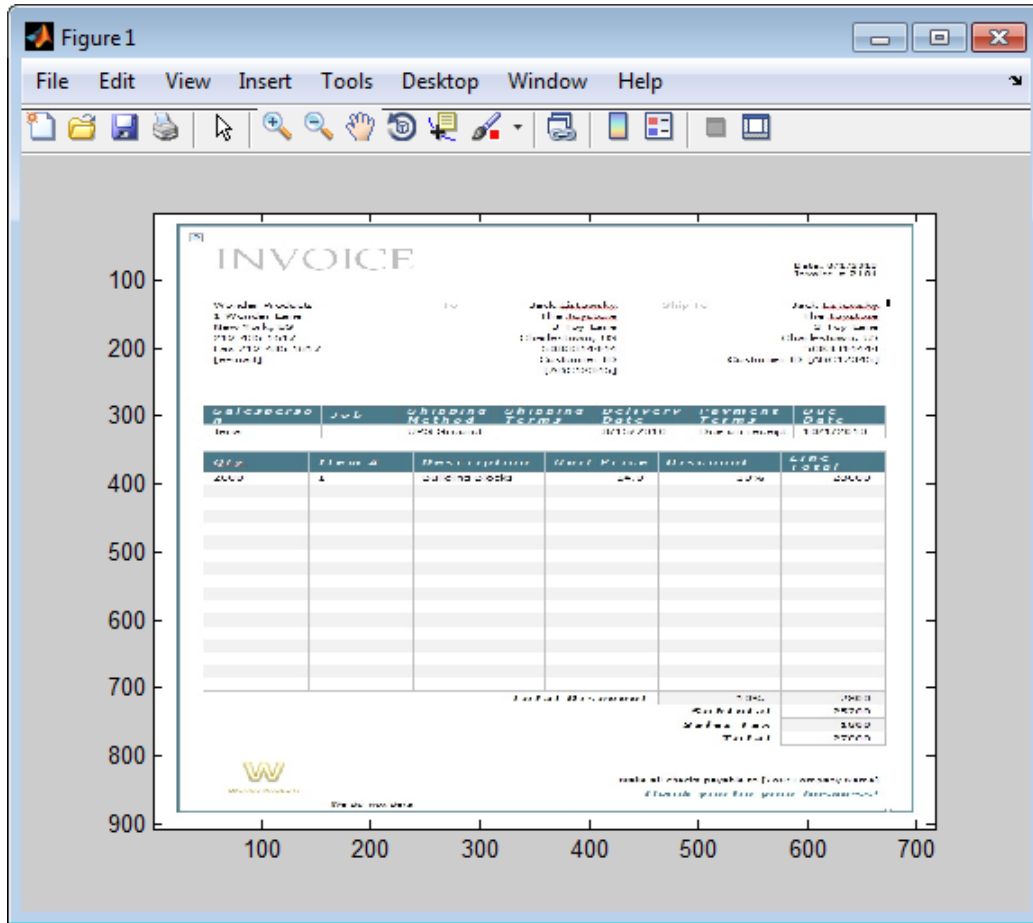
```
[1]    [21626x1 int8]
[2]    [21626x1 int8]
[3]    [21722x1 int8]
[4]    [21626x1 int8]
[5]    [21626x1 int8]
[6]    [21626x1 int8]
[7]    [21626x1 int8]
[8]    [21626x1 int8]
[9]    [21626x1 int8]
```

- 10 Assign the first element in A to the variable **photo**.

```
photo = A{1,2};
```

- 11 Make sure your current folder is writable.
- 12 Run the sample program **parsebinary**, which writes the retrieved data to a file, strips ODBC header information, and displays **photo** as a bitmap image.

```
cd I:\MATLABfiles\myfiles
parsebinary(photo, 'BMP');
```



For details about parsebinary, enter help parsebinary, or view the parsebinary file in the MATLAB Editor/Debugger by entering open parsebinary in the Command Window.

## Importing and Exporting Boolean Data

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### Import Boolean Data from Databases

BOOLEAN data is imported from databases into the MATLAB workspace as data type `logical`. This data has a value of 0 (false) or 1 (true), and is stored in a cell array or structure.

This example imports data from the `Invoice` table in the `dbtoolboxdemo` database into the MATLAB workspace.

- 1 Set **Data return format** to `cellarray`.
- 2 For **Data operation**, choose **Select**.
- 3 In **Data source**, select `dbtoolboxdemo`.
- 4 In **Tables**, select `Invoice`.
- 5 In **Fields**, select `Paid` and `InvoiceNumber`.
- 6 Assign the query results to the **MATLAB workspace variable** `D`.
- 7 Click **Execute** to run the query.

VQB retrieves a 10-by-2 array.

- 8 Enter `D` in the Command Window. 10 records are returned:

`D =`

```
[ 2101]    [0]
 [ 3546]    [1]
 [33116]    [1]
 [34155]    [0]
 [34267]    [1]
 [37197]    [1]
 [37281]    [0]
 [41011]    [1]
```

[61178] [0]  
 [62145] [1]

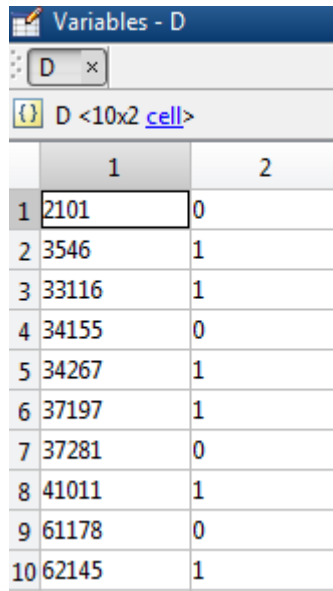
- 9 Compare these results to the data in Microsoft Access.

InvoiceNum	InvoiceDate	ProductNumber	Paid	Receipt
2101	8/1/2010	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
3546	3/1/2010	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
33116	5/15/2011	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
34155	7/12/2011	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
34267	7/22/2011	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
37197	9/3/2011	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
37281	9/21/2011	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
41011	12/12/2011	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
61178	1/15/2012	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
62145	1/23/2012	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image

Field Name	Data Type
InvoiceNumber	Number
InvoiceDate	Date/Time
ProductNumber	Number
Paid	Yes/No
Receipt	OLE Object

- 10 In the VQB **Data** area, double-click D to view its contents in the Variables editor.





	1	2
1	2101	0
2	3546	1
3	33116	1
4	34155	0
5	34267	1
6	37197	1
7	37281	0
8	41011	1
9	61178	0
10	62145	1

## Exporting Boolean Data to Databases

Logical data is exported from the MATLAB workspace to a database as type `BOOLEAN`. This example adds two rows of data to the `Invoice` table in the `dbtoolboxdemo` database.

- 1 In the MATLAB workspace, create `I`, the structure you want to export.

```
I.InvoiceNumber{1,1}=456789;
I.Paid{1,1}=logical(0);
I.InvoiceNumber{2,1}=987654;
I.Paid{2,1}=logical(1);
```

- 2 For **Data operation**, choose **Insert**.
- 3 In **Data source**, select `dbtoolboxdemo`.
- 4 In **Tables**, select `Invoice`.
- 5 In **Fields**, select `Paid` and `InvoiceNumber`.
- 6 Assign results to the **MATLAB workspace variable I**.
- 7 Click **Execute** to run the query.

VQB inserts two new rows into the `Invoice` table.

View the table in Microsoft Access to verify that the data was correctly inserted.

InvoiceNum	InvoiceDate	ProductNumber	Paid	Receipt
987654			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
456789			<input type="checkbox"/>	
2101	8/1/2010	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
3546	3/1/2010	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
33116	5/15/2011	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
34155	7/12/2011	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
34267	7/22/2011	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
37197	9/3/2011	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
37281	9/21/2011	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
41011	12/12/2011	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
61178	1/15/2012	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image
62145	1/23/2012	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitmap Image

## Saving Queries in Files

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### About Generated Files

Select **Query > Generate MATLAB File** to create a file that contains the equivalent Database Toolbox functions required to run an existing query that was created in VQB. Edit the file to include MATLAB or related toolbox functions, as needed. To run the query, execute the file.

The following is an example of a file generated by VQB:

```
% Set preferences with setdbprefs.
s.DataReturnFormat = 'cellarray';
s.ErrorHandling = 'store';
s.NullNumberRead = 'NaN';
s.NullNumberWrite = 'NaN';
s.NullStringRead = 'null';
s.NullStringWrite = 'null';
s.JDBCDataSourceFile = '';
s.UseRegistryForSources = 'yes';
s.TempDirForRegistryOutput = '';
s.FetchInBatches = 'yes';
s.FetchBatchSize = '10000'
setdbprefs(s)

% Make connection to database. Note that the password has been omitted.
% Using ODBC driver.
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', 'password');

% Read data from database.
e = exec(conn, 'SELECT ALL StockNumber, January, February FROM salesVolume');
e = fetch(e);
close(e)

% Close database connection.
close(conn)
```

### VQB Query Elements in Generated Files

The following VQB query elements do not appear in generated files:

- Generated code files do not include MATLAB workspace variables to which you assigned query results in the VQB query. The file assigns the query results to `e`; access these results using the variable `e.Data`. For example, you can add a statement to the file that assigns a variable name to `e.Data` as follows:

```
myVar = e.Data
```

- For security reasons, generated files do not include passwords required to connect to databases. Instead, the `database` statement includes the string `'password'` as a placeholder. To run files to connect to databases that require passwords, substitute your password for the string `password` in the `database` statement.

### Saving Queries

- 1 Click **Query > Save**. The Save SQL Statement dialog box appears.
- 2 Enter a name (without spaces) for the query into the **File name** field and click **Save**. Save the query as `basic.qry`.

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**Note:** When you save a **Select** query (a query that imports data), MATLAB does not save your specified preferences or the workspace variable that contains the query results. This prevents you from inadvertently overwriting an existing variable in the MATLAB workspace when you run a saved query.

When you save an **Insert** query (a query that exports data), MATLAB saves the workspace variable whose data you exported, but does not save your preferences.

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### Running Saved Queries

- 1 Click **Query > Load**. The Load SQL Statement dialog box appears.
- 2 Select the name of the query you want to load and click **Open**. The VQB fields reflect the values for the saved query.
- 3 Run a **Select** query to import data into the MATLAB workspace, or an **Insert** query to export data from the MATLAB workspace.

- To run a **Select** query, use the **MATLAB workspace variable** field to assign a variable to the data and click **Execute**.
  - For an **Insert** query, the saved query may include a workspace variable, which appears as part of the **MATLAB command** field. Type that variable name or enter a new name in the **MATLAB workspace variable** field. Press **Return** or **Enter** to see the updated **MATLAB command**.
- 4** Click **Execute** to run the query.

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**Tip** You can generate a file that runs the query from the Command Window in the future. For details, see “Saving Queries in Files” in the Database Toolbox documentation.

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## Editing Queries

Edit a query using one of the following options:

- Changing your selections.
- Editing the **SQL statement** field.
- Editing the **MATLAB command** field.



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## Getting Started with Database Toolbox Functions

The following sections provide examples of how to use Database Toolbox functions. MATLAB files that include functions used in some of these examples are available in `matlab/toolbox/database/dbdemos`.

Follow these simple examples consecutively when you first start using the product. Once you are familiar with Database Toolbox usage, refer to these examples as needed.

## Import Data from Databases into MATLAB

This example shows how to import data from a Microsoft Access database called `dbtoolboxdemo` into the MATLAB workspace.

### Connect to the Database

Connect to the Microsoft Access database with the data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` using native ODBC.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

If you are connecting to a database using a JDBC connection, then specify a different syntax for the `database` function.

### Import Data Using a Simple SQL Query

Select the product number `productNumber` and description `productDescription` from the product table `productTable`. Create an SQL query to select this data. Then, use the `exec` function to execute the SQL query using the database connection object `conn`.

```
sqlquery = 'select productNumber,productDescription from productTable';  
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

The data contains strings. Set the data return format to support strings. Use the `setdbprefs` function to specify the format `cellarray`.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')
```

Display the data. Use the `fetch` function to fetch the data from the executed SQL query.

```
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
[ 9] 'Victorian Doll'  
[ 8] 'Train Set'  
[ 7] 'Engine Kit'  
[ 2] 'Painting Set'  
[ 4] 'Space Cruiser'  
[ 1] 'Building Blocks'  
[ 5] 'Tin Soldier'  
[ 6] 'Sail Boat'
```

```
[ 3] 'Slinky'
[10] 'Teddy Bear'
```

Close the cursor object and database connection.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### Import Data Using Multiple Joins in the SQL Query

Connect to the Microsoft Access database with the data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` using the JDBC/ODBC bridge.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Create an SQL script file named `salesvolume.sql` with this SQL query. This SQL query uses multiple joins to join these tables in the `dbtoolboxdemo` database:

- `producttable`
- `salesvolume`
- `suppliers`

The purpose of the query is to import sales volume data for suppliers located in the United States.

```
SELECT salesvolume.January
, salesvolume.February
, salesvolume.March
, salesvolume.April
, salesvolume.May
, salesvolume.June
, salesvolume.July
, salesvolume.August
, salesvolume.September
, salesvolume.October
, salesvolume.November
, salesvolume.December
, suppliers.Country
FROM ((producttable
INNER JOIN salesvolume
ON producttable.stockNumber = salesvolume.StockNumber)
INNER JOIN suppliers
ON producttable.supplierNumber = suppliers.SupplierNumber)
WHERE suppliers.Country LIKE 'United States%'
```

Run the SQL script file named `salesvolume.sql` using the `runsqlscript` function.

```
results = runsqlscript(conn, 'salesvolume.sql')
```

```
results =  
  
    Attributes: []  
        Data: {6x13 cell}  
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]  
    RowLimit: 0  
    SQLQuery: 'SELECT salesvolume.January , salesvolume.February , salesvolume.March , salesv...'  
    Message: ''  
        Type: 'Database Cursor Object'  
    ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]  
        Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]  
    Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]  
        Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

`results` contains a cursor array with the returned data from running the SQL query in the SQL script file.

Display the data in the cursor object containing the returned data.

```
results(1).Data
```

```
ans =  
  
Columns 1 through 8  
  
    [5000.00]    [3500.00]    [2800.00]    [2300.00]    [1700.00]    [1400.00]    [1000.00]    [900.00]  
    [2400.00]    [1721.00]    [1414.00]    [1191.00]    [ 983.00]    [ 825.00]    [ 731.00]    [653.00]  
    [1200.00]    [ 900.00]    [ 800.00]    [ 500.00]    [ 399.00]    [ 345.00]    [ 300.00]    [175.00]  
    ...  
  
Columns 9 through 13  
  
    [1600.00]    [3300.00]    [12000.00]    [20000.00]    'United States'  
    [ 723.00]    [ 790.00]    [ 1400.00]    [ 5000.00]    'United States'  
    [ 760.00]    [1500.00]    [ 5500.00]    [17000.00]    'United States'  
    ...
```

Display the column names for the returned data.

```
columnnames(results(1))
```

```
ans =  
  
'January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July', 'August', ...  
'September', 'October', 'November', 'December', 'Country'
```

### Close the Database Connection

Close the cursor array and database connection.

```
close(results)
```

`close(conn)`

### **See Also**

`close` | `database` | `exec` | `fetch` | `runsqlscript` | `setdbprefs`

### **More About**

- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface” on page 3-17

## Create a Query Using a Date

This example shows how to format a date in an SQL query.

When you want to write an SQL statement that selects data from your database using a date, you need to format the date according to your database specifications. Consult your database documentation for the right formatting. This example shows date formatting for an Oracle database.

### Connect to the Database

Connect to Oracle using native ODBC. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `Oracle` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('Oracle','username','pwd');
```

### Create and Execute a Query Using a Date

Create an SQL statement `sqlquery` that contains the full query. Execute the query using the `exec` function. The following code uses the table `test_types` and the column `test_dt`. The WHERE clause contains Oracle SQL code for filtering the records based on the date. The `test_dt` column data type is an Oracle date type. Filter records for the dates after June 9, 2013 using the `test_dt` column by entering this date in the Oracle function `to_date` to convert your date string to an Oracle date type. For a string `'2013-06-09'`, specify the format as `'YYYY-MM-DD'`. This is one way to format a date in Oracle. Consult your Oracle documentation for alternatives.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from test_types '...  
           'where test_dt > to_date('2013-06-09','YYYY-MM-DD')'];  
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

Display the selected data using the `fetch` function.

```
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    '2013-06-10 15:11:00'    '2013-06-10 15:11:22.500000'  
    '2013-06-10 15:13:00'    '2013-06-10 15:13:21.870003'  
    '2013-06-10 15:16:00'    '2013-06-10 15:16:45.099998'  
    ...
```

The query returns the records where the date in the column `test_dt` is after June 9, 2013.

### **Close the Cursor and Database Connection**

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### **See Also**

`close` | `database` | `exec` | `fetch`

### **More About**

- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”

## Create a Query Using a String

This example shows how to include a string in your SQL query using a Microsoft Access database.

### Connect to the Database

Connect to Microsoft Access using native ODBC. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `dbtoolboxdemo` with a blank user name and password.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

### Create a Query Using a String

Select all records from the table `productTable` where the product description is `'Slinky'`. Create an SQL query string `sqlquery` that embeds the product description string into the SQL query string by using an extra pair of single quotes.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from productTable '...  
           'where productDescription = ''Slinky'''];
```

Or, you can write the SQL query as a concatenation of two strings using brackets.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from productTable '...  
           'where productDescription = ' ''Slinky'''];
```

### Execute the Query

Execute the SQL query using the `exec` function and display the data using the `fetch` function.

```
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    [3.00]    [400999.00]    [1009.00]    [17.00]    'Slinky'
```

### Close the Cursor and Database Connection

```
close(curs)
```



`close(conn)`

### **See Also**

`close` | `database` | `exec` | `fetch`

### **More About**

- [“Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”](#)

## Create a Query Using a MATLAB Variable

This example shows how to include a MATLAB variable in your SQL query. This example uses a Microsoft SQL Server database.

### Connect to the Database

Connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database using a JDBC driver without operating system authentication. For example, this code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` with the user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number `123456`.

```
conn = database('dbname','username','pwd',...  
              'Vendor','Microsoft SQL Server','Server','sname',...  
              'AuthType','Server','portnumber',123456);
```

### Create a Query Using a MATLAB Variable

Suppose you want to select all invoice data for the first product. Create a MATLAB variable `productID` and set it to the first product number.

```
productID = 1;
```

Select all records from the table `invoice` where the product number is equal to the first product. Create an SQL query string `sqlquery` that concatenates the SQL query with the MATLAB variable `productID` by using brackets. `productID` is a numeric variable but the SQL query is a string. You need convert the number to a string by using the `num2str` function.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from invoice '...  
           'where ProductNumber = ' num2str(productID)];
```

### Execute the Query

Execute the SQL query using the `exec` function and display the data using the `fetch` function.

```
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
[2101.00]    '2010-08-01 00:00...'    [1.00]    [0]    [1948410x1 int8]
```

The `fetch` function returns the invoice data record for the first product.

### **Close the Cursor and Database Connection**

```
close(curs)  
close(conn)
```

### **See Also**

`close` | `database` | `exec` | `fetch` | `num2str`

## Create a Query Using Special Characters

This example shows how to write an SQL query for table names or columns names with special characters.

These characters require using escape characters that are specific to your database. Consult your database documentation for the right escape characters. This example uses a Microsoft SQL Server database.

### Connect to the Database

Connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database using a JDBC driver without operating system authentication. For example, this code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` with the user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number `123456`.

```
conn = database('dbname','username','pwd',...  
              'Vendor','Microsoft SQL Server','Server','sname',...  
              'AuthType','Server','portnumber',123456);
```

### Create a Query with Special Characters

Suppose you want to select all data in a column with a column name that contains spaces. This column resides in a table with a table name that contains spaces. A space is a special character that needs to be enclosed by escape characters for the SQL query to execute. Brackets are the escape characters for a Microsoft SQL Server database. Create an SQL query string `sqlquery` that contains the column name and table name enclosed by brackets.

```
sqlquery = 'select [column with spaces] from [table with spaces]';
```

### Execute the Query

Execute the SQL query using the `exec` function and display the data using the `fetch` function.

```
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =  
  
    'some text'
```

```
'some text'
```

### **Close the Cursor and Database Connection**

```
close(curs)  
close(conn)
```

### **See Also**

`close` | `database` | `exec` | `fetch`

## Delete Data from Databases

This example shows how to delete data from your database using MATLAB.

Create the SQL string with your deletion SQL statement. Consult your database documentation for the correct SQL syntax. Execute the delete operation on your database using `exec` with your SQL string. This example demonstrates deleting data records in a Microsoft Access database.

### Connect to the Database

Connect to the Microsoft Access database using native ODBC and the data source name `dbtoolboxdemo`. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` with the column `productNumber`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

Display the last rows in the table `inventoryTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...  
[11] [ 567] [ 0] '2012-09-11 00:30...'  
[12] [1278] [ 0] '2010-10-29 18:17...'  
[13] [1700] [14.5000] '2009-05-24 10:58...'
```

### Delete a Specific Record

Delete the data for the product number 13 from the table `inventoryTable`. Specify the product number using the `WHERE` clause in the SQL statement.

```
curs = exec(conn,'delete * from inventoryTable where productNumber = 13');
```

Display the last rows in the table `inventoryTable` after the deletion.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```

...
[10] [ 723] [ 24] '2012-03-14 13:13...'
[11] [ 567] [ 0] '2012-09-11 00:30...'
[12] [1278] [ 0] '2010-10-29 18:17...'

```

The record with product number 13 is missing.

### Delete a Record Using a MATLAB Variable

Define a MATLAB variable `productID` by setting it to the product number 12.

```
productID = 12;
```

Delete the data using the MATLAB variable `productID`. Build an SQL statement string that combines the SQL for the delete operation with the MATLAB variable. Since the variable is numeric and the SQL statement is a string, convert the number to a string. Use the `num2str` function for the conversion. Concatenate the delete SQL statement and the numeric conversion using the square brackets.

```
curs = exec(conn, ['delete * from inventoryTable where '...
                  'productNumber = ' num2str(productID)]);
```

Display the last rows in the table `inventoryTable` after the deletion.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```

...
[ 9] [2339] [ 13] '2011-02-09 12:50...'
[10] [ 723] [ 24] '2012-03-14 13:13...'
[11] [ 567] [ 0] '2012-09-11 00:30...'

```

The record with product number 12 is missing.

### Close the Cursor and Database Connection

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`exec` | `fetch` | `num2str`

## Exporting Data to New Record in Database

This example does the following:

- 1 Retrieves sales data from a `salesVolume` table.
- 2 Calculates the sum of sales for 1 month.
- 3 Stores this data in a cell array.
- 4 Exports this data to a `yearlySales` table.

You learn to use the following Database Toolbox functions:

- `get`
- `fastinsert`
- `setdbprefs`

For details about these functions, see `matlab\toolbox\database\dbdemos\dbinsertdemo.m`.

- 1 Connect to the data source, `dbtoolboxdemo`, if needed:

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

- 2 Use `setdbprefs` to set the format for retrieved data to numeric:

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','numeric')
```

- 3 Import ten rows of data the `March` column of data from the `salesVolume` table.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select March from salesVolume');  
curs = fetch(curs);
```

- 4 Assign the data to the **MATLAB workspace variable AA**:

```
AA = curs.Data  
AA =
```

```
981  
1414  
890  
1800  
2600
```



```

2800
800
1500
1000
821

```

- 5 Calculate the sum of the March sales and assign the result to the variable `sumA`:

```

sumA = sum(AA(:))
sumA =

```

```

    14606

```

- 6 Assign the month and sum of sales to a cell array to export to a database. Put the month in the first cell of `exdata`:

```

exdata(1,1) = {'March'}
exdata =
    'March'

```

Put the sum in the second cell of `exdata`:

```

exdata(1,2) = {sumA}
exdata =
    'March'    [14606]

```

- 7 Define the names of the columns to which to export data. In this example, the column names are `Month` and `salesTotal`, from the `yearlySales` table in the `dbtoolboxdemo` database. Assign the cell array containing the column names to the variable `colnames`:

```

colnames = {'Month','salesTotal'};

```

- 8 Use the `get` function to determine the current status of the `AutoCommit` database flag. This status determines whether the exported data is automatically committed to the database. If the flag is `off`, you can undo an update; if it is `on`, data is automatically committed to the database.

```

get(conn, 'AutoCommit')
ans =
    on

```

The `AutoCommit` flag is set to `on`, so the exported data is automatically committed to the database.

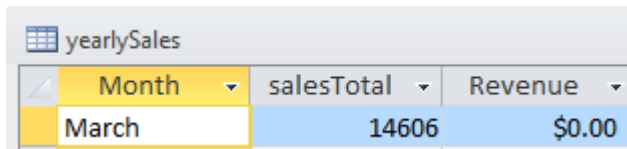
- 9 Use the `fastinsert` function to export the data into the `yearlySales` table. Pass the following arguments to this function:

- `conn`, the connection object for the database
- `yearlySales`, the name of the table to which you are exporting data
- The cell arrays `colnames` and `exdata`

```
fastinsert(conn, 'yearlySales', colnames, exdata)
```

`fastinsert` appends the data as a new record at the end of the `yearlySales` table.

- 10** In Microsoft Access, view the `yearlySales` table to verify the results.



Month	salesTotal	Revenue
March	14606	\$0.00

- 11** Close the cursor.

```
close(curs)
```

- 12** Continue with the next example (“Replacing Existing Database Data with Exported Data” on page 6-21). To stop now and resume working with the next example at a later time, close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Replacing Existing Database Data with Exported Data

This example updates the `Month` field that you previously imported (“Exporting Data to New Record in Database” on page 6-18) into the `yearlySales` table of the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source using the following Database Toolbox functions:

- `close`
- `update`

For details about these functions, see `matlab\toolbox\database\dbdemos\dbupdatedemo.m`.

- 1 Change the month in `yearlySales` table from `March` to `March2010`. Assign the new month value to the `newdata` cell array.

```
colnames = {'Month'};
newdata = {'March2010'}
newdata =
    'March2010'
```

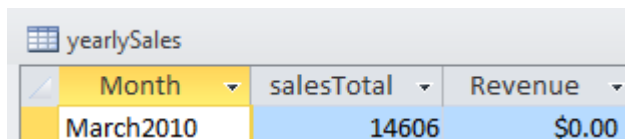
- 2 Specify the record to update in the database by defining an SQL `WHERE` statement and assigning it to the variable `whereclause`. The record to update is the record whose `Month` is `March`. Because the date string is within a string, it is embedded within two single quotation marks rather than one.

```
whereclause = 'where Month = ''March'' '
whereclause =
    where Month = 'March'
```

- 3 Export the data, replacing the record whose `Month` is `March`.

```
update(conn, 'yearlySales', colnames, newdata, whereclause)
```

- 4 In Microsoft Access, view the `yearlySales` table to verify the results.



Month	salesTotal	Revenue
March2010	14606	\$0.00

- 5 Disconnect from the database.

```
close(conn);
```

## Exporting Multiple Records from the MATLAB Workspace

This example does the following:

- 1 Imports monthly sales figures for all products from the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source into the MATLAB workspace.
- 2 Computes total sales for each month.
- 3 Exports the totals to a new table.

You use the following Database Toolbox functions:

- `fastinsert`
- `setdbprefs`

For details about these functions, see `matlab\toolbox\database\dbdemos\dbinsert2demo.m`.

- 1 Ensure that the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source is writable, that is, not read only.
- 2 Use the `database` function to connect to the data source, assigning the returned connection object as `conn`. Pass the following arguments to this function:
  - `dbtoolboxdemo`, the name of the data source
  - `username` and `password`, which are passed as empty strings because no user name or password is required to access the database

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

- 3 Use the `setdbprefs` function to specify preferences for the retrieved data. Set the data return format to `numeric` and specify that NULL values read from the database are converted to 0 in the MATLAB workspace.

```
setdbprefs...  
({'NullNumberRead'; 'DataReturnFormat'}, {'0'; 'numeric'})
```

When you specify `DataReturnFormat` as `numeric`, the value for `NullNumberRead` must also be `numeric`.

- 4 Import data from the `salesVolume` table.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from salesVolume');
```

```
curs = fetch(curs);
```

- 5 Use `columnnames` to view the column names in the fetched data set:

```
columnnames(curs)
ans =
    'StockNumber'    'January'    'February'    'March'    'April'
    'May'    'June'    'July'    'August'    'September'    'October'
    'November'    'December'
```

- 6 View the data for January (column 2).

```
curs.Data(:,2)
ans =
    1400
    2400
    1800
    3000
    4300
    5000
    1200
    3000
    3000
    0
```

- 7 Assign the dimensions of the matrix containing the fetched data set to `m` and `n`.

```
[m,n] = size(curs.Data)
m =
    10
n =
    13
```

- 8 Use `m` and `n` to compute monthly totals. The variable `tmp` is the sales volume for all products in a given month `c`. The variable `monthly` is the total sales volume of all products for that month. For example, if `c` is 2, row 1 of `monthly` is the total of all rows in column 2 of `curs.Data`, where column 2 is the sales volume for January.

```
for c = 2:n
    tmp = curs.Data(:,c);
    monthly(c-1,1) = sum(tmp(:));
end
```

View the result.

```
monthly
```

25100  
15621  
14606  
11944  
9965  
8643  
6525  
5899  
8632  
13170  
48345  
172000

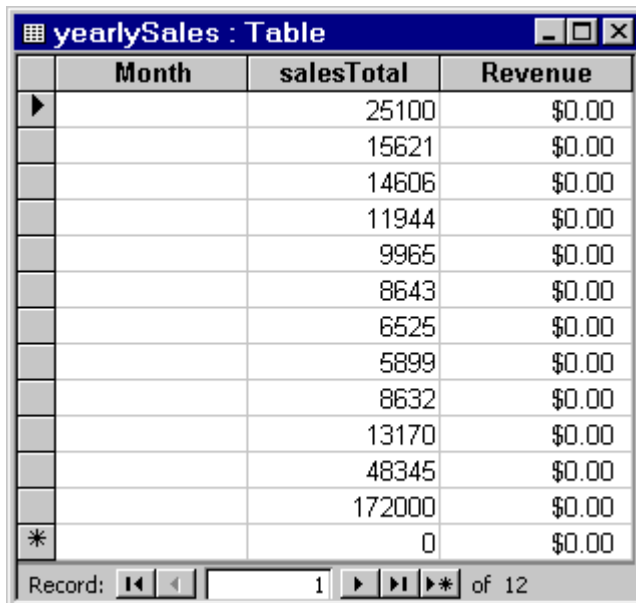
- 9 Create a string array containing the column names into which you want to insert the data, and assign the array to the variable `colnames`.

```
colnames{1,1} = 'salesTotal';
```

- 10 Use `fastinsert` to insert the data into the `yearlySales` table:

```
fastinsert(conn, 'yearlySales', colnames, monthly)
```

- 11 To verify that the data was imported correctly, in Microsoft Access, view the `yearlySales` table from the `tutorial` database.



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Access window titled "yearlySales : Table". The table contains 12 rows of data. The first row is highlighted. The columns are "Month", "salesTotal", and "Revenue". The "Month" column is empty for all rows. The "salesTotal" column contains the values: 25100, 15621, 14606, 11944, 9965, 8643, 6525, 5899, 8632, 13170, 48345, and 172000. The "Revenue" column contains the value \$0.00 for all rows. The status bar at the bottom indicates "Record: 1 of 12".

Month	salesTotal	Revenue
	25100	\$0.00
	15621	\$0.00
	14606	\$0.00
	11944	\$0.00
	9965	\$0.00
	8643	\$0.00
	6525	\$0.00
	5899	\$0.00
	8632	\$0.00
	13170	\$0.00
	48345	\$0.00
	172000	\$0.00
*	0	\$0.00

**12** Close the cursor and the database connection.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

## Exporting Data Using Bulk Insert

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“Bulk Insert into Oracle” on page 6-26

“Bulk Insert into Microsoft SQL Server 2005” on page 6-28

“Bulk Insert into MySQL” on page 6-30

### About Bulk Insert Functionality

Many ways exist to insert data into your database using the command line. You can use `datainsert`, `fastinsert`, or `insert`. For best performance with large volumes of data, use `datainsert` or `fastinsert`.

If you still experience performance issues, create a data file with every record in your data set. Then, you can use this data file as input into the bulk insert functionality of your database to process the large data set. Additionally, you can insert data with special characters such as double quotes with this file. Bulk insert provides performance gains by using the bulk insert utilities that are native to different database systems. For details about working with large data sets, see “Working with Large Data Sets”.

### Bulk Insert into Oracle

This example shows how to export data to the Oracle server using bulk insert. For this example, use a data file on the local machine where Oracle is installed.

- 1 Connect to the Oracle database.

```
javaaddpath 'path\ojdbc5.jar';
conn = database('databasename', 'user', 'password', ...
    'oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver', ...
    'jdbc:oracle:thin:@machine:port:databasename');
```

- 2 Create a table named BULKTEST.

```
e = exec(conn, ['create table BULKTEST (salary number, '...
    'player varchar2(25), signed varchar2(25), '...
    'team varchar2(25))']);
close(e)
```



- 3 Enter data records. A sample record appears as follows.

```
A = {100000.00, 'KGreen', '06/22/2011', 'Challengers'};
```

- 4 Expand A to a 10,000-record data set.

```
A = A(ones(10000,1),:);
```

- 5 Write data to a file for bulk insert.

---

**Tip** When connecting to a database on a remote machine, you must write this file to the remote machine. Oracle has problems trying to read files that are not on the same machine as the instance of the database.

---

```
fid = fopen('c:\temp\tmp.txt','wt');
for i = 1:size(A,1)
    fprintf(fid,'%10.2f \t %s \t %s \t %s \n',A{i,1},...
        A{i,2},A{i,3},A{i,4});
end
fclose(fid);
```

- 6 Set the folder location.

```
e = exec(conn,...
    'create or replace directory ext as 'C:\\Temp''');
close(e)
```

- 7 Delete the temporary table if it exists.

```
e = exec(conn,'drop table testinsert');
try,close(e),end
```

- 8 Create a temporary table and bulk insert it into the table BULKTEST.

```
e = exec(conn,['create table testinsert (salary number, '...
    'player varchar2(25), signed varchar2(25), '...
    'team varchar2(25) organization external '...
    '( type oracle_loader default directory ext access '...
    'parameters ( records delimited by newline fields '...
    'terminated by '\t') location ('tmp.txt')) '...
    'reject limit 10000']);
close(e)
e = exec(conn,'insert into BULKTEST select * from testinsert');
close(e)
```

- 9 Confirm the number of rows and columns in BULKTEST.

```
e = exec(conn, 'select * from BULKTEST');
results = fetch(e)
```

```
results =  
    Attributes: []  
    Data: {10000x4 cell}  
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]  
    RowLimit: 0  
    SQLQuery: 'select * from BULKTEST'  
    Message: []  
    Type: 'Database Cursor Object'  
    ResultSet: [1x1 oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleResultSetImpl]  
    Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]  
    Statement: [1x1 oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleStatementWrapper]  
    Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]  
  
columnnames(results)  
  
ans =
```

```
'SALARY', 'PLAYER', 'SIGNED', 'TEAM'
```

### 10 Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Bulk Insert into Microsoft SQL Server 2005

- 1 Connect to the Microsoft SQL Server. For JDBC driver use, add the JAR file to the MATLAB Java class path.

```
javaaddpath 'path\sqljdbc4.jar';  
conn = database('databasename', 'user', 'password', ...  
    'com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver', ...  
    'jdbc:sqlserver://machine:port;  
    database=databasename');
```

- 2 Create a table named BULKTEST.

```
e = exec(conn, ['create table BULKTEST (salary '...  
'decimal(10,2), player varchar(25), signed_date '...  
'datetime, team varchar(25))']);  
close(e)
```

- 3 Enter data records. A sample record appears as follows.

```
A = {100000.00, 'KGreen', '06/22/2011', 'Challengers'};
```

- 4 Expand A to a 10,000-record data set.

```
A = A(ones(10000,1), :);
```

- 5 Write data to a file for bulk insert.

---

**Tip** When connecting to a database on a remote machine, you must write this file to the remote machine. Microsoft SQL Server has problems trying to read files that are not on the same machine as the instance of the database.

---

```
fid = fopen('c:\temp\tmp.txt','wt');
for i = 1:size(A,1)
    fprintf(fid,'%10.2f \t %s \t %s \t %s \n',A{i,1},...
        A{i,2},A{i,3},A{i,4});
end
fclose(fid);
```

**6** Run the bulk insert.

```
e = exec(conn,['bulk insert BULKTEST from '...
    ''c:\temp\tmp.txt'with (fieldterminator = ''\t', '...
    'rowterminator = ''\n')']);
```

**7** Confirm the number of rows and columns in BULKTEST.

```
e = exec(conn, 'select * from BULKTEST');
results = fetch(e)
```

```
results =
```

```
Attributes: []
    Data: {10000x4 cell}
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
    RowLimit: 0
    SQLQuery: 'select * from BULKTEST'
    Message: []
    Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
ResultSet: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerResultSet]
    Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
Statement: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerStatement]
    Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

```
columnnames(results)
```

```
ans =
```

```
'salary','player','signed_date','team'
```

**8** Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Bulk Insert into MySQL

- 1 Connect to the MySQL server. For JDBC driver use, add the JAR file to the MATLAB Java class path.

```
javaaddpath 'path\mysql-connector-java-5.1.13-bin.jar';  
conn = database('databasename', 'user', 'password',...  
    'com.mysql.jdbc.Driver',...  
    'jdbc:mysql://machine:port/databasename');
```

- 2 Create a table named BULKTEST.

```
e = exec(conn,['create table BULKTEST (salary decimal, '...  
    'player varchar(25), signed_date varchar(25), '...  
    'team varchar(25))']);  
close(e)
```

- 3 Create a data record, such as the one that follows.

```
A = {100000.00, 'KGreen', '06/22/2011', 'Challengers'};
```

- 4 Expand A to be a 10,000-record data set.

```
A = A(ones(10000,1),:);
```

- 5 Write data to a file for bulk insert.

---

**Note:** MySQL reads files saved locally, even if you are connecting to a remote machine.

---

```
fid = fopen('c:\temp\tmp.txt','wt');  
for i = 1:size(A,1)  
    fprintf(fid,'%10.2f \t %s \t %s \t %s \n',...  
        A{i,1},A{i,2},A{i,3},A{i,4});  
end  
fclose(fid);
```

- 6 Run the bulk insert. Note the use of `local infile`.

```
e = exec(conn,['load data local infile '...  
    "'C:\temp\tmp.txt'" into table BULKTEST '...  
    'fields terminated by '\t' lines terminated '...  
    'by '\n'']);  
close(e)
```

**7** Confirm the number of rows and columns in BULKTEST.

```
e = exec(conn, 'select * from BULKTEST');
results = fetch(e)
```

```
results =
```

```
Attributes: []
  Data: {10000x4 cell}
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
  RowLimit: 0
  SQLQuery: 'select * from BULKTEST'
  Message: []
  Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
ResultSet: [1x1 com.mysql.jdbc.JDBC4ResultSet]
  Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
Statement: [1x1 com.mysql.jdbc.StatementImpl]
  Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

```
columnnames(results)
```

```
ans =
```

```
'salary', 'player', 'signed_date', 'team'
```

**8** Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Retrieve Image Data Types

This example retrieves images from the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source using a sample file that parses image data, `matlabroot/toolbox/database/vqb/parsebinary.m`.

- 1 Connect to the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

- 2 Specify `cellarray` as the data return format preference.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat', 'cellarray')
```

- 3 Import the `InvoiceNumber` and `Receipt` columns of data from the `invoice` table.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select InvoiceNumber, Receipt from Invoice')  
curs = fetch(curs);
```

- 4 View the imported data.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
[ 2101] [1948410x1 int8]  
[ 3546] [2059994x1 int8]  
[ 33116] [ 487034x1 int8]  
[ 34155] [2059994x1 int8]  
[ 34267] [2454554x1 int8]  
[ 37197] [1926362x1 int8]  
[ 37281] [2403674x1 int8]  
[ 41011] [1920474x1 int8]  
[ 61178] [2378330x1 int8]  
[ 62145] [ 492314x1 int8]  
[456789] []  
[987654] []
```

---

**Note:** Some OTHER data type fields may be empty, indicating that the data could not pass through the JDBC/ODBC bridge.

---

- 5 Assign the image element you want to the variable `receipt`.

```
receipt = curs.Data{1,2};
```

- 6 Run `parsebinary`. This program writes the retrieved data to a file, strips ODBC header information from it, and displays `receipt` as a bitmap image in a figure window. Ensure that your current folder is writable so that the output of `parsebinary` can be written to it.

```
cd 'I:\MATLABfiles\myfiles'  
parsebinary(receipt, 'BMP');
```

For details about `parsebinary`, enter `help parsebinary` or view its file in the MATLAB Editor/Debugger by entering `open parsebinary`.

## Display Database Metadata

This example shows how to display database information for database connection objects using the command line. To view the database structure quickly, use Database Explorer to explore the tables and column names. Here, metadata refers to the information about the database structure and various database properties.

### Create the Database Connection

Create a connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', 'admin', 'admin');
```

### Create the Database Metadata Object

Create a database metadata object `dbmeta` using `conn`.

```
dbmeta = dmd(conn)
```

```
dbmeta =
```

```
    DMDHandle: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDatabaseMetaData]
```

### Display Database Properties

Display the database properties `dbprops` of the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
dbprops = get(dbmeta)
```

```
dbprops =
```

```
    AllProceduresAreCallable: 1  
    AllTablesAreSelectable: 1  
    DataDefinitionCausesTransactionCommit: 1  
    ...
```

For details about the database metadata properties returned by `get`, see the methods of the `DatabaseMetaData` object on the Oracle Java website:

```
http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/  
DatabaseMetaData.html.
```

Display the properties `props` this database supports using `dbmeta`.

```
props = supports(dbmeta)
```



```

props =
    AlterTableWithAddColumn: 1
    AlterTableWithDropColumn: 1
    ANSI92EntryLevelSQL: 1
    ...

```

A 1 for a given property indicates that the database supports that property. 0 means that the database does not support the property.

For details about properties that the database supports, see the methods of the `DatabaseMetaData` object on the Oracle Java website: <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/DatabaseMetaData.html>.

### Retrieve Catalog Metadata

Retrieve the names and types of tables in a catalog in the database using `dbmeta` and the catalog name `tutorial`.

```

t = tables(dbmeta, 'tutorial')

t =
    'MSysAccessObjects'      'SYSTEM TABLE'
    'MSysIMEXColumns'      'SYSTEM TABLE'
    'MSysIMEXSpecs'        'SYSTEM TABLE'
    'MSysObjects'          'SYSTEM TABLE'
    'MSysQueries'          'SYSTEM TABLE'
    'MSysRelationships'    'SYSTEM TABLE'
    'inventoryTable'       'TABLE'
    'productTable'         'TABLE'
    'salesVolume'          'TABLE'
    'suppliers'            'TABLE'
    'yearlySales'          'TABLE'
    'display'              'VIEW'

```

`t` contains the list of table names in the catalog in the first column and list of table types in the second column.

### Close the Database Connection

```
close(conn)
```

### See Also

`dmd` | `get` | `resultset` | `rsmd` | `supports` | `tables`

## **More About**

- “Working with Database Explorer”

## Using Driver Functions

This example uses the following Database Toolbox functions to create driver and drivermanager objects, and to get and set their properties:

- `driver`
- `drivermanager`
- `get`
- `isdriver`
- `set`

---

**Note** There is no equivalent MATLAB example available because this example relies on a specific system-to-JDBC connection and database. Your configuration is different from the one in this example, so you cannot run these examples exactly as written. Instead, substitute appropriate values for your own system. See your database administrator for details.

---

- 1 Connect to the database.

```
c = database('orc1','scott','tiger',...
'oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver',...
'jdbc:oracle:thin:@144.212.123.24:1822:');
```

- 2 Use the `driver` function to construct a driver object and return its handle, for a specified database URL string of the form `jdbc:subprotocol:subname`.

```
d = driver('jdbc:oracle:thin:@144.212.123.24:1822:')
DriverHandle: [1x1 oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver]
```

- 3 Use the `get` function to get information, such as version data, for the driver object.

```
v = get(d)
v =
  MajorVersion: 1
  MinorVersion: 0
```

- 4 Use `isdriver` to verify that `d` is a valid JDBC driver object.

```
isdriver(d)
ans =
  1
```

This result shows that `d` is a valid JDBC driver object. If it is a not valid JDBC driver object, the returned result is 0.

- 5 Use the `drivermanager` function to create a drivermanager object `dm`.

```
dm = drivermanager
```

- 6 Get properties of the drivermanager object.

```
v = get(dm)
v =
    Drivers: {'sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver@761630' ...
             [1x38 char]}
    LoginTimeout: 0
    LogStream: []
```

- 7 Set the `LoginTimeout` value to 10 for all drivers loaded during this session.

```
set(dm, 'LoginTimeout', 10)
```

Verify the `LoginTimeout` value.

```
v = get(dm)
v =
    Drivers: {'sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver@761630'}
    LoginTimeout: 10
    LogStream: []
```

## About Database Toolbox Objects and Methods

This toolbox is an object-oriented application. You do not need to be familiar with the product's object-oriented implementation to use it; this information is provided for reference purposes.

Database Toolbox software includes the following objects:

- Cursor
- Database
- Database metadata
- Driver
- Drivermanager
- Resultset
- Resultset metadata

Each object has its own method folder, whose name begins with an @ sign, in the *matlabroot/toolbox/database/database* folder. Functions in the folder for each object provide methods for operating on the object.

Object-oriented characteristics of the toolbox enable you to:

- Use constructor functions to create and return information about objects.

For example, to create a cursor object containing query results, run the `fetch` function. The object and stored information about the object are returned. Because objects are MATLAB structures, you can view elements of the returned object.

- Use overloaded functions.

Objects allow the use of overloaded functions, which simplify usage because you only need to use one function to operate on objects. For example, use the `get` function to view properties of an object.

- Create custom methods that operate on Database Toolbox objects and store them in the MATLAB workspace.

## Selecting Data Using the `exec` Function

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- “About the `exec` Function” on page 6-40
- “Using Cursor Objects” on page 6-40
- “Working with Microsoft Excel” on page 6-41
- “Database Considerations” on page 6-41

### About the `exec` Function

Use the `exec` function to execute an SQL statement and return the database cursor object. Here are some general points about using `exec`:

- Use Database Explorer to query databases as an alternative to using `exec`.
- `exec` supports the native ODBC interface.
- Unless noted in this reference page, the `exec` function supports all valid SQL statements, such as nested queries.
- The `sqlquery` argument can be a stored procedure for the database connection of the form `{call sp_name (parm1,parm2,...)}`.
- Use `exec` when the stored procedure returns one or more result sets. For procedures that return output parameters, use `runstoredprocedure`.

### Using Cursor Objects

- Check `curs.Message` to find any error messages returned from the database after query execution. If you would like the error messages to be thrown to the MATLAB command prompt, use `setdbprefs` as follows.

```
setdbprefs('Errorhandling','report');
curs = exec(conn,'select * invalidtablename')
```

To store error messages in `curs.Message` instead of sending them to the MATLAB command prompt, use `setdbprefs` as follows.

```
setdbprefs('Errorhandling','store');
```

- After opening a cursor, use `fetch` to import data from the cursor. Use `resultset`, `rsmd`, and access the `Statement` property to get properties of the cursor.
- You can have multiple cursors open at one time.

- A cursor stays open until you close it using the `close` function.

## Working with Microsoft Excel

For Microsoft Excel, tables in `sqlquery` are Excel worksheets. By default, some worksheet names include `$`. To select data from a worksheet with this name format, use an SQL statement of the form `select * from "Sheet1$" (or 'Sheet1$')`.

## Database Considerations

- The order of records in your database is not constant. Use values in column names to identify records. Use the SQL `ORDER BY` command to sort records.
- Before you modify database tables, ensure that the database is not open for editing. If you try to edit the database while it is open, you receive this MATLAB error:

```
[Vendor][ODBC Driver] The database engine could not lock
table 'TableName' because it is already in use by
another person or process.
```

- You might experience issues with text field formats in the Microsoft SQL Server database management system. Workarounds for these issues are as follows:
  - Convert fields of format `NVARCHAR`, `TEXT`, `NTEXT`, and `VARCHAR` to `CHAR` in the database.
  - Use `sqlquery` to convert data to `VARCHAR`. For example, run a `sqlquery` statement of the form `'select convert(varchar(20),field1) from table1'`.
- The PostgreSQL database management system supports multidimensional fields, but SQL `select` statements fail when retrieving these fields unless you specify an index.
- Some databases require that you include a symbol, such as `#`, before and after a date in a query as follows:

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from mydb where mydate > #03/05/2005#')
```
- Some databases require that you include a symbol, such as `#`, before and after a date in a query as follows:

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from mydb where mydate > #03/05/2005#')
```

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `exec` | `resultset` | `rsmd` | `runstoredprocedure`

## Call a Stored Procedure That Returns Data

This example shows how to call a stored procedure that returns data using the `exec` function. Use the JDBC interface to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database, call a stored procedure, and return data. For this example, the stored procedure `getSupplierInfo` is defined in the Microsoft SQL Server database. This stored procedure returns the supplier information for suppliers of a given city. This code defines the procedure.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.getSupplierInfo
    (@cityName varchar(20))
AS
BEGIN
    -- SET NOCOUNT ON added to prevent extra result sets from
    -- interfering with SELECT statements.
    SET NOCOUNT ON;

    SELECT * from suppliers where city = @cityName
END
GO
```

For Microsoft SQL Server, the statement `'SET NOCOUNT ON'` suppresses the results of `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, or any non-`SELECT` statements that might be before the final `SELECT` query so you can fetch the results of the `SELECT` query.

Use `exec` when the stored procedure returns one or more result sets. For procedures that return output parameters, use `runstoredprocedure`.

### Create the Database Connection

Using the JDBC interface, connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database called `'test_db'` with the user name `'root'` and password `'matlab'` using port number 1234. This example assumes your database server is located on the machine `servername`.

```
conn = database('test_db','root','matlab',...
    'Vendor','Microsoft SQL Server',...
    'Server','servername','PortNumber',1234)

conn =

    Instance: 'test_db'
    UserName: 'root'
```



```

        Driver: []
        URL: []
    Constructor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.databaseConnect]
    Message: []
        Handle: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerConnection]
    TimeOut: 0
    AutoCommit: 'on'
        Type: 'Database Object'

```

`database` returns `conn`, a connection `Database Object` for the `'test_db'` database.

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

### Call the Stored Procedure

To return the result set in table format, use `setdbprefs` to set `'DataReturnFormat'` to `'table'`.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

Call the stored procedure, `getSupplierInfo`, to return supplier information for the city of New York using `exec` with `conn`.

```
sqlquery = '{call getSupplierInfo(''New York'')}';
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery)
```

```
curs =
```

```

    Attributes: []
        Data: 0
    DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
        RowLimit: 0
        SQLQuery: '{call getSupplierInfo(''New York'')}';
    Message: []
        Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
    ResultSet: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerResultSet]
        Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
    Statement: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerStatement]
        Fetch: 0

```

`exec` returns a `Database Cursor Object`, `curs`, containing the supplier information.

### Retrieve Output Data from the Stored Procedure

Retrieve supplier data from `curs` using `fetch`.

```
curs = fetch(curs)

curs =
    Attributes: []
      Data: [3x5 table]
    DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
      RowLimit: 0
      SQLQuery: '{call getSupplierInfo('New York')}'
      Message: []
      Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
    ResultSet: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerResultSet]
      Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
    Statement: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerStatement]
      Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

`curs` contains the supplier data from calling the stored procedure, `getSupplierInfo`, in table format.

Display the supplier data in table format by accessing the contents of the `Data` element of `curs`.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =

    SupplierNumber      SupplierName      City
    -----
    1001                'Wonder Products' 'New York'
    1006                'ACME Toy Company' 'New York'
    1012                'Aunt Jemimas'    'New York'

    Country      FaxNumber
    -----
    'United States' '212 435 1617'
    'United States' '212 435 1618'
    'USA'          '14678923104'
```

### Close the Database Connection

Close the cursor object and the database connection.

```
close(curs)
```

`close(conn)`

**See Also**

`database` | `exec` | `fetch` | `runstoredprocedure`

## Run a Custom Database Function

This example shows how to run a custom database function on Microsoft SQL Server.

Consider a database function `get_prodCount` that retrieves row counts in the table `productTable`. The table `productTable` contains 30 rows where each row represents a product. This code defines this database function and assumes a schema name `dbo`.

```
CREATE FUNCTION dbo.get_prodCount()
RETURNS int
AS
BEGIN
    DECLARE @PROD_COUNT int
    SELECT @PROD_COUNT = count(*) from productTable
    RETURN(@PROD_COUNT)
END
GO
```

### Create the Database Connection

Connect to Microsoft SQL Server. For example, this code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `MS SQL Server` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server','username','pwd');
```

### Execute the Custom Function

Construct an SQL query string `sqlquery` that executes the custom function code. Execute the custom function by running `exec`.

```
sqlquery = 'SELECT dbo.get_prodCount() as num_products';
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
curs = fetch(curs);
```

Display the result.

```
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
[30.00]
```

The custom function `get_prodCount` returns the product count `30`.

### **Close the Database Connection**

Close the cursor and database connection.

```
close(curs)  
close(conn)
```

### **See Also**

[close](#) | [database](#) | [exec](#) | [fetch](#)

## Importing Data Using the `fetch` Function

In this section...
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“ <code>fetch</code> Workflow” on page 6-48
“Using <code>fetch</code> with a Cursor Object” on page 6-49
“Using <code>fetch</code> with Cursor and Database Connection Objects” on page 6-50
“Database Consideration” on page 6-51

### About the `fetch` Function

Use the `fetch` function to import data into the MATLAB workspace. Here are general points about using `fetch`:

- Use Database Explorer to retrieve data as an alternative to using `fetch`.
- `fetch` supports the native ODBC interface.

### `fetch` Workflow

The `fetch` function runs the appropriate processes to retrieve data depending on what object you provide to it as an input argument. This function works with cursor objects and database connection objects for JDBC/ODBC bridge and JDBC interfaces. This function works with cursor objects only for the native ODBC interface.

For the JDBC database driver, use the `database` function to establish a database connection.

```
conn = database(...)
```

`fetch` then runs when you pass a cursor object, `curs`, to retrieve as an argument.

```
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery)  
curs = fetch(curs)
```

The `fetch` function runs when you pass a database object, `conn`, to retrieve as an argument.

```
fetch(conn,sqlquery)
```

---

**Note:** You can pass `conn` as an input argument to `fetch` when using an JDBC/ODBC bridge or a JDBC interface. For the native ODBC interface, use `curs` as the input argument.

---

To create a database connection using the native ODBC interface, use `database.ODBCConnection`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection(...)
```

`fetch` then runs when you pass a native ODBC cursor object, `curs`, to retrieve as an argument.

```
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery)
curs = fetch(curs)
```

When `fetch` returns a cursor object, you can run many other functions, such as `get` and `rows`. To import data into the MATLAB workspace without metadata, use `fetch` with a database connection object as the input argument.

## Using fetch with a Cursor Object

- `fetch` returns data stored in a MATLAB cell array, table, dataset array, structure, or numeric matrix. You can specify the data output format by using `setdbprefs`.
- When working with a JDBC or JDBC/ODBC bridge connection established using `database`, running `fetch` on the cursor object returns a new object of type `cursor` that points to the same underlying Java objects as the input cursor. It is therefore best practice to overwrite the input cursor object. This practice results in only one open cursor object, which consumes less memory than multiple open cursor objects.

```
curs = fetch(curs)
```

After this, you simply need to close this one object. Creating a different variable for the output cursor object will unnecessarily create two objects pointing to the same underlying Java statement and result set objects.

With a native ODBC connection established using `database.ODBCConnection`, running `fetch` on the cursor object updates the input cursor object itself. Depending on whether or not you provide an output argument, the same object gets copied over to the output. Thus, there is always only one cursor object created in memory for any of the following usages:

```
curs = fetch(curs)
```

```
fetch(curs)
curs2 = fetch(curs)
```

- The next time `fetch` is run, records are imported starting with the row following the specified number of rows in `rowlimit`. If you specify a row limit of 0, all the rows of data are fetched.
- Fetching large amounts of data can result in memory or speed issues. Use `rowlimit` to limit how much data you retrieve at once.
- If '`FetchInBatches`' is set to '`yes`' in the preferences using `setdbprefs`, `fetch` incrementally fetches the number of rows specified in the '`FetchBatchSize`' setting until all the rows returned by the query are fetched, or until the limited number of rows are fetched, if `rowlimit` is specified. Use this method when fetching many rows from the database.

---

**Caution:** Leaving cursor and connection objects open or overwriting open objects can result in unexpected behavior. Once you finish working with these objects, you must close them using `close`.

---

## Using `fetch` with Cursor and Database Connection Objects

`fetch` behaves differently when you specify a cursor object or a database connection object as the first argument. This table explains these differences.

Difference	Cursor Object	Database Connection Object
Syntax	For details, see <code>fetch</code> .	For details, see <code>fetch</code> .
Driver	This syntax works with native ODBC, JDBC, and the JDBC/ODBC bridge.	This syntax works with JDBC and the JDBC/ODBC bridge.
Output	Returns a cursor object with properties.	Returns a MATLAB variable with the output data.
Initialization	You must run <code>exec</code> to create the cursor object.	You can run <code>fetch</code> immediately.
Row limit	You can limit the number of total rows returned by using the row limit input argument.	<code>fetch</code> returns all rows in the MATLAB variable.



Difference	Cursor Object	Database Connection Object
Fetching in batches	You can fetch data in batches by using <code>setdbprefs</code> .	This syntax always fetches data in batches despite the value of the database preference property <code>'FetchInBatches'</code> . This syntax uses the value of the database preference property <code>'FetchBatchSize'</code> as the default number of records to fetch in a single batch.
Batch size	You can change the batch size by using <code>setdbprefs</code> .	You can change the batch size immediately by using the batch size input argument.

## Database Consideration

The order of records in your database does not remain constant. Sort data using the SQL `ORDER BY` command in your `sqlquery` statement.

## See Also

`database` | `exec` | `fetch` | `setdbprefs`

## Fetch Data Incrementally Using the Cursor Object

This example shows how to work with large data sets by retrieving data incrementally to avoid Java heap errors.

### Create the Database Connection

Create a connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface and the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

### Retrieve Data in Batches

Use `fetch` with the `setdbprefs` properties for `FetchInBatches` and `FetchBatchSize` to fetch large data sets. Select data from the `productTable` table.

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','2')

curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
A = curs.Data

A =

     [ 9]     [125970]     [1003]     [13]     'Victorian Doll'
     [ 8]     [212569]     [1001]     [ 5]     'Train Set'
     [ 7]     [389123]     [1007]     [16]     'Engine Kit'
     [ 2]     [400314]     [1002]     [ 9]     'Painting Set'
     [ 4]     [400339]     [1008]     [21]     'Space Cruiser'
     [ 1]     [400345]     [1001]     [14]     'Building Blocks'
     [ 5]     [400455]     [1005]     [ 3]     'Tin Soldier'
     [ 6]     [400876]     [1004]     [ 8]     'Sail Boat'
     [ 3]     [400999]     [1009]     [17]     'Slinky'
    [10]     [888652]     [1006]     [24]     'Teddy Bear'
```

`fetch` internally retrieves data in increments of two rows at a time. Tune the `FetchBatchSize` setting depending on the size of the resultset you expect to fetch. For example, if you expect about 100,000 rows in the output, a batch size of 10,000 is a good starting point. The larger the `FetchBatchSize` value, the fewer trips between Java and MATLAB, and the memory consumption is greater for each batch. The optimal value for `FetchBatchSize` is based on factors such as the:

- Size per row being retrieved
- Java heap memory value
- Driver's default fetch size
- System architecture

Hence, the optimal value can vary across sites.

If 'FetchInBatches' is set to 'yes' and the total number of rows fetched is less than 'FetchBatchSize', MATLAB shows a warning message and then fetches all the rows. The message is: Batch size specified was larger than the number of rows fetched.

### Retrieve Data Using a Row Limit

You can set a row limit on the final output even when the FetchInBatches setting is 'yes'.

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','2')

curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');
curs = fetch(curs,3);
A = curs.Data

A =

     [9]     [125970]     [1003]     [13]     'Victorian Doll'
     [8]     [212569]     [1001]     [ 5]     'Train Set'
     [7]     [389123]     [1007]     [16]     'Engine Kit'
```

In this case, `fetch` retrieves the first three rows of `productTable`, two rows at a time.

### Close the Cursor Object

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### See Also

database | exec | fetch | setdbprefs

### More About

- “Importing Data Using the fetch Function” on page 6-48

- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”
- “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”

## Display Information About Imported Data

This example shows how to import data and display information about the imported data using a cursor object.

Alternatively, you can retrieve metadata of cursor objects by creating resultset objects using `resultset`. Display information about resultset objects using `rsmd`. Here, metadata refers to the information about the cursor object that contains the imported data after running `exec`.

### Create the Database Connection and Import Data

Create a connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Import the first 10 rows of product description data in the column `productDescription` from the table `productTable`.

```
sqlquery = 'select productDescription from productTable';  
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);  
curs = fetch(curs,10);
```

`fetch` returns the imported data in the MATLAB variable `curs`.

### Retrieve the Number of Rows in the Imported Data

Retrieve the number of rows `numrows` using `curs`.

```
numrows = rows(curs)
```

```
numrows =
```

```
    10
```

### Retrieve the Number of Columns in the Imported Data

Retrieve the number of columns `numcols` using `curs`.

```
numcols = cols(curs)
```

```
numcols =
```

1

### **Retrieve the Column Name in the Imported Data**

Retrieve the column name `colname` using  `curs`.

```
colname = columnnames(curs)
```

```
colname =
```

```
    'productDescription'
```

### **Retrieve the Column Width in the Imported Data**

Retrieve the column width `colsize`, or size of the field, for the first column using  `curs`.

```
colsize = width(curs,1)
```

```
colsize =
```

```
    50
```

### **Display Attributes in the Imported Data**

Display the attributes for the product description column using  `curs`.

```
attributes = attr(curs)
```

```
attributes =
```

```
    fieldName: 'productDescription'  
    typeName: 'VARCHAR'  
    typeValue: 12  
    columnWidth: 50  
    precision: []  
    scale: []  
    currency: 'false'  
    readOnly: 'false'  
    nullable: 'true'  
    Message: []
```

### **Close the Cursor Object**

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

`close(curs)`

**See Also**

`attr` | `cols` | `columnnames` | `database` | `fetch` | `rows` | `setdbprefs` | `width`

## Importing Data Using a Scrollable Cursor

### In this section...

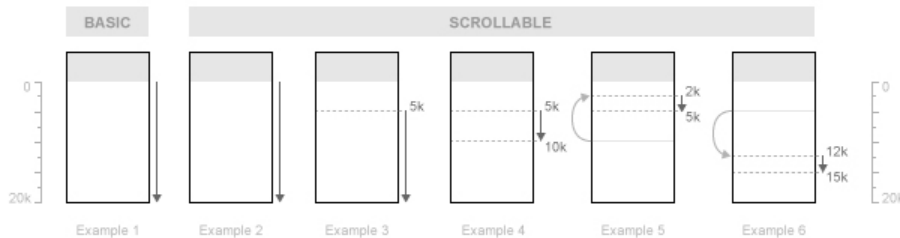
“About Scrollable Cursors” on page 6-58

“Differences Between Native ODBC and JDBC Scrollable Cursors” on page 6-59

### About Scrollable Cursors

A basic cursor lets you fetch the data in your SQL query sequentially. With a scrollable cursor, you can fetch data sequentially or scroll up or down in the data without rerunning the query. The cursor changes position based on an absolute or relative offset value. Scrolling within the data offers advantages when you are working with a large data set.

This diagram shows the differences between the basic and scrollable cursors. Each example in the diagram shows fetching data in the same table that contains 20,000 records.



As shown in Example 1, the basic cursor lets you fetch data sequentially. As shown by Examples 2 through 6, the scrollable cursor lets you do this and fetch data from an absolute or relative cursor position. Examples 3 and 4 use an absolute position offset and Examples 5 and 6 use a relative position offset.

Scrollable cursors let you fetch data from a specific position. Example 3 fetches all records starting from the absolute cursor position of 5000. Example 4 fetches 5000 records starting from the absolute cursor position of 5000.

Further, scrollable cursors let you fetch data relative to your current cursor position. Assuming your current cursor position is 10,000, Example 5 fetches 3000 records using a relative cursor position offset of -8000. A negative position offset moves the scrollable cursor backwards in the data set. The `fetch` function adds -8000 to the current cursor position of 10,000 to start fetching data from 2000. Assuming your cursor stays at the



position of 5000 after fetching data in Example 5, Example 6 fetches 3000 records using a relative cursor position offset of 7000. A positive position offset moves the scrollable cursor forward in the data set. The `fetch` function adds 7000 to the current cursor position of 5000 to start fetching data from 12,000.

To use a scrollable cursor, first you need to create it by using the `exec` function. This code creates a scrollable cursor  `curs`  using a database connection  `conn`  and an SQL query  `sqlquery` .

```
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery, 'cursorType', 'scrollable');
```

Then, you can use `fetch` to retrieve data in the cursor with an offset. The offset lets you retrieve data starting from the middle of the data set. You cannot retrieve data with an offset using a basic cursor object. As you continue to fetch, the position of the cursor changes. You can enter  `curs.Position`  to see the current position of the cursor object  `curs` , or you can use `get`.

The database driver for your database determines if scrollable cursor functionality is available. Consult your database documentation to ensure your database driver supports scrollable cursors.

## Differences Between Native ODBC and JDBC Scrollable Cursors

Native ODBC and JDBC drivers implement scrollable cursor functionality differently. Further, database drivers implement scrollable cursor functionality differently. Both tables illustrate the differences in scrollable cursor behavior across drivers. The rows depict examples of using a scrollable cursor with native ODBC and JDBC connections. For each row, the full data set has 15 records. Each table row shows the values for the input arguments in a specific call of the `fetch` function. The column descriptions show that:

- The Initial Scrollable Cursor Position column captures the value of the cursor position before calling `fetch`.
- The Row Limit column shows values for the `rowlimit` input argument in `fetch`.
- The Scrollable Cursor Position Type column specifies the name in the name-value pair argument for the cursor position offset.
- The Offset column specifies the value in the name-value pair argument for the cursor position offset.
- The Ending Scrollable Cursor Position column captures the value of the cursor position after calling `fetch`.

- The `fetch` Action column describes the rows of data to retrieve based on the specified input arguments.

For example, this code demonstrates the syntax for calling `fetch` shown in the second row of either table.

```
curs = fetch(curs,2,'absolutePosition',1);
```

**Native ODBC**

Initial Scrollable Cursor Position	Row Limit	Scrollable Cursor Position Type	Offset	Ending Scrollable Cursor Position	fetch Action
Any	Not specified	'absolutePosition'	1	After the result set	Retrieves all rows in the cursor starting from the first row in the data set
Any	2	'absolutePosition'	1	1	Retrieves two rows in the cursor starting from the first row in the data set
Any	2	'absolutePosition'	5	5	Retrieves two rows in the cursor starting from the fifth row in the data set
Any	3	'absolutePosition'	-5	11	Retrieves three rows in the cursor starting from the fifth row

Initial Scrollable Cursor Position	Row Limit	Scrollable Cursor Position Type	Offset	Ending Scrollable Cursor Position	Fetch Action
					from the end of the data set
Before result set	Not specified	'relativePos	1	After the result set	Retrieves all rows in the cursor starting from the first row in the data set
Before result set	Any	'relativePos	Any	Varies	Retrieving with a relative position that starts before the result set causes behavior to vary based on the driver
5	2	'relativePos	5	10	Retrieves two rows in the cursor starting from the tenth row in the data set
11	3	'relativePos	-5	6	Retrieves three rows in the cursor starting from the sixth row in the data set

JDBC

Initial Scrollable Cursor Position	Row Limit	Scrollable Cursor Position Type	Offset	Ending Scrollable Cursor Position	fetch Action
Any	Not specified	'absolutePo	1	0	Retrieves all rows in the cursor starting from the first row in the data set
Any	2	'absolutePo	1	2	Retrieves two rows in the cursor starting from the first row in the data set
Any	2	'absolutePo	5	6	Retrieves two rows in the cursor starting from the fifth row in the data set
Any	3	'absolutePo	-5	13	Retrieves three rows in the cursor starting with the fifth row from the end of the data set. This assumes there are 15

Initial Scrollable Cursor Position	Row Limit	Scrollable Cursor Position Type	Offset	Ending Scrollable Cursor Position	fetch Action
					records in the data set.
0	Not specified	'relativePos	1	0	Retrieves all rows in the cursor starting from the first row in the data set
0	2	'relativePos	1	2	Retrieves the first two rows in the data set
5	2	'relativePos	5	11	Retrieves two rows in the data set starting from five rows from the initial position of five, which is nine
11	3	'relativePos	-5	8	Retrieves three rows in the cursor starting from five rows before the eleventh row in the data set

**See Also**

exec | fetch | get

## Import Data Using a Scrollable Cursor with a Relative Position Offset

This example shows how to use a scrollable cursor to import data using both absolute and relative position offsets. This example assumes you are connecting to a MySQL database that contains a table called `productTable`. This table contains 15 records, where each record represents one product. The scrollable cursor functionality behaves differently depending on your database driver. For details about the scrollable cursor functionality in your database, consult your database documentation.

### Connect to the Database

Connect to the MySQL database using the native ODBC interface. This code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `MySQL` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

### Create a Scrollable Cursor

Select all products from the `productTable` table and sort them in ascending order by product number. Create a scrollable cursor using the name-value pair argument `'cursorType'`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from productTable order by productNumber', ...
               'cursorType', 'scrollable');
```

### Retrieve Data Using an Absolute Position Offset

Import the data for two products in the middle of the data set. Use the row limit 2 to import data for two products. Use the absolute position offset 5 to import data starting from the fifth product in the data set.

```
curs = fetch(curs, 2, 'absolutePosition', 5);
```

Display the data for the two products.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```

[5]      [400455]      [1005]      [3]      'Tin Soldier'
[6]      [400876]      [1004]      [8]      'Sail Boat'
```

The columns in `curs.Data` are:

- Product number
- Stock number
- Supplier number
- Unit cost
- Product description

Display the position of the cursor.

```
curs.Position
```

```
ans =
```

```
5
```

The position of the cursor stays at the absolute position offset 5.

### Retrieve Data Using a Relative Position Offset

Import the data for three products in the data set using the relative position offset 5. A scrollable cursor adds the current position offset 5 to the specified relative position offset 5. The scrollable cursor advances to cursor position 10 and imports data.

```
curs = fetch(curs,3,'relativePosition',5);
```

Display the data for the three products.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    [10]    [888652]    [1006]    [24]    'Teddy Bear '  
    [11]    [408143]    [1004]    [11]    'Convertible '  
    [12]    [210456]    [1010]    [22]    'Hugsy '
```

Display the position of the cursor.

```
curs.Position
```

```
ans =
```

```
10
```



### **Close the Cursor Object**

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### **See Also**

[close](#) | [database](#) | [exec](#) | [fetch](#)

### **More About**

- “Importing Data Using a Scrollable Cursor” on page 6-58

## Inserting Data Using the `fastinsert` Function

<b>In this section...</b>
“About the <code>fastinsert</code> Function” on page 6-68
“Database Considerations” on page 6-69

### About the `fastinsert` Function

- When working with a JDBC driver connection or a JDBC/ODBC bridge connection established using the `database` function, `fastinsert` offers improved performance over `insert`. `insert` creates and executes an SQL insert query for each row of data. `fastinsert` creates the insert query only once and then allows for the data values to be plugged in. All rows of data get inserted as a batch resulting in an overall faster performance over `insert`. However, since `fastinsert` relies more on driver functions compared to `insert`, it is possible in some edge case scenarios that the driver functions do not work as expected. In such cases, `insert` might be preferred, especially if the data to be inserted is small. `datainsert` is faster than `fastinsert` but needs data to be formatted in a specific way and accepts cell arrays and numeric matrices as input data.
- When working with a native ODBC connection established using the `database.ODBCConnection` function, `fastinsert` and `insert` are identical. `datainsert` is not supported for native ODBC connections.
- To insert dates and timestamps with the native ODBC interface, use the format 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.MS'.
- `fastinsert` provides up to millisecond precision for timestamps. For greater precision, use `datainsert`.
- To reduce conversion time, convert dates to serial date numbers using `datenum` before calling `fastinsert`.
- To insert data into a structure, table, or dataset array, use the following special formatting. Each field or variable in a structure, table or dataset array must be a cell array or double vector of size `m-by-1`, where `m` is the number of rows to be inserted.
- The status of the `AutoCommit` flag determines whether `fastinsert` automatically commits the data to the database. Use `get` to view the `AutoCommit` flag status for the connection and use `set` to change it. Use `commit` or issue an SQL commit statement using `exec` to commit the data to the database. Use `rollback` or issue an SQL rollback statement using `exec` to roll back the data.

- Use `update` to replace existing data in a database.

## Database Considerations

- The order of records in your database is not constant. Use values in column names to identify records.
- If an error message like the following appears when you run `fastinsert`, the table might be open in edit mode.

```
[Vendor][ODBC Product Driver] The database engine could  
not lock table 'TableName' because it is already in use  
by another person or process.
```

In this case, close the table in the database and rerun the `fastinsert` function.

## Retrieving Object Properties Using the get Function

### In this section...

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“Cursor Objects” on page 6-71

“Driver Objects” on page 6-72

“Database Metadata Objects” on page 6-72

“Drivermanager Objects” on page 6-73

“Resultset Objects” on page 6-73

“Resultset Metadata Objects” on page 6-73

### Database Connection Objects

Allowable property names and returned values for database connection objects appear in the following table.

Property	Value
'AutoCommit'	Status of the <code>AutoCommit</code> flag. It is either <code>on</code> or <code>off</code> , as specified by <code>set</code> .
'Catalog'	Name of the catalog in the data source. You might need to extract a single catalog name from <code>'Catalog'</code> for functions such as <code>columns</code> , which accept only a single catalog.
'Driver'	Driver used for a JDBC connection, as specified by <code>database</code> .
'Handle'	Identifies a JDBC connection object.
'Instance'	Name of the data source for an ODBC connection or the name of a database for a JDBC connection, as specified by <code>database</code> .
'Message'	Error message returned by <code>database</code> .
'ReadOnly'	1 if the database is read only; 0 if the database is writable.
'TimeOut'	Value for <code>LoginTimeout</code> .
'TransactionIsolation'	Value of the current transaction isolation mode.

Property	Value
'Type'	Object type, specifically Database Object.
'URL'	For JDBC connections only, the JDBC URL object <code>jdbc:subprotocol:subname</code> , as specified by database.
'UserName'	User name required to connect to a given database, as specified by database.
'Warnings'	Warnings returned by database.

You cannot use the `get` function to retrieve the password property.

## Cursor Objects

Allowable property names and returned values for cursor objects appear in the following table.

Property	Value
'Attributes'	Cursor attributes. This field is always empty. Use the <code>attr</code> function to retrieve cursor attributes.
'Data'	Data in the cursor object data element (the query results).
'DatabaseObject'	Information about a given database object.
'RowLimit'	Maximum number of rows returned by <code>fetch</code> , as specified by <code>set</code> .
'SQLQuery'	SQL statement for a cursor, as specified by <code>exec</code> .
'Message'	Error message returned from <code>exec</code> or <code>fetch</code> .
'Type'	Object type, specifically Database Cursor Object.
'ResultSet'	Resultset object identifier.
'Cursor'	Cursor object identifier.
'Statement'	Statement object identifier.
	<b>Note:</b> If you specify a value (in seconds) for the <code>timeout</code> argument, queries time out after the time exceeds the given value.

Property	Value
'Fetch'	0 for the cursor created using <code>exec</code> ; <code>fetchTheData</code> for the cursor created using <code>fetch</code> .
'Scrollable'	Contains a logical value to identify the cursor object as scrollable or basic. This property is set to 1 for a scrollable cursor and 0 otherwise. This property is hidden and read-only.
'Position'	Contains a number that specifies the current position of the cursor in the data set. This property is only available for a scrollable cursor. This property behaves differently for native ODBC, JDBC, and different database drivers. This property is read-only.

## Driver Objects

Allowable property names and examples of values for driver objects appear in the following table.

Property	Example of Value
'MajorVersion'	1
'MinorVersion'	1001

## Database Metadata Objects

Database metadata objects have many properties. Some allowable property names and examples of their values appear in the following table.

Property	Example of Value
'Catalogs'	{4x1 cell}
'DatabaseProductName'	'ACCESS'
'DatabaseProductVersion'	'03.50.0000'
'DriverName'	'JDBC-ODBC Bridge (odbcjt32.dll)'
'MaxColumnNameLength'	64
'MaxColumnsInOrderBy'	10

Property	Example of Value
'URL'	'jdbc:odbc:dbtoolboxdemo'
'NullsAreSortedLow'	1

## Drivermanager Objects

Allowable property names and examples of values for drivermanager objects appear in the following table.

Property	Example of Value
'Drivers'	{'oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver@1d8e09ef' [1x37 char]}
'LoginTimeout'	0
'LogStream'	[]

## ResultSet Objects

Allowable property names and examples of values for resultset objects appear in the following table.

Property	Example of Value
'CursorName'	{'SQL_CUR92535700x' 'SQL_CUR92535700x'}
'MetaData'	{1x2 cell}
'Warnings'	{[] []}

## ResultSet Metadata Objects

Allowable property names and examples of values for a resultset metadata objects appear in the following table.

Property	Example of Value
'CatalogName'	{' ' ' '}
'ColumnCount'	2
'ColumnName'	{'Calc_Date' 'Avg_Cost'}

Property	Example of Value
'ColumnName'	{'TEXT' 'LONG'}
'isNullable'	{[1] [1]}
'isReadOnly'	{[0] [0]}
'TableName'	{'' ''}

The empty strings for `CatalogName` and `TableName` indicate that databases do not return these values.



## Setting Database Preferences Using the setdbprefs Function

### In this section...

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“Allowable Properties” on page 6-75

### About the setdbprefs Function

- From the Database Explorer Toolstrip, select **Preferences** to open the Database Toolbox Preferences dialog box.
- Preferences are retained across MATLAB sessions.
- Regardless of the value of 'NullNumberWrite', a NULL value is always written to the database when you input [ ] or NaN for a numeric data type.
- For string inputs, a NULL value is written to the database only when the input value matches the value of 'NullStringWrite'.

### Allowable Properties

#### DataReturnFormat and ErrorHandling Properties and Values for setdbprefs

Property	Allowable Values	Description
'DataReturnFormat'	'cellarray' (default), 'table', 'dataset', 'numeric', or 'structure'	Format for data to import into the MATLAB workspace. Set the format based on the type of data being retrieved, memory considerations, and your preferred method of working with retrieved data.
	'cellarray' (default)	Import nonnumeric data into MATLAB cell arrays.
	'table'	Import data into MATLAB table objects. Use for all data types. Facilitates working with returned columns.
	'dataset'	Import data into MATLAB dataset objects. Use for all data types. Facilitates working with returned columns. This option requires Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox.

Property	Allowable Values	Description
	'numeric'	Import data into MATLAB matrix of doubles. Nonnumeric data types are considered NULL and appear as specified in the <code>NullNumberRead</code> property. Use only when data to retrieve is in numeric format, or when nonnumeric data to retrieve is not relevant.
	'structure'	Import data into a MATLAB structure. Use for all data types. Facilitates working with returned columns.
'ErrorHandling'	'store' (default), 'report', or 'empty'	Specify how to handle errors when importing data. Set this parameter before you run <code>exec</code> .
	'store' (default)	Errors from running <code>database</code> are stored in the <code>Message</code> field of the returned connection object. Errors from running <code>exec</code> are stored in the <code>Message</code> field of the returned cursor object.
	'report'	Errors from running <code>database</code> or <code>exec</code> appear immediately in the Command Window.
	'empty'	Errors from running <code>database</code> are stored in the <code>Message</code> field of the returned connection object. Errors from running <code>exec</code> are stored in the <code>Message</code> field of the returned cursor object. Objects that cannot be created are returned as empty handles ([ ]).

### Null Data Handling Properties and Values for `setdbprefs`

Property	Allowable Values	Description
'NullNumberRead'	Input value, for example, '0'	Specify how NULL numbers appear after being imported from a database into the MATLAB workspace. NaN is the default value. String values such as 'NULL' cannot be set if 'DataReturnFormat' is set to 'numeric'. Set this parameter before running <code>fetch</code> .
'NullNumberWrite'	Input value, for example, 'NaN' (default)	Numbers in the specified format, for example, NaN appears as NULL after being exported from the MATLAB workspace to a database.

Property	Allowable Values	Description
'NullStringRead'	Input value, for example, 'null' (default)	Specify how NULL strings appear after being imported from a database into the MATLAB workspace. Set this parameter before running fetch.
'NullStringWrite'	Input value, for example, 'null' (default)	Strings in the specified format, for example, 'NULL', appear as NULL after being exported from the MATLAB workspace to a database.

### Additional Properties and Values for setdbprefs

Property	Allowable Values	Description
'JDBCDataSourceFile'	Input value, for example, 'D:/file.mat'	Path to MAT-file containing JDBC data sources.
'UseRegistryForSources'	'yes' (default) or 'no'	When set to yes, VQB searches the Microsoft Windows registry for ODBC data sources that are not uncovered in the system ODBC.INI file. This message might appear: Registry editing has been disabled by your administrator. You can ignore this harmless message.
'TempDirForRegistryOutput'	Input value, for example, 'D:/work'	Folder where VQB writes ODBC registry settings when you run getdatasources. Use when you add data sources and do not have write access to the MATLAB Current Folder. The default is the Windows temporary folder, which is returned by the command getenv('temp').  If you specify a folder to which you do not have write access or which does not exist, this error appears:  Cannot export <folder-name>\ODBC.INI: Error opening the file. There may be a disk or file system error.

Property	Allowable Values	Description
'DefaultRowPreFetch'	Input numeric value, default value is '10000'	<p>Number of rows fetched from the Database server at a time for any query. The higher the number, the fewer the number of trips to the server.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Caution</b> This property is applicable only for databases that allow setting this number, such as Oracle.</p>
'FetchInBatches'	'yes' or 'no' (default)	Automates fetching in batches for large data sets where you might run into Java heap memory errors in MATLAB. When the value is 'yes', <code>fetch</code> and <code>runsqlscript</code> import the data in batches in size of 'FetchBatchSize'. For an example, see <code>fetch</code> .
'FetchBatchSize'	Input numeric value, default value is '1000'. Supported values are 1000 through 1000000.	<p>Automates fetching in batches for large data sets when used with 'FetchInBatches'. When the value of 'FetchInBatches' is 'yes', <code>fetch</code> and <code>runsqlscript</code> import the data in batches in size of 'FetchBatchSize'.</p> <p>For an example, see <code>fetch</code>. For details about estimating a 'FetchBatchSize' value, see “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”.</p>

## Working with a DatabaseDatastore

**In this section...**

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“Advantages of DatabaseDatastore Objects Over Basic Fetching” on page 6-79

### About DatabaseDatastore Objects

A `DatabaseDatastore` object is a type of datastore in MATLAB. `DatabaseDatastore` objects let you import data into MATLAB from relational databases.

You can connect to your database using native ODBC or JDBC interfaces and create a `DatabaseDatastore` object. This object creates a data set from the SQL query you specify in `datastore`. Using a `DatabaseDatastore` object, you can perform these tasks:

- Preview data.
- Read data in chunks.
- Read every record in the data set.
- Reset the cursor position to the start of the data set.
- Continue reading data until the cursor position reaches the end of the data set.
- Analyze a large data set stored in a database using MapReduce.

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**Tip:** Running MapReduce using a `DatabaseDatastore` object with Parallel Computing Toolbox™ installed does not support using a parallel pool. For details about controlling parallel resources, see “Run mapreduce on a Parallel Pool”.

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### Advantages of DatabaseDatastore Objects Over Basic Fetching

Reading data from `DatabaseDatastore` objects is the same as executing `exec` and `fetch` on the data set. Here are the advantages of using `DatabaseDatastore` objects:

- Work with databases containing large amounts of data.
- Write custom functions to implement MapReduce to analyze large amounts of data using `mapreduce`. For an example, see “Analyze Large Data Sets in a Database with

MapReduce” on page 6-85. For more MapReduce examples, see Building Effective Algorithms with MapReduce.

### See Also

`close` | `datastore` | `hasdata` | `mapreduce` | `preview` | `read` | `readall` | `reset`

### Related Examples

- “Import Data Using a DatabaseDatastore” on page 6-81
- “Analyze Large Data Sets in a Database with MapReduce” on page 6-85
- Building Effective Algorithms with MapReduce

### More About

- “Getting Started with Datastore”

## Import Data Using a DatabaseDatastore

This example shows how to import data into MATLAB using a `DatabaseDatastore`. You can use a `DatabaseDatastore` to access collections of data stored in a relational database. After creating a `DatabaseDatastore` object, you can preview data, read data in chunks, and read every record in the data set.

After importing data from a `DatabaseDatastore` object, you can run calculations on the data using MapReduce. For an example, see “Analyze Large Data Sets in a Database with MapReduce” on page 6-85. For more MapReduce examples, see *Building Effective Algorithms with MapReduce*.

### Create the DatabaseDatastore

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format 'DataReturnFormat' to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface. This code assumes you are connecting to a MySQL database with the data source named `MySQL`, user name `username`, and password `pwd`. `MySQL` contains the table named `productTable` with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable order by productNumber';
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

### Preview Data in the DatabaseDatastore

Preview the first eight records in the data set returned by executing `sqlquery`.

```
preview(dbds)
```

```
ans =
```

```
productNumber    stockNumber    supplierNumber    unitCost    productDescription
```

1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'

### Read Data in the DatabaseDatastore

Read the first five records.

```
read(dbds,5)
```

ans =

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'

Read the remaining data in the DatabaseDatastore object dbds five records at a time.

```
while(hasdata(dbds))
```

```
    read(dbds,5)
```

```
end
```

ans =

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'
9.00	125970.00	1003.00	13.00	'Victorian Doll'
10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'

ans =

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'
15.00	899752.00	1011.00	20.00	'Snacks'

ans =



```
'No Data'
```

`read` returns the cell array containing the string 'No Data' when you connect to the database using the native ODBC interface.

### Reset the Cursor Position in the DatabaseDatastore

Reset the cursor position to the start of the data set.

```
reset(dbds)
```

### Read Every Record in the DatabaseDatastore

Read every record in the DatabaseDatastore object `dbds`.

```
readall(dbds)
```

```
ans =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
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10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'
11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'
15.00	899752.00	1011.00	20.00	'Snacks'

### Close the DatabaseDatastore

Close the DatabaseDatastore, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `datastore` | `hasdata` | `preview` | `read` | `readall` | `reset`

### Related Examples

- “Analyze Large Data Sets in a Database with MapReduce” on page 6-85

- Building Effective Algorithms with MapReduce

### **More About**

- “Working with a DatabaseDatastore” on page 6-79

## Analyze Large Data Sets in a Database with MapReduce

This example shows how to analyze large data sets that are stored in a database. You can access large data sets using a `DatabaseDatastore` object with Database Toolbox. After creating a `DatabaseDatastore`, you can run algorithms on large data sets by integrating with MapReduce.

This example uses MapReduce to calculate the mean arrival delay of a large flight data set that is stored in a database. This example modifies the “Compute Mean Value with MapReduce” example to use a `DatabaseDatastore` instead of a `TabularTextDatastore`. You can similarly modify other MATLAB examples that analyze data using MapReduce as described in Building Effective Algorithms with MapReduce.

### Create the DatabaseDatastore

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format `'DataReturnFormat'` to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

The file `airlinesmall.csv` contains the large flight data set. Load this file into a MySQL database table named `flightdelay`. This table contains 123,523 records.

Create a database connection `conn` using the JDBC driver. Use the `Vendor` name-value pair argument of `database` to specify a connection to a MySQL database. This code assumes you are connecting to a database named `dbname` on a database server named `sname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`. `dbname` contains the table `flightdelay`.

```
conn = database('dbname','username','pwd',...  
               'Vendor','MySQL',...  
               'Server','sname');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves flight arrival delay data `ArrDelay` from the table `flightdelay`.

```
sqlquery = 'select ArrDelay from flightdelay';  
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

## Define the Mapper and Reducer Functions

You can write your own mapper function to process large data sets in chunks. This example uses the mapper function `meanArrivalDelayMapper.m`. This mapper function reads in arrival delay data from the `DatabaseDatastore` object, calculates the number of delays and the total arrival delay in the chunk, and stores both values in `KeyValueStore`. Display the code for this function using the command `type`.

```
type meanArrivalDelayMapper.m

function meanArrivalDelayMapper (data, info, intermKVStore)
% Mapper function for the MeanMapReduceExample.

% Copyright 2014 The MathWorks, Inc.

% Data is an n-by-1 table of the ArrDelay. Remove missing value first:
data(isnan(data.ArrDelay),:) = [];

% Record the partial counts and sums and the reducer will accumulate them.
partCountSum = [length(data.ArrDelay), sum(data.ArrDelay)];
add(intermKVStore, 'PartialCountSumDelay',partCountSum);
```

Add this code at the beginning of the mapper function if you are using the native ODBC interface to connect to the database.

```
if iscell(data)
    return
end
```

This code skips the final output of the `read` function. The final output is a cell array containing the string 'No Data'.

You can write your own reducer function to process large data sets in chunks. This example uses the reducer function `meanArrivalDelayReducer.m`. This reducer function reads in intermediate values for the number of delays and the total arrival delay. Then, this function calculates the overall mean arrival delay. `mapreduce` calls this reducer function once since the mapper function only adds one key to `KeyValueStore`. Display the code for this function by using the command `type`.

```
type meanArrivalDelayReducer.m

function meanArrivalDelayReducer(intermKey, intermValIter, outKVStore)
% Reducer function for the MeanMapReduceExample.

% Copyright 2014 The MathWorks, Inc.
```

```

% intermKey is 'PartialCountSumDelay'
count = 0;
sum = 0;
while hasNext(intermValIter)
    countSum = getNext(intermValIter);
    count = count + countSum(1);
    sum = sum + countSum(2);
end

meanDelay = sum/count;

% The key-value pair added to outKVStore will become the output of mapreduce
add(outKVStore, 'MeanArrivalDelay', meanDelay);

```

### Run MapReduce Using the Mapper and Reducer Functions

Run MapReduce with the `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds`, mapper function `meanArrivalDelayMapper`, and reducer function `meanArrivalDelayReducer` to calculate the mean arrival delay in the flight data.

```
outds = mapreduce(dbds, @meanArrivalDelayMapper, @meanArrivalDelayReducer);
```

### Display the Output from MapReduce

Read the table `outtab` from the output datastore `outds` using `readall`.

```
outtab = readall(outds)
```

```
outtab =
```

Key	Value
'MeanArrivalDelay'	[7.12]

The table has only one row containing one key-value pair.

Display the mean arrival delay `meanArrDelay` from the table `outtab`.

```
meanArrDelay = outtab.Value{1}
```

```
meanArrDelay =
```

```
7.12
```

### Close the DatabaseDatastore

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `datastore` | `mapreduce` | `readall` | `setdbprefs`

### Related Examples

- “Import Data Using a DatabaseDatastore” on page 6-81
- Building Effective Algorithms with MapReduce

### More About

- “Working with a DatabaseDatastore” on page 6-79
- “Getting Started with MapReduce”

# Functions — Alphabetical List

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## **attr**

Retrieve attributes of columns in fetched data set

### **Syntax**

```
attributes = attr(curs)
attributes = attr(curs,colnum)
```

### **Description**

`attributes = attr(curs)` retrieves attribute information for all columns in the fetched data set `curs`.

`attributes = attr(curs,colnum)` retrieves attribute information for the column number `colnum` in the fetched data set `curs`.

### **Examples**

#### **Retrieve Attribute Data for a Fetched Data Set**

Connect to an Oracle database using an ODBC connection. This code assumes that you are connecting a data source named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`. The data source identifies an Oracle database that contains the table `inventoryTable` with these columns: `productNumber`, `Quantity`, `Price`, and `inventoryDate`.

```
conn = database(dbname,username,pwd);
```

Fetch all the data from the table `inventoryTable` into a fetched data set `curs`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
```

Retrieve attribute information for all the fetched data `curs`.

```
attributes = attr(curs)
```



```

attributes =
1x4 struct array with fields:

    fieldName
    typeName
    typeValue
    columnWidth
    precision
    scale
    currency
    readOnly
    nullable
    Message

```

`attributes` contains a structure array for three columns in the table `inventoryTable`.

Display the attribute data for the first column in the table `inventoryTable`.

```

attributes(1)
ans =

    fieldName: 'PRODUCTNUMBER'
    typeName: 'NUMBER'
    typeValue: 2.00
columnWidth: 39.00
precision: 38.00
    scale: 0
    currency: 'true'
    readOnly: 'false'
    nullable: 'true'
    Message: []

```

Close the cursor and connection.

```

close(curs)
close(conn)

```

### Retrieve Attribute Data for a Specific Column

Connect to an Oracle database using an ODBC connection. This code assumes that you are connecting a data source named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`. The data source identifies an Oracle database that contains the table

`inventoryTable` with these columns: `productNumber`, `Quantity`, `Price`, and `inventoryDate`.

```
conn = database(dbname,username,pwd);
```

Fetch all the data from the table `inventoryTable` into a fetched data set `curs`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);
```

Retrieve attribute information for the third column in the table `inventoryTable` in the fetched data `curs`.

```
attributes = attr(curs,3)
```

```
attributes =
```

```
    fieldName: 'PRICE'  
    typeName: 'NUMBER'  
    typeValue: 2.00  
columnWidth: 39.00  
    precision: 126.00  
        scale: -127.00  
    currency: 'true'  
    readOnly: 'false'  
    nullable: 'true'  
    Message: []
```

`attributes` contains a structure with the attribute data for the third column `PRICE` in the table `inventoryTable`.

Close the cursor and connection.

```
close(curs)  
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **curs** — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, specified as an open SQL database cursor object created using `exec`.

**colnum** — Column number

scalar

Column number, specified as a scalar to denote the column in the fetched data set `curls` for retrieving attribute information.

Data Types: double

## Output Arguments

**attributes** — Attribute data

structure array

Attribute data, returned as a structure array containing attribute information for each column in the fetch data set `curls`. The following attributes are available.

Attribute	Description
<code>fieldName</code>	Name of the column.
<code>typeName</code>	Data type.
<code>typeValue</code>	Numerical representation of the data type.
<code>columnWidth</code>	Size of the field.
<code>precision</code>	Precision value for floating and double data types; an empty value is returned for strings.
<code>scale</code>	Precision value for real and numeric data types; an empty value is returned for strings.
<code>currency</code>	If this equals <code>true</code> , the data format is currency.
<code>readOnly</code>	If this equals <code>true</code> , the data cannot be overwritten.
<code>nullable</code>	If this equals <code>true</code> , the data can be <code>NULL</code> .
<code>Message</code>	Error message returned by <code>fetch</code> .

## See Also

`close` | `cols` | `columnnames` | `columns` | `database` | `dmd` | `fetch` | `get` | `tables` | `width`

## bestrowid

Unique identifier for row in database table

### Syntax

```
b = bestrowid(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')  
b = bestrowid(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
```

### Description

`b = bestrowid(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns the optimal set of columns in a table that uniquely identifies a row in the schema `sch`, in the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`b = bestrowid(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns the optimal set of columns that uniquely identifies a row in table `tab`, in the schema `sch`, in the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

### Examples

Run `bestrowid`, passing it the following arguments:

- `dbmeta`, the database metadata object
- `msdb`, the catalog
- `geck`, the schema
- `builds`, the table

```
b = bestrowid(dbmeta, 'msdb', 'geck', 'builds')  
b =  
    'build_id'
```

The result indicates that each entry in the `build_id` column is unique and identifies the row.

## **See Also**

columns | dmd | get | tables

## clearwarnings

Clear warnings for database connection or resultset

### Syntax

```
clearwarnings(conn)  
clearwarnings(rset)
```

### Description

`clearwarnings(conn)` clears warnings reported for the database connection object `conn`.

`clearwarnings(rset)` clears warnings reported for the `resultset` object `rset`.

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**Tip** For command-line help on `clearwarnings`, use the overloaded methods:

```
help database/clearwarnings  
help resultset/clearwarnings
```

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### See Also

database | get | resultset

## close

Close database connection, DatabaseDatastore, cursor, or resultset object

## Syntax

```
close(object)
```

## Description

`close(object)` closes the database and driver resource utilizer object to free up database and driver resources.

## Examples

### Close the Database Connection Object

Using the native ODBC interface, connect to the database with the ODBC data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` with the user name `admin` and password `admin`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Close the DatabaseDatastore Object

Using the native ODBC interface, connect to the database with the ODBC data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` with the user name `admin` and password `admin`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable order by productNumber';
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Close the DatabaseDatastore object `dbds`.

```
close(dbds)
```

### Close the Cursor Object

Using the native ODBC interface, connect to the database with the ODBC data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` with the user name `admin` and password `admin`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Select data from `productTable` that you access using the `database.ODBCConnection` object `conn`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable `curs`.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable';  
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

Close the cursor object `curs` before closing the database connection.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Close the Resultset Object

Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` with the user name `admin` and password `admin`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Select data from `productTable` that you access using the database connection object `conn`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable `curs`.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable';  
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

Construct a resultset object `rset`.

```
rset = resultset(curs);
```

Close the resultset object `rset`.



```
close(rset)
```

Close the cursor object `curs` before closing the database connection.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **object** — Database and driver resource utilizer

database connection object | DatabaseDatastore object | cursor object | resultset object

Database and driver resource utilizer, specified as a database connection object created using `database`, a `DatabaseDatastore` object created using `datastore`, a cursor object created using `exec`, or a resultset object created using `resultset`. This table describes the allowable objects for `close`.

Object	Description
<code>conn</code>	Database connection object or native ODBC database connection object
<code>dbds</code>	<code>DatabaseDatastore</code> object
<code>curs</code>	Cursor object or native ODBC cursor object
<code>rset</code>	Resultset object

Database connections, `DatabaseDatastore` objects, cursors, and resultset objects remain open until you close them using the `close` function. Always close a cursor, `DatabaseDatastore`, connection, or resultset object when you finish using it. Close a cursor before closing the connection used for that cursor. Executing `close` with a `DatabaseDatastore` object releases the MATLAB resources associated with database connection and cursor objects.

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**Note:** The MATLAB session closes open cursors, `DatabaseDatastore` objects, and connections when exiting, however, the database might not free up the cursors and connections.

---

**See Also**

database | datastore | exec | fetch | resultset

## cols

Retrieve number of columns in fetched data set

## Syntax

```
numcols = cols(curs)
```

## Description

`numcols = cols(curs)` returns the number of columns in the fetched data set `curs`.

## Examples

### Display the Number of Columns in a Data Set

Create a database connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use `fetch` to import all data into Database Cursor Object `curs`. Store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object field `curs.Data`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from productTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
```

View the contents of the `Data` element in the cursor object.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```

[ 9]    [125970]    [1003]    [13]    'Victorian Doll'
[ 8]    [212569]    [1001]    [ 5]    'Train Set'
[ 7]    [389123]    [1007]    [16]    'Engine Kit'
[ 2]    [400314]    [1002]    [ 9]    'Painting Set'
[ 4]    [400339]    [1008]    [21]    'Space Cruiser'
[ 1]    [400345]    [1001]    [14]    'Building Blocks'
[ 5]    [400455]    [1005]    [ 3]    'Tin Soldier'
```

```
[ 6] [400876] [1004] [ 8] 'Sail Boat '  
[ 3] [400999] [1009] [17] 'Slinky '  
[10] [888652] [1006] [24] 'Teddy Bear '
```

Data contains the `productTable` data.

Display the number of columns in the `Data` element in the cursor object.

```
numcols = cols(curs)  
numcols =
```

```
5
```

The data in the cursor object contains five columns.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

**curs** — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, specified as an open SQL database cursor object created using `exec`.

## Output Arguments

**numcols** — Number of columns

scalar

Number of columns in a data set, returned as a scalar.

## More About

- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”

**See Also**

attr | close | columnnames | columnprivileges | columns | database | fetch  
| get | rows | width

## columnnames

Retrieve names of columns in fetched data set

### Syntax

```
columnlist = columnnames(curs)
columnlist = columnnames(curs,returnCellArray)
```

### Description

`columnlist = columnnames(curs)` returns the column names of the data selected from a database table in the cursor object `curs`. The `columnnames` function is not supported for a cursor object returned by the `fetchmulti` function.

`columnlist = columnnames(curs,returnCellArray)` returns the column names as a cell array of strings when `returnCellArray` is set to `true`.

### Examples

#### Return Column Names from the Selected Data

Create a database connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use `fetch` to import all data into Database Cursor Object `curs`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from suppliers');
curs = fetch(curs);
```

Return the column names in the `suppliers` table.

```
columnlist = columnnames(curs)
```

```
columnlist =
```

```
'SupplierNumber','SupplierName','City','Country','FaxNumber'
```

`columnlist` contains one long string with the column names in the `suppliers` table in quotes and separated by commas.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Return Column Names as a Cell Array

Create a database connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use `fetch` to import all data into Database Cursor Object `curs`. Store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object field `curs.Data`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);
```

Return the column names in the `suppliers` table as a cell array.

```
columnlist = columnnames(curs,true)
```

```
columnlist =
```

```
    'SupplierNumber'  
    'SupplierName'  
    'City'  
    'Country'  
    'FaxNumber'
```

`columnlist` contains a cell array of the column names in the `suppliers` table. The cell array has five rows for each column name.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

`close(conn)`

### Input Arguments

**curs** — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, specified as an open SQL database cursor object created using `exec`.

**returnCellArray** — Return format

true | false

Return format, specified as Boolean values `true` or `false`. When set to `true`, `columnnames` returns the column names as a cell array. When set to `false`, `columnnames` returns the column names as a long string.

Data Types: logical

### Output Arguments

**columnlist** — Column name list

string | cell array

Column name list of columns in the selected data, returned as a string or a cell array. Without the argument `returnCellArray`, `columnnames` returns the list of column names as a long string. The string encloses the column names in quotes and separates the column names by commas. If you use the argument `returnCellArray` and set it to `true`, then `columnnames` returns the column names as a cell array.

### See Also

`attr` | `close` | `cols` | `columnprivileges` | `columns` | `database` | `fetch` | `get` | `width`



# columnprivileges

List database column privileges

## Syntax

```
lp = columnprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
lp = columnprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab', 'l')
```

## Description

`lp = columnprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns a list of privileges for all columns in the table `tab`, in the schema `sch`, in the catalog `cata` for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`lp = columnprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab', 'l')` returns a list of privileges for column `l` in the table `tab`, in the schema `sch`, in the catalog `cata` for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

## Examples

Return a list of privileges for the given database, catalog, schema, table, and column name:

```
lp = columnprivileges(dbmeta, 'msdb', 'geck', 'builds', ...
'build_id')
lp =
    'builds'      'build_id'      {1x4 cell}
```

View the contents of the third column in `lp`:

```
lp{1,3}
ans =
    'INSERT'      'REFERENCES'      'SELECT'      'UPDATE'
```

## See Also

`cols` | `columnnames` | `columns` | `dmd` | `get`

## columns

Return database table column names

### Syntax

```
columnlist = columns(conn,catalog)
columnlist = columns(conn,catalog,schema)
columnlist = columns(conn,catalog,schema,tablename)
```

```
columnlist = columns(dbmeta,catalog)
columnlist = columns(dbmeta,catalog,schema)
columnlist = columns(dbmeta,catalog,schema,tablename)
```

### Description

`columnlist = columns(conn,catalog)` returns a list of all column names in the catalog `catalog` for the database with the database connection `conn`.

`columnlist = columns(conn,catalog,schema)` returns a list of all column names in the schema `schema`.

`columnlist = columns(conn,catalog,schema,tablename)` returns a list of all column names for the table `tablename`.

`columnlist = columns(dbmeta,catalog)` returns a list of all column names in the catalog `catalog` for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`columnlist = columns(dbmeta,catalog,schema)` returns a list of all column names in the schema `schema`.

`columnlist = columns(dbmeta,catalog,schema,tablename)` returns a list of all column names for the table `tablename`.

## Examples

### Retrieve the Column List for a Catalog Using the Database Connection

Create a database connection `conn`. This code uses database name `dbname`, user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number 123456 to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...
               'Server', 'sname', ...
               'portnumber', 123456);
```

Retrieve the column names for each table in a catalog. Here, this code assumes that the database contains the catalog name `toy_store`.

```
columnlist = columns(conn, 'toy_store')
```

```
columnlist =
```

```
    'salesVolume'           {1x13  cell}
    'suppliers'             {1x5   cell}
    'yearlySales'          {1x3   cell}
    ...
```

`columns` returns a cell array. The first column contains the table names as strings. The second column contains the corresponding column name lists as cell arrays.

Display the column names for the `suppliers` table.

```
columnlist{2,2}
```

```
ans =
```

```
    'SupplierNumber'    'SupplierName'    'City'    'Country'    'FaxNumber'
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Retrieve the Column List for a Catalog and Schema Using the Database Connection

Create a database connection `conn`. This code uses database name `dbname`, user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number 123456 to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
              'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...  
              'Server', 'sname', ...  
              'portnumber', 123456);
```

Retrieve the column names for each table in a schema. Here, this code assumes that the database contains the catalog name `toy_store` and the schema name `schema`.

```
columnlist = columns(conn, 'toy_store', 'schema')  
  
columnlist =  
  
    'inserttest'           {1x3  cell}  
    'inventoryTable'      {1x4  cell}  
    'largedata'           {1x9  cell}  
    ...
```

`columns` returns a cell array. The first column contains the table names as strings. The second column contains the corresponding column name lists as cell arrays.

Display the column names for the `inventoryTable` table.

```
columnlist{2,2}  
  
ans =  
  
    'productNumber'    'Quantity'    'Price'    'inventoryDate'
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### **Retrieve the Column List for a Catalog, Schema, and Table Name Using the Database Connection**

Create a database connection `conn`. This code uses database name `dbname`, user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number 123456 to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
              'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...  
              'Server', 'sname', ...  
              'portnumber', 123456);
```

Retrieve the column names in a database table. Here, this code assumes that the database contains the catalog name `toy_store`, the schema name `schema`, and the table name `inventoryTable`.

```
columnlist = columns(conn, 'toy_store', 'schema', 'inventoryTable')
columnlist =
    'productNumber'    'Quantity'    'Price'    'inventoryDate'
```

`columns` returns a cell array with the column names as strings.

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Retrieve the Column List for a Catalog Using the Database Metadata Object

Create a database connection `conn`. This code uses database name `dbname`, user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number `123456` to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
    'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...
    'Server', 'sname', ...
    'portnumber', 123456);
```

Create the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
dbmeta = dmd(conn);
```

Retrieve the column names for each table in a catalog. Here, this code assumes that the database contains the catalog name `toy_store`.

```
columnlist = columns(dbmeta, 'toy_store')
columnlist =
    'salesVolume'      {1x13 cell}
    'suppliers'        {1x5 cell}
    'yearlySales'      {1x3 cell}
    ...
```

`columns` returns a cell array. The first column contains the table names as strings. The second column contains the corresponding column name lists as cell arrays.

Display the column names for the `suppliers` table.

```
columnlist{2,2}
ans =
    'SupplierNumber'    'SupplierName'    'City'    'Country'    'FaxNumber'
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Retrieve the Column List for a Catalog and Schema Using the Database Metadata Object

Create a database connection `conn`. This code uses database name `dbname`, user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number 123456 to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...
               'Server', 'sname', ...
               'portnumber', 123456);
```

Create the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
dbmeta = dmd(conn);
```

Retrieve the column names for each table in a schema. Here, this code assumes that the database contains the catalog name `toy_store` and the schema name `schema`.

```
columnlist = columns(dbmeta, 'toy_store', 'schema')
```

```
columnlist =
    'inventoryTable'    {1x4 cell}
    'invoice'           {1x5 cell}
    'productTable'     {1x5 cell}
    ...
```

`columns` returns a cell array. The first column contains the table names as strings. The second column contains the corresponding column name lists as cell arrays.

Display the column names for the `inventoryTable` table.

```
columnlist{1,2}
ans =
```

```
        'productNumber'    'Quantity'    'Price'    'inventoryDate'
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Retrieve the Column List for a Catalog, Schema, and Table Name Using the Database Metadata Object

Create a database connection `conn`. This code uses database name `dbname`, user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number 123456 to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...
               'Server', 'sname', ...
               'portnumber', 123456);
```

Create the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
dbmeta = dmd(conn);
```

Retrieve the column names in a database table. Here, this code assumes that the database contains the catalog name `toy_store`, the schema name `schema`, and the table name `inventoryTable`.

```
columnlist = columns(dbmeta, 'toy_store', 'schema', 'inventoryTable')
columnlist =
        'productNumber'    'Quantity'    'Price'    'inventoryDate'
```

`columns` returns a cell array with the column names as strings.

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

**dbmeta** — Database metadata

object

Database metadata, specified as a database metadata object created using `dmd`.

**catalog** — Database catalog name

string

Database catalog name, specified as a string.

Data Types: char

**schema** — Database schema name

string

Database schema name, specified as a string.

Data Types: char

**tablename** — Database table name

string

Database table name, specified as a string denoting the name of a table in your database.

Data Types: char

## Output Arguments

**columnlist** — List of columns

cell array

List of columns, returned as a cell array.

## See Also

`attr` | `bestrowid` | `close` | `cols` | `columnnames` | `columnprivileges` | `database`  
| `dmd` | `get` | `versioncolumns`



# commit

Make database changes permanent

## Syntax

```
commit(conn)
```

## Description

`commit(conn)` makes permanent changes made to the database connection `conn` since the last `commit` or `rollback` function was run. To run this function, the `AutoCommit` flag for `conn` must be `off`.

## Examples

### Example 1 — Check the Status of the Autocommit Flag

Check that the status of the `AutoCommit` flag for connection `conn` is `off`.

```
get(conn, 'AutoCommit')
ans =
  off
```

### Example 2 — Commit Data to a Database

- 1 Insert `exdata` into the columns `DEPTNO`, `DNAME`, and `LOC` in the table `DEPT`, for the data source `conn`.

```
fastinsert(conn, 'DEPT', {'DEPTNO'; 'DNAME'; 'LOC'}, ...
exdata)
```

- 2 Commit this data.

```
commit(conn)
```

**See Also**

database | exec | fastinsert | get | rollback | update

# confds

Configure JDBC data source for Visual Query Builder

## Alternatives

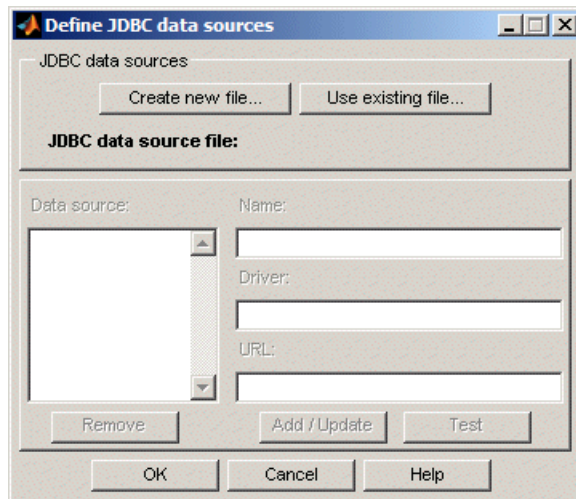
Select **Define JDBC data sources** from the Visual Query Builder **Query** menu.

## Syntax

confds

## Description

confds displays the VQB Define JDBC data sources dialog box. Use confds only to build and run queries using Visual Query Builder with JDBC drivers.



For information about how to use the Define JDBC data sources dialog box to configure JDBC drivers, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13.

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**Tip** Use the `database` function to define JDBC data sources programmatically.

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**See Also**

`database` | `querybuilder`

# crossreference

Retrieve information about primary and foreign keys

## Syntax

```
f = crossreference(dbmeta, 'pcata', 'psch', 'ptab', 'fcata', 'fsch',
'ftab')
```

## Description

`f = crossreference(dbmeta, 'pcata', 'psch', 'ptab', 'fcata', 'fsch', 'ftab')` returns information about the relationship between foreign keys and primary keys for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`. The primary key information is for the table `ptab` in the primary schema `psch`. The primary catalog is `pcata`. The foreign key information is for the foreign table `ftab` in the foreign schema `fsch`. The foreign catalog is `fcata`.

## Examples

Run `crossreference` to get primary and foreign key information. The database metadata object is `dbmeta`, the primary and foreign catalog is `orcl`, the primary and foreign schema is `SCOTT`, the table that contains the referenced primary key is `DEPT`, and the table that contains the foreign key is `EMP`.

```
f = crossreference(dbmeta, 'orcl', 'SCOTT', 'DEPT', ...
'orcl', 'SCOTT', 'EMP')
f = Columns 1 through 7
   'orcl'   'SCOTT'   'DEPT'   'DEPTNO'   'orcl'...
   'SCOTT'   'EMP'
Columns 8 through 13
   'DEPTNO'   '1'   'null'   '1'   'FK_DEPTNO'...
   'PK_DEPT'
```

The results show the following primary and foreign key information.

Column	Description	Value
1	Catalog that contains primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	orcl
2	Schema that contains primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	SCOTT
3	Table that contains primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	DEPT
4	Column name of primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	DEPTNO
5	Catalog that has foreign key	orcl
6	Schema that has foreign key	SCOTT
7	Table that has foreign key	EMP
8	Foreign key column name that references the primary key in another table	DEPTNO
9	Sequence number within foreign key	1
10	Update rule, that is, what happens to the foreign key when the primary key updates	null
11	Delete rule, that is, what happens to the foreign key when the primary key is deleted	1
12	Foreign imported key name	FK_DEPTNO
13	Primary key name in referenced table	PK_DEPT

There is only one foreign key in the schema SCOTT. The table DEPT contains a primary key DEPTNO that is referenced by the field DEPTNO in the table EMP. The field DEPTNO in the EMP table is a foreign key.

---

**Tip** For a description of the codes for update and delete rules, see the `getCrossReference` property on the Oracle Java Web site:

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/DatabaseMetaData.html>.

---

## **See Also**

dmd | exportedkeys | get | importedkeys | primarykeys

## cursor.fetch

Import data into MATLAB Workspace from cursor object created by `exec`

### Alternatives

Retrieve data using Database Explorer.

### Syntax

```
curs = fetch(curs,rowLimit)
curs = fetch(curs)
```

### Description

`curs = fetch(curs,rowLimit)` imports rows of data into the object `curs` from the open SQL cursor `curs`, up to the maximum `rowLimit`.

`curs = fetch(curs)` imports rows of data from the open SQL cursor `curs` into the object `curs`, up to `rowLimit`. Use the `set` function to specify `rowLimit`.

Data is stored in a MATLAB cell array, table, dataset array, structure, or numeric matrix. It is a best practice to assign the object returned by `fetch` to the variable `curs` from the open SQL cursor. This practice results in only one open cursor object, which consumes less memory than multiple open cursor objects.

The next time `fetch` is run, records are imported starting with the row following the specified `rowLimit`. If you specify a `rowLimit` of 0, all the rows in the resultset are fetched.

If `'FetchInBatches'` is set to `'yes'` in the preferences using `setdbprefs`, `cursor.fetch` incrementally fetches the number of rows specified in the `'FetchBatchSize'` setting until all the rows returned by the query are fetched, or until `rowLimit` number of rows are fetched, if `rowLimit` is specified. Use this method when fetching a large number of rows from the database.



Fetching large amounts of data can result in memory or speed issues. In this case, use `rowLimit` to limit how much data you retrieve at once.

---

**Caution:** Leaving cursor and connection objects open or overwriting open objects can result in unexpected behavior. Once you are finished working with these objects, you must close them using `close`.

---

## Examples

### Import All Rows of Data Using the Native ODBC Interface

Create a connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface and the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin')
```

```
conn =
```

```
ODBCConnection with properties:
```

```
Instance: 'dbtoolboxdemo'
UserName: 'admin'
Message: []
Handle: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCConnectHandle]
TimeOut: 0
AutoCommit: 0
Type: 'ODBCConnection Object'
```

`conn` has an empty `Message` property, which means a successful connection.

Use `fetch` to import all data into the `database.ODBCCursor` object, `curs`, and store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object field `curs.Data`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select productDescription from productTable');
```

```
curs = fetch(curs)
```

```
curs =
```

```
ODBCCursor with properties:
```

```
Data: {10x1 cell}
RowLimit: 0
SQLQuery: 'select productDescription from productTable'
Message: []
Type: 'ODBCCursor Object'
```

```
Statement: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCStatementHandle]
```

With the native ODBC interface, `curs` returns an `ODBCCursor` Object instead of a Database Cursor Object.

View the contents of the `Data` element in the cursor object.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
'Victorian Doll'  
'Train Set'  
'Engine Kit'  
'Painting Set'  
'Space Cruiser'  
'Building Blocks'  
'Tin Soldier'  
'Sail Boat'  
'Slinky'  
'Teddy Bear'
```

Close the cursor object.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import All Rows of Data

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use `exec` to select data in column `City`, for example, in table `suppliers`. Then, use `fetch` to import all data from the SQL statement into the cursor object `curs`, and store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object field `curs.Data`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select City from suppliers');  
curs = fetch(curs)
```

```
curs =
```

```
Attributes: []  
Data: {10x1 cell}  
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]  
RowLimit: 0  
SQLQuery: 'select City from suppliers'  
Message: []  
Type: 'Database Cursor Object'  
ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]  
Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]  
Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]  
Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

View the contents of the `Data` element in the cursor object.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    'New York'  
    'London'  
    'Adelaide'  
    'Dublin'  
    'Boston'  
    'New York'  
    'Wellesley'  
    'Nashua'  
    'London'  
    'Belfast'
```

Close the cursor object.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import a Specified Number of Rows

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use the `rowLimit` argument to retrieve only the first three rows of data.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select productdescription from producttable');  
curs = fetch(curs, 3)
```

```
curs =
```

```
    Attributes: []  
             Data: {3x1 cell}  
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]  
    RowLimit: 0  
    SQLQuery: 'select productdescription from producttable'  
    Message: []  
    Type: 'Database Cursor Object'  
    ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]  
    Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]  
    Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]  
    Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

View the data.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =  
  
    'Victorian Doll'  
    'Train Set'  
    'Engine Kit'
```

Rerun the `fetch` function to return the second three rows of data.

```
curs = fetch(curs,3);
```

View the data.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =  
  
    'Painting Set'  
    'Space Cruiser'  
    'Building Blocks'
```

Close the cursor object.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Rows Iteratively Until You Retrieve All Data

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use the `rowLimit` argument to retrieve the first two rows of data, and then rerun the import using a `while` loop, retrieving two rows at a time. Continue until you have retrieved all data, which occurs when `curs.Data` is 'No Data'.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select productdescription from producttable');  
% Initialize rowLimit  
rowLimit = 2  
% Check for more data. Retrieve and display all data.  
while ~strcmp(curs.Data,'No Data')  
    curs = fetch(curs,rowLimit);  
    curs.Data(:)  
end  
  
rowLimit =  
  
    2
```

```
ans =  
    'Victorian Doll'  
    'Train Set'  
  
ans =  
    'Engine Kit'  
    'Painting Set'  
  
ans =  
    'Space Cruiser'  
    'Building Blocks'  
  
ans =  
    'Tin Soldier'  
    'Sail Boat'  
  
ans =  
    'Slinky'  
    'Teddy Bear'  
  
ans =  
    'No Data'
```

Close the cursor object.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Numeric Data

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, import a column of numeric data, using the `setdbprefs` function to specify `numeric` as the format for the retrieved data.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select unitCost from productTable');  
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat', 'numeric')  
curs = fetch(curs, 3);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =  
  
    13  
     5  
    16
```

Close the cursor object.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Boolean Data

Import data that includes a `BOOLEAN` field, using the `setdbprefs` function to specify `cellarray` as the format for the retrieved data.

```
curs = exec(conn,['select InvoiceNumber, '...  
'Paid from Invoice']);  
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')  
curs = fetch(curs,5);  
A = curs.Data
```

```
A =  
  
    [ 2101]    [0]  
    [ 3546]    [1]  
    [33116]    [1]  
    [34155]    [0]  
    [34267]    [1]
```

View the class of the second column of `A`.

```
class(A{1,2})
```

```
ans =  
logical
```

Close the cursor object.

```
close(curs)
```

### Perform Incremental Fetch

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, retrieve data incrementally to avoid Java heap errors. Use `cursor.fetch` with the `setdbprefs` properties for `FetchInBatches` and `FetchBatchSize` to fetch large data sets.

```

setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','2')
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
A = curs.Data

```

A =

```

[ 9] [125970] [1003] [13] 'Victorian Doll'
[ 8] [212569] [1001] [ 5] 'Train Set'
[ 7] [389123] [1007] [16] 'Engine Kit'
[ 2] [400314] [1002] [ 9] 'Painting Set'
[ 4] [400339] [1008] [21] 'Space Cruiser'
[ 1] [400345] [1001] [14] 'Building Blocks'
[ 5] [400455] [1005] [ 3] 'Tin Soldier'
[ 6] [400876] [1004] [ 8] 'Sail Boat'
[ 3] [400999] [1009] [17] 'Slinky'
[10] [888652] [1006] [24] 'Teddy Bear'

```

`cursor.fetch` internally retrieves data in increments of two rows at a time. Tune the `FetchBatchSize` setting depending on the size of the result set you expect to fetch. For example, if you expect about a 100,000 rows in the output, a batch size of 10,000 is a good starting point. The larger the `FetchBatchSize` value, the fewer trips between Java and MATLAB, and the memory consumption is greater for each batch. The optimal value for `FetchBatchSize` is decided based on several factors like the size per row being retrieved, the Java heap memory value, the driver's default fetch size, and system architecture, and hence, can vary from site to site.

If `'FetchInBatches'` is set to `'yes'` and the total number of rows fetched is less than `'FetchBatchSize'`, MATLAB shows a warning message and then fetches all the rows. The message is: Batch size specified was larger than the number of rows fetched.

You can exercise a row limit on the final output even when the `FetchInBatches` setting is `'yes'`.

```

setdbprefs('FetchInBatches','yes')
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize','2')
curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');
curs = fetch(curs,3);
A = curs.Data

```

A =

```
[9]      [125970]    [1003]    [13]    'Victorian Doll'  
[8]      [212569]    [1001]    [ 5]    'Train Set'  
[7]      [389123]    [1007]    [16]    'Engine Kit'
```

In this case, `cursor.fetch` retrieves the first three rows of `productTable`, two rows at a time.

Close the cursor object.

```
close(curs)
```

- “Retrieving BINARY and OTHER Data Types”
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”

## More About

### Tips

- This page documents `fetch` for a cursor object. For details about using `fetch`, `cursor.fetch`, and `database.fetch`, see `fetch`. Unless otherwise noted, `fetch` in this documentation refers to `cursor.fetch`, rather than `database.fetch`.
- `cursor.fetch` now supports the native ODBC interface.
- “Getting Started with Visual Query Builder” on page 5-2
- “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”

### See Also

`database` | `database.fetch` | `exec` | `fetch` | `fetchmulti` | `setdbprefs`



# database

Connect to database

## Syntax

```
conn = database(instance,username,password)
conn = database.ODBCConnection(instance,username,password)

conn = database(instance,username,password,driver,databaseurl)

conn = database(instance,username,password,Name,Value)
```

## Description

`conn = database(instance,username,password)` returns a database connection object for the connection to the ODBC data source setup `instance` using an ODBC driver.

`conn = database.ODBCConnection(instance,username,password)` returns a database connection object for the connection to the ODBC data source setup `instance` using a native ODBC interface.

`conn = database(instance,username,password,driver,databaseurl)` connects to the database `instance` using a JDBC driver.

`conn = database(instance,username,password,Name,Value)` connects to the database `instance` using a JDBC driver with connection properties specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments.

## Examples

### Connect to Microsoft Access Using the Native ODBC Interface

Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` using the user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','username','pwd')
```

```
conn =
```

```
ODBCConnection with properties:
```

```
    Instance: 'dbtoolboxdemo'  
    UserName: 'username'  
    Message: []  
    Handle: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCConnectHandle]  
    Timeout: 0  
    AutoCommit: 0  
    Type: 'ODBCConnection Object'
```

`database.ODBCConnection` returns `conn` as `database.ODBCConnection` object. `conn` has an empty `Message` property, which indicates a successful connection.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to Microsoft Access Using the JDBC/ODBC Bridge

Connect to the database with the ODBC data source name `dbtoolboxdemo` using the user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','username','pwd')
```

```
conn =
```

```
    Instance: 'dbtoolboxdemo'  
    UserName: 'username'  
    Driver: []  
    URL: []  
    Constructor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.databaseConnect]  
    Message: []  
    Handle: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcConnection]  
    Timeout: 0  
    AutoCommit: 'on'  
    Type: 'Database Object'
```

`database` returns `conn` as a `Database Object`. `conn` has an empty `Message` property, which indicates a successful connection.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to Microsoft SQL Server Using Windows Authentication

Connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database with integrated Windows Authentication using a JDBC driver.

Use the `AuthType` parameter to establish a Windows Authentication connection. For details about how to set up Windows Authentication and find your port number, see “Microsoft SQL Server JDBC for Windows” on page 2-33.

```
conn = database('test_db', '', '', ...
    'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', 'Server', 'servername', ...
    'AuthType', 'Windows', 'portnumber', 123456)

conn =

    Instance: 'test_db'
    UserName: ''
    Driver: []
    URL: []
    Constructor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.databaseConnect]
    Message: []
    Handle: [1x1 com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerConnection]
    Timeout: 0
    AutoCommit: 'on'
    Type: 'Database Object'
```

`conn` has an empty `Message` property, which indicates a successful connection.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to Sybase Using a JDBC Driver URL

Connect to the database `dbname` using the user name `username` and password `pwd`. Use the JDBC driver `com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver` to make the connection. Use the URL defined by the driver vendor including your server name, port number, and database name. For details, see “Sybase JDBC for Windows” on page 2-97.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
    'com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver', 'URL')

conn =
```

```
Instance: 'dbname'  
UserName: 'username'  
Driver: 'com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver'  
URL: 'URL'  
Constructor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.databaseConnect]  
Message: []  
Handle: [1x1 com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybConnection]  
TimeOut: 0  
AutoCommit: 'on'  
Type: 'Database Object'
```

`conn` has an empty **Message** property, which indicates a successful connection.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to Oracle Using a JDBC Driver

Connect to an Oracle database using name-value pair arguments to specify the vendor and connection options.

Connect to the database `test_db` using the user name `username` and password `pwd`. Enter the driver type as `thin` for a default connection to Oracle. To connect to Oracle with Windows authentication use `oci`. The database server machine name is `remotehost` and the port number that the server is listening on is `1234`. For details, see “Oracle JDBC for Windows” on page 2-48.

```
conn = database('test_db','username','pwd','Vendor','Oracle',...  
              'DriverType','thin','Server','remotehost','PortNumber',1234)
```

```
conn =
```

```
Instance: 'test_db'  
UserName: 'username'  
Driver: []  
URL: []  
Constructor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.databaseConnect]  
Message: []  
Handle: [1x1 oracle.jdbc.driver.T4CConnection]  
TimeOut: 0  
AutoCommit: 'on'  
Type: 'Database Object'
```

`conn` has an empty **Message** property, which indicates a successful connection.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to MySQL Using a JDBC Driver

Connect to a MySQL database using name-value pair arguments to specify the vendor and connection options.

Connect to the database `test_db` on the machine `remotehost`. Use the user name `username` and password `pwd`. For details, see “MySQL JDBC for Windows” on page 2-63.

```
conn = database('test_db','username','pwd','Vendor','MySQL',...
               'Server','remotehost')
```

```
conn =
```

```
    Instance: 'test_db'
    UserName: 'username'
      Driver: []
      URL: []
 Constructor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.databaseConnect]
    Message: []
      Handle: [1x1 com.mysql.jdbc.JDBC4Connection]
    Timeout: 0
 AutoCommit: 'on'
      Type: 'Database Object'
```

`conn` has an empty `Message` property, which indicates a successful connection.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to Microsoft Access Using a File DSN

Connect to a Microsoft Access database with `.accdb` format using an ODBC driver.

Specify the location of the database on the disk.

```
dbpath = ['C:\Data\Matlab\MyDatabase.accdb'];
```

Create the connection URL.

```
url = [['jdbc:odbc:Driver={Microsoft Access Driver (*.mdb, *.accdb)};DSN=';DBQ='] dbpath];
```

Connect to the database `MyDatabase.accdb` using `dpath` and `url`.

```
conn = database('','','','sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver',url);
```

Fetch data from the database.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'SELECT ALL January FROM salesVolume');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
data = curs.Data;
```

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Connect to PostgreSQL Using a JDBC Driver

Connect to a PostgreSQL database using name-value pair arguments to specify the vendor and connection options.

Connect to the database `test_db` using the user name `username` and password `pwd` on the machine `remotehost`. For details, see “PostgreSQL JDBC for Windows” on page 2-76.

```
conn = database('test_db', 'username', 'pwd', 'Vendor', 'PostgreSQL', ...  
              'Server', 'remotehost')
```

```
conn =
```

```
    Instance: 'test_db'  
    UserName: 'username'  
    Driver: []  
    URL: []  
    Constructor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.databaseConnect]  
    Message: []  
    Handle: [1x1 org.postgresql.jdbc4.Jdbc4Connection]  
    Timeout: 0  
    AutoCommit: 'on'  
    Type: 'Database Object'
```

`conn` has an empty `Message` property, which indicates a successful connection.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

**instance** — Data source setup or database name

string

Data source setup or database name, specified as a string. Specify a data source for ODBC connection, and the database name for JDBC connection. For an ODBC driver, **instance** is the name you provide for your data source when you create a data source using the Microsoft ODBC Administrator. For a JDBC driver, **instance** is the name of your database. The name might differ for different database systems. For example, **instance** might be the SID or the service name when you are connecting to an Oracle database. Or, **instance** might be the catalog name when you are connecting to a MySQL database. For details about your database name, contact your database administrator or refer to your database documentation.

**username — User name**

string

User name required to access the database, specified as a string. If no user name is required, specify empty strings, ''.

**password — Password**

string

Password required to access the database, specified as a string. If no password is required, specify empty strings, ''.

**driver — JDBC driver name**

string

JDBC driver name, specified as a string that refers to the name of the Java driver that implements the `java.sql.Driver` interface. For details, see JDBC driver name and database connection URL.

**databaseurl — Database connection URL**

string

Database connection URL, specified as a string for the vendor-specific URL. This URL is typically constructed using connection properties such as server name, port number, and database name. For details, see JDBC driver name and database connection URL. If you do not know the driver name or the URL, you can use name-value pair arguments to specify individual connection properties.

## Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name,Value arguments. **Name** is the argument name and **Value** is the corresponding value. **Name** must appear inside single

quotes ( ' ' ). You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`.

Example: `'Vendor', 'MySQL', 'Server', 'remotehost'` connects to a MySQL database on a machine named `remotehost`.

### **'Vendor' — Database vendor**

`'MySQL' | 'Oracle' | 'Microsoft SQL Server' | 'PostgreSQL'`

Database vendor, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of `'Vendor'` and one of the following strings:

- `'MySQL'`
- `'Oracle'`
- `'Microsoft SQL Server'`
- `'PostgreSQL'`

If connecting to a database system not listed here, use the driver and `databaseurl` syntax.

Example: `'Vendor', 'Oracle'`

### **'Server' — Database server**

`'localhost' (default) | string`

Database server name or address, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of `'Server'` and a string value.

Example: `'Server', 'remotehost'`

### **'PortNumber' — Server port**

scalar

Server port number that the server is listening on, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of `'PortNumber'` and a scalar value.

Example: `'PortNumber', 1234`

Data Types: `double`

### **'AuthType' — Authentication**

`'Server' (default) | 'Windows'`

Authentication type (valid only for Microsoft SQL Server), specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of `'AuthType'` and one of the following strings:



- 'Server'
- 'Windows'

Specify 'Windows' for Windows Authentication.

Example: 'AuthType', 'Windows'

### 'DriverType' — Driver type

'thin' | 'oci'

Driver type (required only for Oracle), specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'DriverType' and one of the following strings:

- 'thin'
- 'oci'

Specify 'oci' for Windows Authentication.

Example: 'DriverType', 'thin'

### 'URL' — Connection URL

string

Connection URL, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'URL' and a string value. If you specify URL, you might not need to specify any other properties.

## Output Arguments

### conn — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, returned as a database connection object. The database connection object has the following properties.

Property	Description
Instance	Data source name when using ODBC or database name when using JDBC
UserName	User name used for database login
Driver	JDBC or JDBC/ODBC driver object used for database connection
URL	Driver vendor-specific string for database connection

Property	Description
Constructor	Internal Java or C++ representation of database connection object
Message	Database connection status message that is empty when a successful connection is established
Handle	Internal Java or C++ representation of database connection object
TimeOut	Number of seconds that the driver waits while trying to establish a database connection before throwing an error
AutoCommit	Set to <code>on</code> to apply updates to the database automatically and set to <code>off</code> to commit updates to the database manually
Type	Database connection object or <code>database.ODBCConnection</code> object

The native ODBC database connection object, `database.ODBCConnection`, excludes `Driver`, `URL`, and `Constructor` properties. For `database.ODBCConnection`, the `Type` property is equal to `database.ODBCConnection` object. The `Handle` property for a `database.ODBCConnection` object is `database.internal.ODBCConnectHandle`, and for JDBC/ODBC bridge connection, it is `sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcConnection`. For ODBC, the `Instance` property contains the data source name, and, for JDBC, the `Instance` property contains the database name.

## More About

### JDBC Driver Name and Database Connection URL

The JDBC driver name and database connection URL take different forms for different databases, as shown in the following table.

Database	JDBC Driver Name and Database URL Example Syntax
IBM Informix	<b>JDBC driver:</b> <code>com.informix.jdbc.IfxDriver</code>  <b>Database URL:</b> <code>jdbc:informix-sqli://161.144.202.206:3000:INFORMIXSERVER=stars</code>
Microsoft SQL Server 2005	<b>JDBC driver:</b> <code>com.microsoft.sqlserver.jdbc.SQLServerDriver</code>

Database	JDBC Driver Name and Database URL Example Syntax
	<b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:sqlserver://localhost:port;database=databasename
MySQL	<b>JDBC driver:</b> twz1.jdbc.mysql.jdbcMySQLDriver <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:z1MySQL://natasha:3306/metrics <b>JDBC driver:</b> com.mysql.jdbc.Driver <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:mysql://devmetrics.mrkps.com/testing <p>To insert or select characters with encodings that are not default, append the string <code>useUnicode=true&amp;characterEncoding=...</code> to the URL, where ... is any valid MySQL character encoding. For example, <code>useUnicode=true&amp;characterEncoding=utf8</code>.</p>
Oracle oci7 drivers	<b>JDBC driver:</b> oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:oracle:oci7:@rex
Oracle oci8 drivers	<b>JDBC driver:</b> oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:oracle:oci8:@111.222.333.44:1521: <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:oracle:oci8:@frug
Oracle 10 Connections with JDBC (Thin drivers)	<b>JDBC driver:</b> oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:oracle:thin:
Oracle Thin drivers	<b>JDBC driver:</b> oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:oracle:thin:@144.212.123.24:1822: <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION = (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = ServerName)(PORT = 1234)) (CONNECT_DATA = (SERVER = DEDICATED) (SERVICE_NAME = dbname) ) )
PostgreSQL	<b>JDBC driver:</b> org.postgresql.Driver <b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:postgresql://host:port/database

Database	JDBC Driver Name and Database URL Example Syntax
PostgreSQL with SSL Connection	<p><b>JDBC driver:</b> org.postgresql.Driver</p> <p><b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:postgresql:servername:dbname:ssl=true&amp;sslfactory=org.postgresql.ssl.NonValidatingFactory&amp;</p> <p><i>The trailing &amp; is required.</i></p>
Sybase SQL Server and Sybase SQL Anywhere	<p><b>JDBC driver:</b> com.sybase.jdbc4.jdbc.SybDriver</p> <p><b>Database URL:</b> jdbc:sybase:Tds:yourhostname:yourportnumber/</p>

### Tips

- Use `logintimeout` before `database` to set the maximum time for a connection attempt.
- Alternatively use Database Explorer to connect to databases.
- When making a JDBC connection using name-value connection properties:
  - You can skip the `Server` parameter when connecting to a database locally.
  - You can skip the `PortNumber` parameter when connecting to a database server listening on the default port (except for Oracle connections).
- “Database Connection Error Messages”
- “Bringing Java Classes into MATLAB Workspace”
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”

### See Also

#### Functions

`close` | `dmd` | `exec` | `fastinsert` | `get` | `getdatasources` | `isconnection` | `isreadonly` | `logintimeout` | `ping` | `querybuilder` | `supports` | `update`

#### Apps

Database Explorer

# database.catalogs

Get database catalog names

## Syntax

```
P = catalogs(conn)
```

## Description

`P = catalogs(conn)` returns the catalogs for the database connection `conn`.

## See Also

`get` | `database.columns` | `database.schemas` | `database.tables`

## database.columns

Get database table column names

### Syntax

```
P = columns(conn)
P = columns(conn,C)
P = columns(conn,C,S)
P = columns(conn,C,S,T)
```

### Description

`P = columns(conn)` returns all columns for all tables given the database connection `conn`.

`P = columns(conn,C)` returns all columns for all tables of all schemas for the given catalog `C`.

`P = columns(conn,C,S)` returns the columns for all tables for the given catalog `C` and schema `S`.

`P = columns(conn,C,S,T)` returns the columns for the given database connection `conn`, the catalog `C`, the schema `S`, and the table `T`.

### See Also

`get` | `database.schemas` | `database.tables`

# database.fetch

Execute SQL statement to import data into MATLAB workspace

## Syntax

```
results = fetch(conn,sqlquery)
results = fetch(conn,sqlquery,fetchbatchsize)
```

## Description

`results = fetch(conn,sqlquery)` executes the SQL statement `sqlquery`, imports data for the open connection object `conn`, and returns the data to `results`. (For details about SQL statements, see `exec`.)

`results = fetch(conn,sqlquery,fetchbatchsize)` imports `fetchbatchsize` rows of data at a time.

## Input Arguments

### **conn**

A database connection object.

### **sqlquery**

An SQL statement.

### **fetchbatchsize**

Specifies the number of rows of data to import at a time. Use `fetchbatchsize` when importing large amounts of data. Retrieving data in increments, as specified by `fetchbatchsize`, helps reduce overall retrieval time. If `fetchbatchsize` is not provided, a default value of `FetchBatchSize` is used. `FetchBatchSize` is set using `setdbprefs`.

## Output Arguments

### results

A cell array, table, dataset array, structure, or numeric matrix depending on specifications set by `setdbprefs`.

## Examples

### Import Data

Import the `productDescription` column from the `productTable` table in the `dbtoolboxdemo` database.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')
results = fetch(conn,'select productdescription from producttable')
```

```
results =
```

```
    'Victorian Doll'
    'Train Set'
    'Engine Kit'
    'Painting Set'
    'Space Cruiser'
    'Building Blocks'
    'Tin Soldier'
    'Sail Boat'
    'Slinky'
    'Teddy Bear'
```

If you experience speed and memory issues, use the `fetchbatchsize` argument.

View the size of the cell array into which the results were returned.

```
size(results)
```

```
ans =
```



```
10      1
```

## Import Two Columns of Data and View Information About the Data

Import the `InvoiceNumber` and `Paid` columns from the `Invoice` table in the `dbtoolboxdemo` database.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')
results = fetch(conn,['select InvoiceNumber, '...
'Paid from Invoice']);
```

View the size of the cell array into which the results were returned.

```
size(results)
ans =
    12     2
```

View the results for the first row of data.

```
results(1,:)
ans =
    [2101]    [0]
```

View the data type of the second element in the first row of data.

```
class(results{1,2})
ans =
logical
```

- “Retrieve Image Data Types”

## More About

### Tips

- You call the `database.fetch` function with `fetch` rather than `database.fetch`. You implicitly call `database.fetch` by passing a database object, `conn`, to `fetch`. The `fetch` function also works with a cursor object. See `cursor.fetch`.

- The order of records in your database does not remain constant. Use the `SQL ORDER BY` command in your `sqlquery` statement to sort data.
- “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”

### **See Also**

`cursor.fetch` | `database` | `exec` | `fetch` | `logical`

# database.schemas

Get database schema names

## Syntax

P = schemas(conn)

## Description

P = schemas(conn) returns the schema names for the database connection conn.

## See Also

get | database.catalogs | database.columns | database.tables

## database.tables

Get database table names

### Syntax

```
T = tables(conn)
T = tables(conn,C)
T = tables(conn,C,S)
```

### Description

T = tables(conn) returns all tables and table types for the database connection object conn.

T = tables(conn,C) returns all tables and table types for all schemas of the given catalog name C.

T = tables(conn,C,S) returns the list of tables and table types for the database with the catalog name C and schema name S.

### See Also

get | database.catalogs | database.schemas

# datastore

Create datastore to access collection of data in a database

This `datastore` function creates a `DatabaseDatastore` object. You can use this object to read large volumes of data in a relational database.

A `DatabaseDatastore` is one of the available datastore types. You can create other types of datastores using the MATLAB function `datastore`. After creating any datastore, you can analyze data by writing custom functions to run MapReduce using the `mapreduce` function. For details, see “Getting Started with MapReduce”.

## Syntax

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery)
```

## Description

`dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery)` creates a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn`. This datastore contains query results from the executed SQL query `sqlquery`.

## Examples

### Create a DatabaseDatastore

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface. This code assumes you are connecting to a MySQL database with the data source named `MySQL`, user name `username`, and password `pwd`. `MySQL` contains the table named `productTable` with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable`.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable';
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery)
dbds =
    DatabaseDatastore with properties:
        Connection: [1x1 database.ODBCConnection]
        Cursor: [1x1 database.ODBCCursor]
        Query: 'select * from productTable'
```

`datastore` executes the SQL query `sqlquery` and creates a cursor object with the resulting data. `dbds` contains these properties:

- Database connection object
- Database cursor object
- Executed SQL query

Display the database connection property `Connection`.

```
dbds.Connection
ans =
    ODBCConnection with properties:
        Instance: 'MySQL'
        UserName: 'username'
        Message: []
        Handle: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCConnectHandle]
        TimeOut: 0
        AutoCommit: 0
        Type: 'ODBCConnection Object'
```

The `Message` property is blank when the database connection is successful.

Display the database cursor property `Cursor`.

```
dbds.Cursor
ans =
    ODBCcursor with properties:
```

```

    Data: 0
  RowLimit: 0
  SQLQuery: 'select * from productTable'
  Message: []
    Type: 'ODBCCursor Object'
  Statement: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCStatementHandle]

```

The `Message` property is blank when the SQL query executes successfully.

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

- “Import Data Using a DatabaseDatastore”

## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **sqlquery** — SQL statement

SQL string

SQL statement, specified as an SQL string to execute.

Data Types: char

## Output Arguments

### **dbds** — Datastore containing data in database

DatabaseDatastore object

Datastore containing data in database, returned as a `DatabaseDatastore` object.

## More About

- Using DatabaseDatastore Objects

- “Working with a DatabaseDatastore”
- “Getting Started with Datastore”

### **See Also**

close | database | datastore | exec | preview | read | reset



# hasdata

Determine if cursor in `DatabaseDatastore` contains more data

## Syntax

```
tf = hasdata(dbds)
```

## Description

`tf = hasdata(dbds)` returns logical 1 (`true`) if additional data exists in the cursor object of the `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds`. Otherwise, it returns logical 0 (`false`). For JDBC drivers, `hasdata` uses the driver to check if the cursor position is located at the end of the data set. For the native ODBC interface, `hasdata` checks the `Data` field in the cursor object for remaining data in the data set.

## Examples

### Determine the Presence of More Data in DatabaseDatastore

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format `'DataReturnFormat'` to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server database with the data source named `MS SQL Server Auth`. `MS SQL Server Auth` contains the table named `productTable` with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth','','');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...'
            'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Read the first five records.

```
read(dbds,5)
```

```
ans =
```

<u>productNumber</u>	<u>stockNumber</u>	<u>supplierNumber</u>	<u>unitCost</u>	<u>productDescription</u>
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'

Determine if the DatabaseDatastore has additional data.

```
hasdata(dbds)
```

```
ans =
```

```
1
```

hasdata returns 1. There is more data to read in the cursor object of the DatabaseDatastore object dbds.

Read the rest of the data in the DatabaseDatastore object dbds five records at a time.

```
while(hasdata(dbds))
```

```
    read(dbds,5)
```

```
end
```

```
ans =
```

<u>productNumber</u>	<u>stockNumber</u>	<u>supplierNumber</u>	<u>unitCost</u>	<u>productDescription</u>
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'
9.00	125970.00	1003.00	13.00	'Victorian Doll'
10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'

```
ans =
```

<u>productNumber</u>	<u>stockNumber</u>	<u>supplierNumber</u>	<u>unitCost</u>	<u>productDescription</u>
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11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'
15.00	899752.00	1011.00	20.00	'Snacks'

```
ans =
```

```
'No Data'
```

`read` returns the cell array containing the string 'No Data' when you connect to the database using the native ODBC interface.

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

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## Input Arguments

**dbds** — Datastore containing data in database

`DatabaseDatastore` object

Datastore containing data in database, specified as a `DatabaseDatastore` object created using `datastore`.

## More About

- Using `DatabaseDatastore` Objects
- “Working with a `DatabaseDatastore`”

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `datastore` | `read` | `setdbprefs`

## preview

Display first eight records of data in DatabaseDatastore

## Syntax

```
data = preview(dbds)
```

## Description

`data = preview(dbds)` displays the first eight records of data in the DatabaseDatastore object `dbds`.

## Examples

### Preview Data in a DatabaseDatastore

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format 'DataReturnFormat' to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface. This code assumes you are connecting to a MySQL database with the data source named `MySQL`, user name `username`, and password `pwd`. `MySQL` contains the table named `productTable` with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Create a DatabaseDatastore object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable order by productNumber';
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Preview the first eight records in the data set returned by executing the SQL query `sqlquery`.

```
preview(dbds)
```

```
ans =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

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- “Analyze Large Data Sets in a Database with MapReduce”

## Input Arguments

**dbds** — Datastore containing data in database

DatabaseDatastore object

Datastore containing data in database, specified as a `DatabaseDatastore` object created using `datastore`.

## Output Arguments

**data** — Query results

cell array | matrix | table | structure | dataset

Query results, returned as a cell array, matrix, table, structure, or dataset array of the first eight records in the data set. Executing the SQL statement specified in the `DatabaseDatastore` object creates the data set. The format of the data is specified by the preference setting `'DataReturnFormat'` in `setdbprefs`.

## **More About**

- Using DatabaseDatastore Objects
- “Working with a DatabaseDatastore”

## **See Also**

`close` | `database` | `datastore` | `read` | `readall` | `reset`

# read

Read data in DatabaseDatastore

## Syntax

```
data = read(dbds)
data = read(dbds, rowcount)
[data, info] = read( ___ )
```

## Description

`data = read(dbds)` retrieves data from the `DatabaseDatastore` object in increments specified using `setdbprefs` and in the format specified using `setdbprefs`.

`data = read(dbds, rowcount)` retrieves data from the `DatabaseDatastore` object in increments specified by `rowcount` and in the format specified using `setdbprefs`.

`[data, info] = read( ___ )` retrieves data from the `DatabaseDatastore` object using the input arguments in the previous syntaxes.

## Examples

### Retrieve Data

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format `'DataReturnFormat'` to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat', 'table')
```

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server database with the data source named `MS SQL Server Auth`. `MS SQL Server Auth` contains the table named `productTable` with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth', '', '');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...  
           'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Read the data in the `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds`.

```
data = read(dbds)
```

```
data =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'
9.00	125970.00	1003.00	13.00	'Victorian Doll'
10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'
11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'
15.00	899752.00	1011.00	20.00	'Snacks'

`data` contains the query results. The preference setting `'FetchBatchSize'` in `setdbprefs` determines the maximum number of records `read` returns.

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

### Retrieve Data Using a Row Count

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format `'DataReturnFormat'` to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server



database with the data source named MS SQL Server Auth. MS SQL Server Auth contains the table named productTable with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth', '', '');
```

Create a DatabaseDatastore object dbds using the database connection conn and SQL query sqlquery. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table productTable ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...
            'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Read the first five records in the DatabaseDatastore object dbds.

```
data = read(dbds,5)
```

```
data =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'

data contains the query results. The row count argument 5 determines the number of records read returns.

Close the DatabaseDatastore, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

### Retrieve Data and Database Information

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format 'DataReturnFormat' to table for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat', 'table')
```

Create a database connection conn using the native ODBC interface with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server

database with the data source named MS SQL Server Auth. MS SQL Server Auth contains the table named productTable with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth','','');
```

Create a DatabaseDatastore object dbds using the database connection conn and SQL query sqlquery. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table productTable ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...
            'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Read the data in the DatabaseDatastore object dbds and retrieve information info about the database.

```
[data,info] = read(dbds)
```

```
data =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'
9.00	125970.00	1003.00	13.00	'Victorian Doll'
10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'
11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'
15.00	899752.00	1011.00	20.00	'Snacks'

```
info =
```

```
datasource: 'MS SQL Server Auth'
offset: 0
```

data contains the query results. The structure info contains the data source name datasource and current cursor position offset.

The preference setting 'FetchBatchSize' in setdbprefs determines the maximum number of records read returns.

Close the DatabaseDatastore, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

## Retrieve Data and Database Information Using a Row Count

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format 'DataReturnFormat' to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server database with the data source named `MS SQL Server Auth`. `MS SQL Server Auth` contains the table named `productTable` with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth','','');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...
            'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Read the first five records in the `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` and retrieve information `info` about the database.

```
[data,info] = read(dbds,5)
```

```
data =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'

```
info =
```

```
datasource: 'MS SQL Server Auth'
offset: 0
```

`data` contains the query results. The row count argument `5` determines the number of records `read` returns. The structure `info` contains the data source name `datasource` and current cursor position `offset`.

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

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## Input Arguments

### **dbds** — Datastore containing data in database

`DatabaseDatastore` object

Datastore containing data in database, specified as a `DatabaseDatastore` object created using `datastore`.

### **rowcount** — Record count

scalar

Record count, specified as a scalar to denote the number of records to retrieve from the `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds`.

Data Types: `double`

## Output Arguments

### **data** — Query results

cell array | matrix | table | structure | dataset

Query results, returned as a cell array, matrix, table, structure, or dataset array of the records in the data set. Executing the SQL statement specified in the `DatabaseDatastore` object creates the data set. The number of records returned is specified by the preference setting `'FetchBatchSize'` in `setdbprefs` or the input argument `rowcount`. The format of the data is specified by the preference setting `'DataReturnFormat'` in `setdbprefs`.

### **info** — Database information

structure

Database information, returned as a structure with these fields.

Field	Description
<code>datasource</code>	Data source name for ODBC drivers or a database name for JDBC drivers
<code>offset</code>	Current cursor position in the returned data set

## More About

- Using DatabaseDatastore Objects
- “Working with a DatabaseDatastore”

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `datastore` | `hasdata` | `preview` | `readall` | `reset` | `setdbprefs`

## readall

Read every record in DatabaseDatastore

### Syntax

```
data = readall(dbds)
```

### Description

`data = readall(dbds)` retrieves data from the DatabaseDatastore object `dbds` in the format specified using `setdbprefs`.

### Examples

#### Read Every Record in a DatabaseDatastore

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format 'DataReturnFormat' to `table` for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','table')
```

Create a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server database with the data source named `MS SQL Server Auth`. `MS SQL Server Auth` contains the table named `productTable` with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth','','');
```

Create a DatabaseDatastore object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...  
           'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Read every record in the DatabaseDatastore object dbds.

```
data = readall(dbds)
```

```
data =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'
9.00	125970.00	1003.00	13.00	'Victorian Doll'
10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'
11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'
15.00	899752.00	1011.00	20.00	'Snacks'

To change the output data format, see the preference setting 'DataReturnFormat' in setdbprefs.

Close the DatabaseDatastore, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

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## Input Arguments

**dbds** — Datastore containing data in database

DatabaseDatastore object

Datastore containing data in database, specified as a DatabaseDatastore object created using datastore.

## Output Arguments

**data** — Query results

cell array | matrix | table | structure | dataset

Query results, returned as a cell array, matrix, table, structure, or dataset array of the records in the data set. Executing the SQL statement specified in the `DatabaseDatastore` object creates the data set. The format of the data is specified by the preference setting 'DataReturnFormat' in `setdbprefs`.

### More About

- Using DatabaseDatastore Objects
- “Working with a DatabaseDatastore”

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `datastore` | `preview` | `read` | `reset` | `setdbprefs`



## reset

Reset cursor position in DatabaseDatastore

## Syntax

```
reset (dbds)
```

## Description

reset (dbds) repositions the cursor object in the DatabaseDatastore object dbds to the start of the data set by executing the SQL query again.

## Examples

### Reset the Cursor Position

The default output data type of any datastore is a table. Set the database preference for the data return format 'DataReturnFormat' to table for consistency across data types.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat', 'table')
```

Create a database connection conn using the native ODBC interface with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server database with the data source named MS SQL Server Auth. MS SQL Server Auth contains the table named productTable with 15 product records.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server Auth', '', '');
```

Create a DatabaseDatastore object dbds using the database connection conn and SQL query sqlquery. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table productTable ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...  
            'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery);
```

Read the data in the data set.

```
readall(dbds)
```

```
ans =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'
9.00	125970.00	1003.00	13.00	'Victorian Doll'
10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'
11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'
15.00	899752.00	1011.00	20.00	'Snacks'

`readall` displays every record in the data set. The cursor position is at the end of the data set.

Reposition the cursor object to the start of the data set.

```
reset(dbds)
```

Read data from the start of the data set.

```
readall(dbds)
```

```
ans =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
1.00	400345.00	1001.00	14.00	'Building Blocks'
2.00	400314.00	1002.00	9.00	'Painting Set'
3.00	400999.00	1009.00	17.00	'Slinky'
4.00	400339.00	1008.00	21.00	'Space Cruiser'
5.00	400455.00	1005.00	3.00	'Tin Soldier'
6.00	400876.00	1004.00	8.00	'Sail Boat'
7.00	389123.00	1007.00	16.00	'Engine Kit'
8.00	212569.00	1001.00	5.00	'Train Set'
9.00	125970.00	1003.00	13.00	'Victorian Doll'
10.00	888652.00	1006.00	24.00	'Teddy Bear'
11.00	408143.00	1004.00	11.00	'Convertible'
12.00	210456.00	1010.00	22.00	'Hugsy'
13.00	470816.00	1012.00	16.50	'Pancakes'
14.00	510099.00	1011.00	19.00	'Shawl'

```
15.00          899752.00      1011.00          20.00      'Snacks'
```

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

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## Input Arguments

**dbds** — **Datastore containing data in database**

`DatabaseDatastore` object

Datastore containing data in database, specified as a `DatabaseDatastore` object created using `datastore`.

## More About

- Using `DatabaseDatastore` Objects
- “Working with a `DatabaseDatastore`”

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `datastore` | `exec` | `read`

## Using DatabaseDatastore Objects

Access collection of data stored in database

MATLAB has various datastores that let you import large data sets into MATLAB for analysis. A `DatabaseDatastore` object is a type of datastore that contains the resulting data from executing an SQL query in a relational database.

With a `DatabaseDatastore` object, you can perform these tasks:

- Preview data.
- Read data in chunks.
- Read every record in the data set.
- Reset the cursor position to the start of the data set.
- Continue reading data until the cursor position reaches the end of the data set.
- Analyze a large data set stored in a database using MapReduce.

After creating a `DatabaseDatastore` object, you can write custom functions to run MapReduce. For details, see “Getting Started with MapReduce”.

## Examples

### Create a DatabaseDatastore Object

Connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database with Windows Authentication. This code assumes you are creating a database connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface with the authenticated ODBC data source name `MS SQL Server Auth` and blank user name and password.

```
conn = database('MS SQL Server Auth', '', '');
```

Create a `DatabaseDatastore` object `dbds` using the database connection `conn` and SQL query `sqlquery`. This SQL query retrieves all products from the product table `productTable` ordered by product number.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] '...  
           'order by productNumber'];
```

```
dbds = datastore(conn,sqlquery)
```

```
dbds =
```

```
DatabaseDatastore with properties:
```

```
Connection: [1x1 database.ODBCConnection]
```

```
Cursor: [1x1 database.ODBCCursor]
```

```
Query: 'select * from [toy_store].[dbo].[productTable] order by productNumber'
```

`datastore` executes the SQL query `sqlquery` and creates a cursor object with the resulting data. `dbds` contains these properties:

- Database connection object
- Database cursor object
- Executed SQL query

Close the `DatabaseDatastore`, cursor, and database connection.

```
close(dbds)
```

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## Properties

### Connection — Database connection

connection object

Database connection, specified as a connection object created using `database`.

### Cursor — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, specified as a database cursor object created using `exec` with the SQL query `query`.

### Query — SQL query

string

SQL query, specified as a string to denote the SQL query to execute in the database.

Data Types: char

## **Object Functions**

hasdata previewreadreadall resetclose

## **Create Object**

Create a DatabaseDatastore object using datastore.

## **More About**

- [“Getting Started with Datastore”](#)
- [“Working with a DatabaseDatastore”](#)
- [“Getting Started with MapReduce”](#)

# datainsert

Export MATLAB data into database table

To export MATLAB data into a database, use these functions: `datainsert`, `fastinsert`, and `insert`. For maximum performance, use `datainsert`. To use `datainsert`, ensure that your input data is a cell array or numeric matrix with a specific format. When your input data is a structure, dataset array, or table, or you are using a native ODBC database connection, use `fastinsert`. If `datainsert` or `fastinsert` do not work for you and you want to insert a small set of data, use `insert`.

For other differences among these functions, see “Inserting Data Using the Command Line”.

## Syntax

```
datainsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

## Description

`datainsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)` inserts data from the MATLAB workspace into a database table.

## Examples

### Export MATLAB Cell Array Data

Establish the connection `conn` to a MySQL database with the user name `username` and password `pwd`. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` with these columns:

- `productNumber`
- `Quantity`
- `Price`
- `inventoryDate`

```
conn = database('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

Display the last rows in `inventoryTable` before insertion of data.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...  
[14]    [2000]    [19.1000]    '2014-10-22 10:52...'  
[15]    [1200]    [20.3000]    '2014-10-22 10:52...'  
[16]    [1400]    [34.3000]    '1999-12-31 00:00...'
```

Create cell array of column names for the database table `inventoryTable`.

```
colnames = {'productNumber', 'Quantity', 'Price', 'inventoryDate'};
```

Define the cell array of input data to insert.

```
data = {50 100 15.50 datestr(now, 'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS')};
```

Insert the input data into the table `inventoryTable` using database connection `conn`.

```
tablename = 'inventoryTable';
```

```
datainsert(conn, tablename, colnames, data)
```

Display inserted data in `inventoryTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...  
[15]    [1200]    [20.3000]    '2014-10-22 10:52...'  
[16]    [1400]    [34.3000]    '1999-12-31 00:00...'  
[50]    [ 100]    [15.5000]    '2014-10-22 11:29...'
```

The last row contains the inserted data.

Close the connection.



```
close(conn)
```

### Export MATLAB Numeric Matrix Data

Establish connection `conn` to a MySQL database with user name `username` and password `pwd`. This database contains the table `salesVolume` with the column `stockNumber` and columns for each month of the year.

```
conn = database('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Display the last rows in `salesVolume` before inserting data.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from salesVolume');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
Columns 1 through 8
```

```
...
[470816]    [3100]    [9400]    [1540]    [1500]    [1350]    [1190]    [ 900]
[510099]    [ 235]    [1800]    [1040]    [ 900]    [ 750]    [ 700]    [ 400]
[899752]    [ 123]    [1700]    [ 823]    [ 701]    [ 689]    [ 621]    [ 545]
```

```
Columns 9 through 13
```

```
...
[867]    [ 923]    [1400]    [ 3000]    [35000]
[350]    [ 500]    [ 100]    [ 3000]    [18000]
[421]    [ 495]    [ 650]    [ 4200]    [11000]
```

Create a cell array of column names for the database table `salesVolume`.

```
colnames = {'stockNumber','January','February'...
            'March','April','May',...
            'June','July','August',...
            'September','October','November',...
            'December'};
```

Define the numeric matrix `data` that contains the sales volume data.

```
data = [777666,0,350,400,450,250,450,500,515,...
        235,100,300,600];
```

Insert the contents of `data` into the table `salesVolume` using database connection `conn`.

```
tablename = 'salesVolume';
```

```
datainsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

Display inserted data in salesVolume.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from salesVolume');
```

```
curs = fetch(curs);
```

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
Columns 1 through 8
```

```
...
```

```
[510099] [ 235] [1800] [1040] [ 900] [ 750] [ 700] [ 400]
[899752] [ 123] [1700] [ 823] [ 701] [ 689] [ 621] [ 545]
[777666] [  0] [ 350] [ 400] [ 450] [ 250] [ 450] [ 500]
```

```
Columns 9 through 13
```

```
...
```

```
[350] [ 500] [ 100] [ 3000] [18000]
[421] [ 495] [ 650] [ 4200] [11000]
[515] [ 235] [ 100] [ 300] [ 600]
```

The last row contains the inserted data.

Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **tablename** — Database table name

string

Database table name, specified as a string denoting the name of a table in your database.

Data Types: `char`

**colnames** — Database table column names

cell array of strings

Database table column names, specified as a cell array of one or more strings to denote the columns in the existing database table `tablename`.

Example: `{'col1', 'col2', 'col3'}`

Data Types: `cell`

**data** — Insert data

cell array | numeric matrix

Insert data, specified as a MATLAB cell array or numeric matrix. If `data` is a cell array containing MATLAB dates, times, or timestamps, use this formatting:

- Dates must be date strings of the form `yyyy-mm-dd`.
- Times must be time strings of the form `HH:MM:SS`.
- Timestamps must be strings of the form `yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS.FFF`.

Any `null` entries and any `NaNs` in the cell array must be converted to empty strings before calling `datainsert`. MATLAB date numbers and `NaNs` are supported for insert when `data` is a numeric matrix. Date numbers inserted into database date and time columns convert to `java.sql.Date`. Any converted date and time data is accurately converted back to the native database format in the target database upon insertion.

Data Types: `double` | `cell`

## More About

- “Inserting Data Using the Command Line” on page 2-197

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `fastinsert` | `insert` | `update`

# Database Explorer

Configure, explore, and import database data

## Description

Using the **Database Explorer** app, you can quickly connect to a database, explore the database data, and import data from the database to the MATLAB workspace. If you have minimal proficiency writing SQL queries or want to browse the data in your database quickly, use this app to interact with your database.

You can:

- Create and configure JDBC and ODBC data sources.
- Establish multiple connections to databases.
- Select tables and columns of interest.
- Fine-tune selection using SQL query criteria.
- Preview selected data.
- Import selected data into MATLAB workspace.
- Save generated SQL queries.
- Generate MATLAB code.

To use Database Explorer for the first time, migrate from Visual Query Builder and set Database Explorer preferences to initialize the app. For details, see “Working with Database Explorer”.

## Open the Database Explorer App

- MATLAB Toolstrip: On the **Apps** tab, under **Database Connectivity and Reporting**, click the app icon.
- MATLAB command prompt: Enter `dexplore`.

## Examples

### Display Data from a Single Database Table

Set up the data source for the `tutorial.mdb` database and connect to this database. For details, see “Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows”.

Display data in the **Data Preview** pane by opening the database table of interest in the **Database Browser** pane on the Database Explorer Toolstrip. When you select a database table in the **Database Browser** pane, the table is highlighted and a corresponding entry displays in the **SQL Criteria** panel. Enter query conditions for the selected table in the **SQL Criteria** panel.

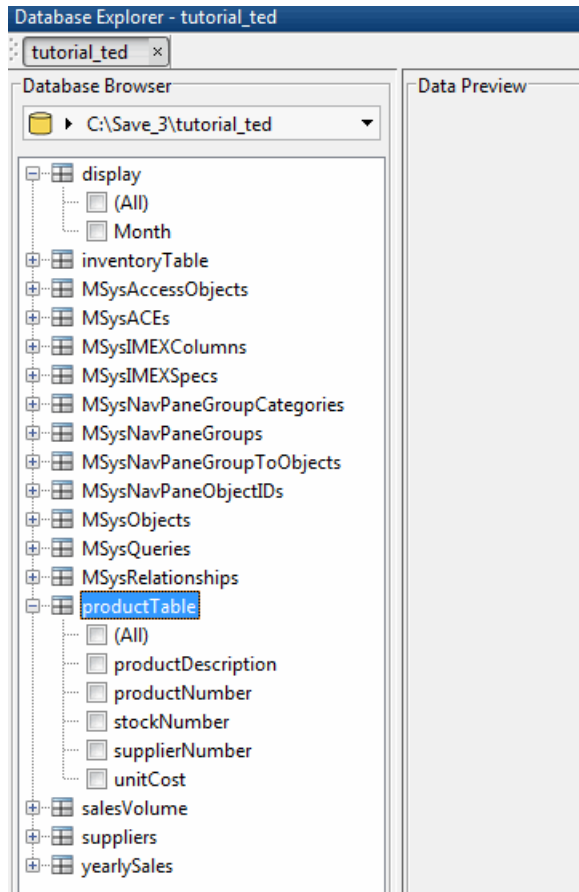
For any given table, you can select the table information in these ways:

- Click to highlight the database table name. Clicking the database table name does not display data in the **Data Preview** pane but does update the **SQL Criteria** panel.
- Select **(All)** to choose all table columns and display them in the **Data Preview** pane.
- Select specific check boxes to choose individual table columns and display them in the **Data Preview** pane.

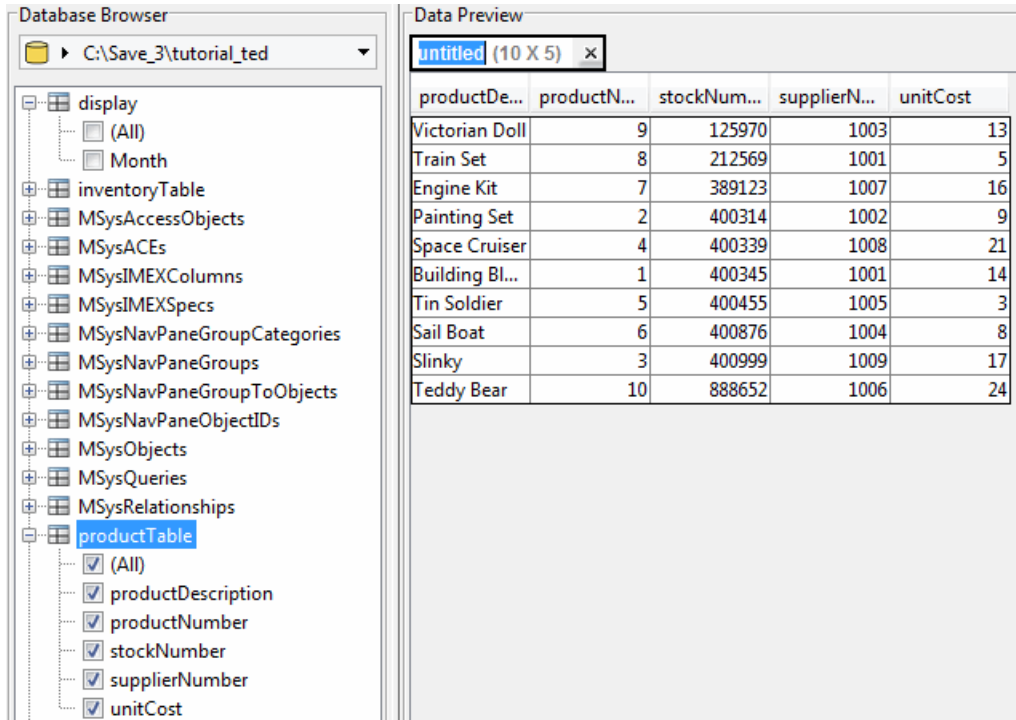
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**Note:** The order of the columns in the **Data Preview** pane matches the order in which you select them in the **Database Browser** pane.

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Select **(All)** to choose all database columns or select check boxes for specific table columns.



The screenshot shows the Database Explorer interface. On the left is the Database Browser pane, displaying a tree view of the database structure. The 'productTable' is selected, and its columns are listed with checkboxes: (All), productDescription, productNumber, stockNumber, supplierNumber, and unitCost. On the right is the Data Preview pane, showing a table with 10 rows and 5 columns: productDescription, productNumber, stockNumber, supplierNumber, and unitCost. The table contains data for various products.

productDe...	productN...	stockNum...	supplierN...	unitCost
Victorian Doll	9	125970	1003	13
Train Set	8	212569	1001	5
Engine Kit	7	389123	1007	16
Painting Set	2	400314	1002	9
Space Cruiser	4	400339	1008	21
Building Bl...	1	400345	1001	14
Tin Soldier	5	400455	1005	3
Sail Boat	6	400876	1004	8
Slinky	3	400999	1009	17
Teddy Bear	10	888652	1006	24

To change your display, select or clear check boxes in the **Database Browser** pane. The data updates in the **Data Preview** pane.

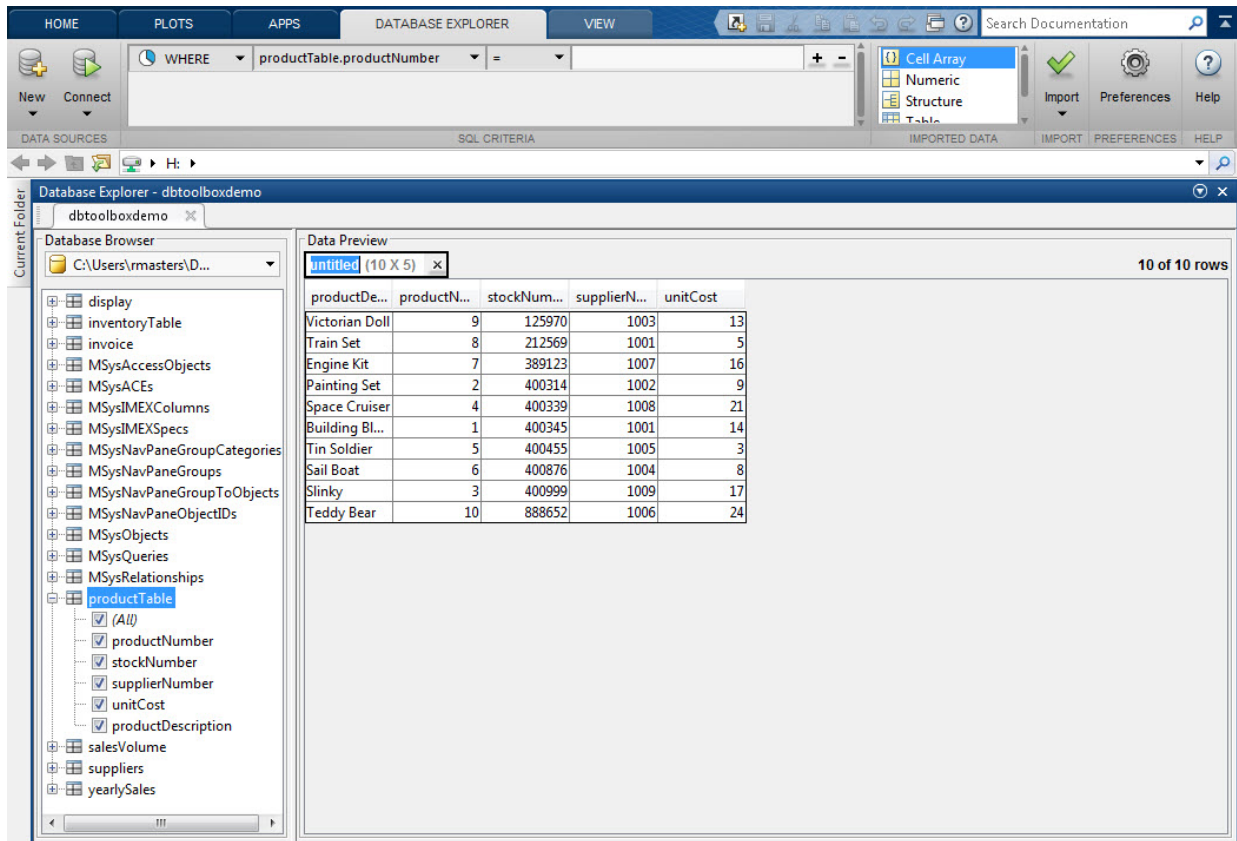
The **Data Preview** pane displays a limited number of rows. The total number of rows selected in the database appears at the right of the display. You can change the display size by clicking **Preferences** and adjusting the **Data Preview size**.

Close the database connection. For details, see “Configuring a Driver and Data Source”.

### Join Data from Multiple Database Tables

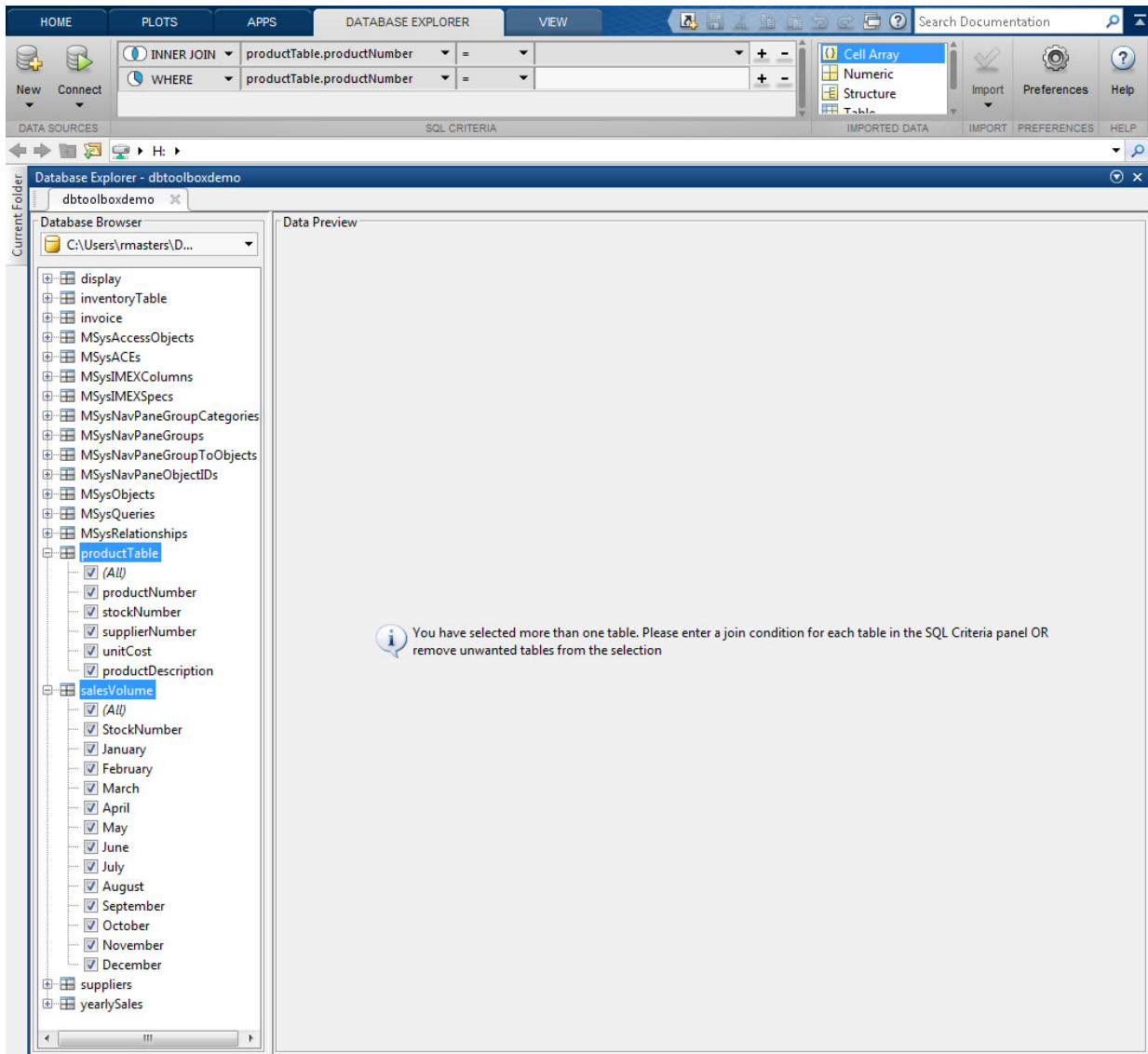
Set up the data source for the `tutorial.mdb` database and connect to this database. For details, see “Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows”.

Display data in the **Data Preview** pane by opening the desired database table in the **Database Browser** pane. The **SQL Criteria** panel updates in the Database Explorer Toolstrip.



When you select additional tables in the **Database Browser** pane, the **SQL Criteria** panel updates.





Display the contents for the selected tables using the **SQL Criteria** panel to define a join of the selected tables. Click the drop-down lists to specify the table column for joining the selected tables. The join results appear in the **Data Preview** pane.

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The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel Database Explorer interface. The main window displays a query: `INNER JOIN productTable.stockNumber = salesVolume.StockNumber`. The left pane shows the database structure, including tables like `productTable` and `salesVolume`. The right pane, titled "Data Preview", shows the results of the query, which is a table with 10 rows and 11 columns.

productDe...	productN...	StockNum...	supplierN...	unitCost	StockNum...	January	February	March	April	May
Victorian Doll	9	125970	1003	13	125970	1400	1100		981	882
Train Set	8	212569	1001	5	212569	2400	1721		1414	1191
Engine Kit	7	389123	1007	16	389123	1800	1200		890	670
Painting Set	2	400314	1002	9	400314	3000	2400		1800	1500
Space Cruiser	4	400339	1008	21	400339	4300	NaN		2600	1800
Building Bl...	1	400345	1001	14	400345	5000	3500		2800	2300
Tin Soldier	5	400455	1005	3	400455	1200	900		800	500
Sail Boat	6	400876	1004	8	400876	3000	2400		1500	1500
Slinky	3	400999	1009	17	400999	3000	1500		1000	900
Teddy Bear	10	888652	1006	24	888652	NaN	900		821	701

Close the database connection. For details, see “Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows”

### Query Data Using a Left Outer Join

Set up the data source for the `tutorial.mdb` database and connect to this database. For details, see “Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows”

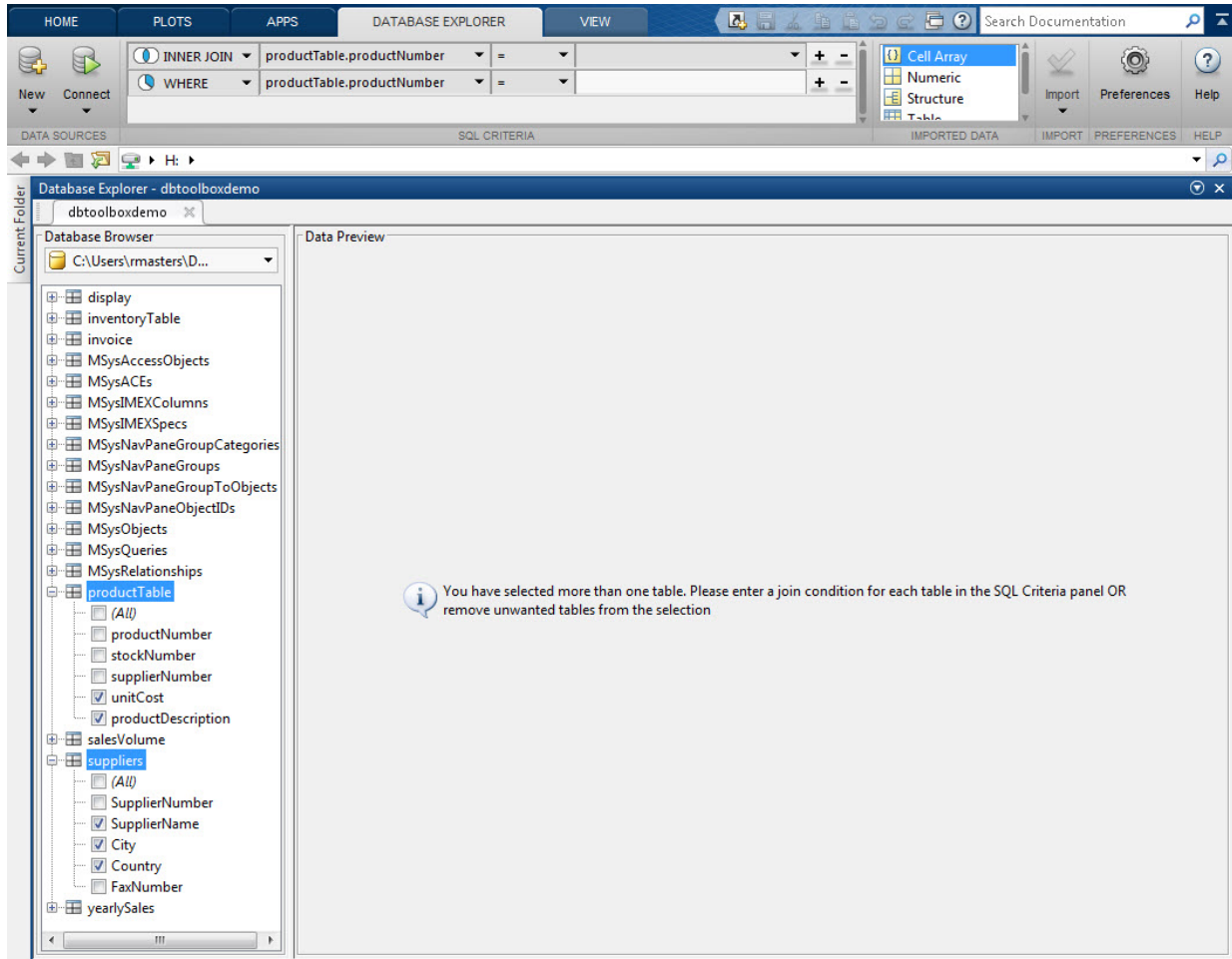
Expand the table `suppliers` and select the fields `SupplierName`, `City`, and `Country`.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Access Database Explorer interface. The 'Database Browser' pane on the left displays the 'suppliers' table selected, with its fields 'City', 'Country', 'SupplierName', and 'SupplierNumber' visible. The 'Data Preview' pane on the right shows a preview of the data from the 'suppliers' table, with columns 'SupplierN...', 'City', and 'Country'.

SupplierN...	City	Country
Wonder Pro...	New York	United States
Terrific Toys	London	United King...
Wacky Wid...	Adelaide	Australia
Incredible ...	Dublin	Ireland
Custers Tin ...	Boston	United States
ACME Toy ...	New York	United States
Garvin's Ele...	Wellesley	United States
The Great T...	Nashua	United States
Doll's Galore	London	United King...
The Great T...	Belfast	Northern Ir...

Expand the table `producttable` and select the fields `productDescription` and `unitCost`. The **Data Preview** pane displays a message prompting you to enter a join

condition. There are two empty conditions in the **SQL Criteria** panel on the Database Explorer Toolstrip.



From the **SQL Criteria** panel, in the first condition at the top, change the first combo box for condition type to **LEFT JOIN**. Change the second combo box to **suppliers.SupplierNumber**. Change the last combo box to **producttable.SupplierNumber**. A left join, with the **suppliers** table on the left, implies that all the rows in the **suppliers** table are included in the final result. The

rows in `suppliers` that do not have a match with any row in `productTable` are padded with null values in the final result.

In the **Data Preview**, there are 11 rows that match the query conditions. There is a null in `productDescription` and a NaN in `unitCost` because the supplier `The Great Teddy Bear Company` supplies no products. If the condition type is set to `INNER JOIN` instead of `LEFT JOIN`, this row does not appear in the final result.

The screenshot shows the Database Explorer interface. The SQL Criteria pane at the top displays the query: `LEFT JOIN suppliers.SupplierNumber = productTable.supplierNumber`. The Data Preview pane shows 11 rows of data. The table has columns: `SupplierName`, `City`, `Country`, `productDescription`, and `unitCost`. The last row, for `The Great Teddy Bear Company`, has null values for `productDescription` and `unitCost`.

SupplierName	City	Country	productDescription	unitCost
Wonder Products	New York	United States	Building Blocks	14.0
Wonder Products	New York	United States	Train Set	5.0
Terrific Toys	London	United Kingdom	Painting Set	9.0
Wacky Widgets	Adelaide	Australia	Victorian Doll	13.0
Incredible Machines	Dublin	Ireland	Sail Boat	8.0
Custers Tin Soldiers	Boston	United States	Tin Soldier	3.0
ACME Toy Company	New York	United States	Teddy Bear	24.0
Garvin's Electrical Gizmos	Wellesley	United States	Engine Kit	16.0
The Great Train Company	Nashua	United States	Space Cruiser	21.0
Doll's Galore	London	United Kingdom	Slinky	17.0
The Great Teddy Bear Company	Belfast	Northern Ireland	null	NaN

From the **SQL Criteria** pane, click **+** at the end of the `LEFT JOIN` condition to add a query condition. Change the first combo box to **WHERE**, the second to

suppliers.Country, and the third to NOT LIKE. In the last text box, enter United States and then enter the new condition using the **Enter** or **Tab** keys. The query results appear in the **Data Preview** pane.

The screenshot shows the MATLAB Database Explorer interface. The SQL Criteria pane at the top displays the following query:

```

LEFT JOIN suppliers.SupplierNumber = productTable.supplierNumber
WHERE suppliers.Country NOT LIKE 'United States'

```

The Data Preview pane shows the results of the query, which are 5 rows of data:

SupplierName	City	Country	productDescription	unitCost
Terrific Toys	London	United Kingdom	Painting Set	9.0
Wacky Widgets	Adelaide	Australia	Victorian Doll	13.0
Incredible Machines	Dublin	Ireland	Sail Boat	8.0
Doll's Galore	London	United Kingdom	Slinky	17.0
The Great Teddy Bear Company	Belfast	Northern Ireland	null	NaN

Enter the variable name as **data** in the text box **untitled** located above the table preview. Select **Import > Import** to import the data displayed in the **Data Preview** pane into MATLAB as a variable named **data**. For details about using the MATLAB Variables editor, see “View, Edit, and Copy Variables”.

The screenshot shows the Database Explorer interface. The top menu bar includes HOME, PLOTS, APPS, DATABASE EXPLORER, and VIEW. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for New, Connect, and other functions. The main workspace is divided into several panels:

- Database Browser:** Shows a tree view of the database structure. The 'suppliers' table is selected, and its fields (SupplierNumber, SupplierName, City, Country, FaxNumber, yearlySales) are visible.
- SQL Criteria:** Shows a query: `suppliers.SupplierNumber = productTable.supplierNumber` and `suppliers.Country NOT LIKE 'United States'`.
- Data Preview:** Shows a table with 5 rows and 5 columns. The columns are SupplierName, City, Country, productDescription, and unitCost. The data is as follows:
 

SupplierName	City	Country	productDescription	unitCost
Terrific Toys	London	United Kingdom	Painting Set	9.0
Wacky Widgets	Adelaide	Australia	Victorian Doll	13.0
Incredible Machines	Dublin	Ireland	Sail Boat	8.0
Doll's Galore	London	United Kingdom	Slinky	17.0
The Great Teddy Bear Company	Belfast	Northern Ireland	null	NaN

A tooltip in the top right corner states: "The following variable was imported: data (5x5)".

Close the database connection. For details, see “Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows”

### Import Data to the MATLAB Workspace

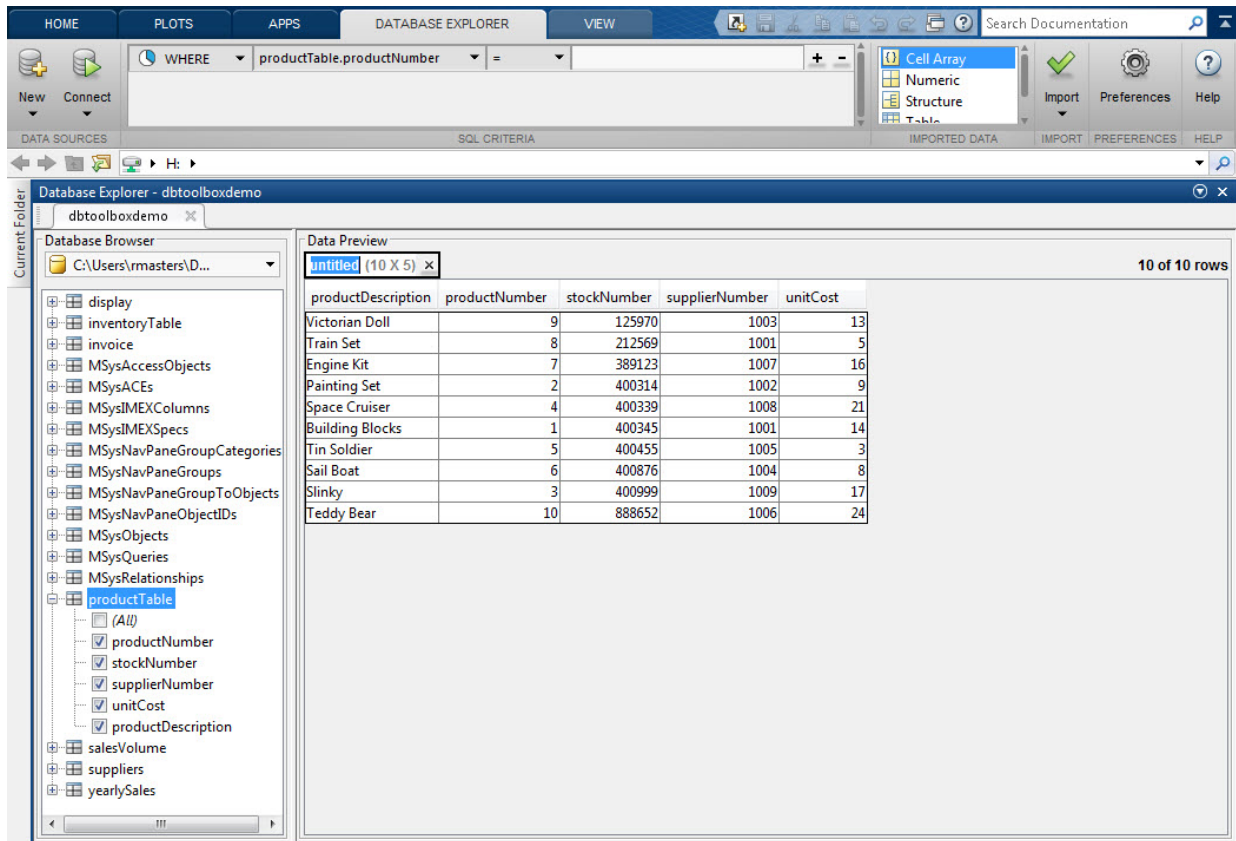
Set up the data source for the `tutorial.mdb` database and connect to this database. For details, see “Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows”.

Select data using the **Database Browser** pane from a single table. Or, create a query using the **SQL Criteria** panel. Display the results in the **Data Preview** pane.

Name the MATLAB variable by entering it in the **untitled** text box in the **Data Preview** pane.

Define the data type for a MATLAB variable in the **Imported Data** panel to store the data displayed in the **Data Preview** pane. Supported data types are:

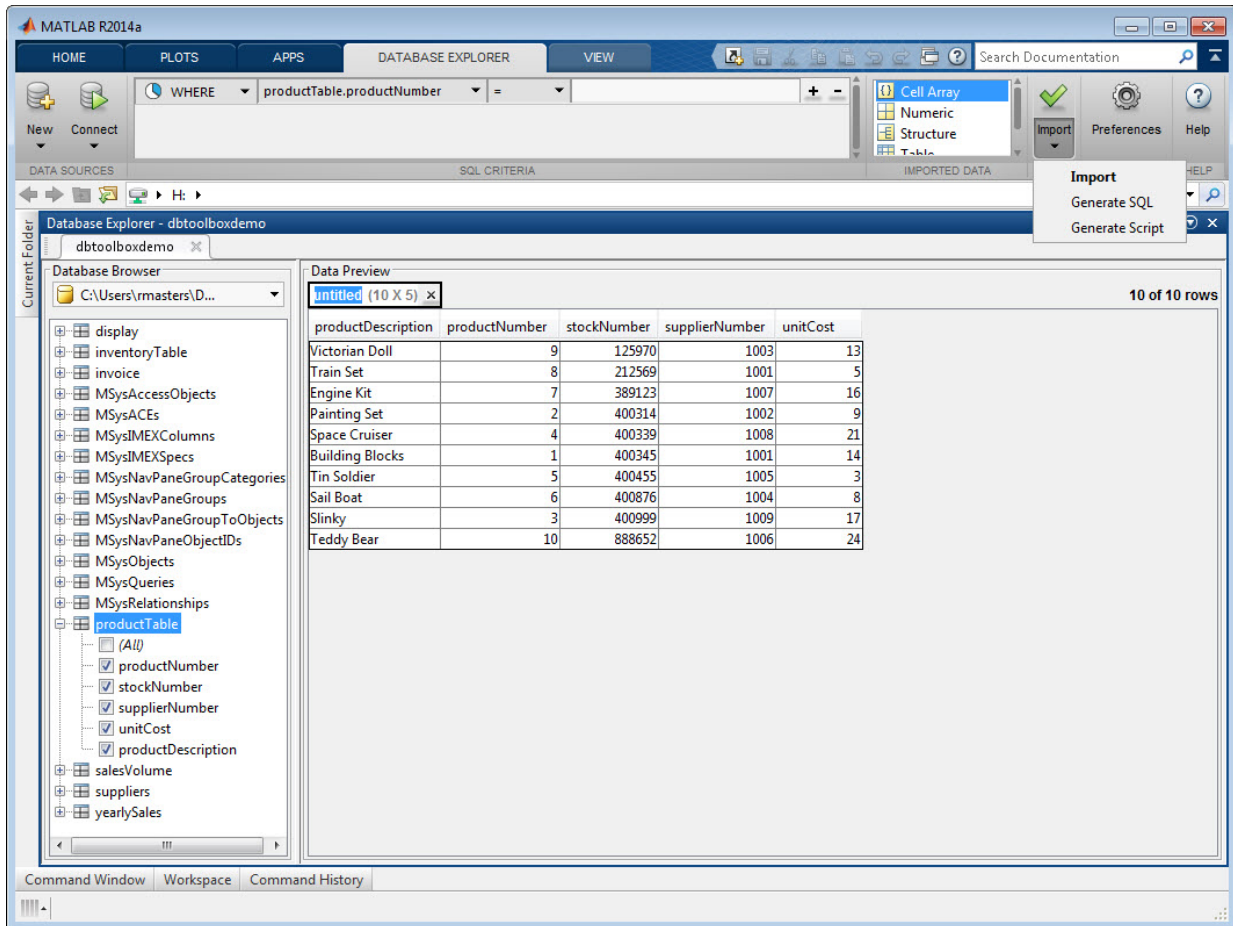
- **Cell Array**
- **Numeric**
- **Structure**
- **Table**
- **Dataset** (requires Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox)



Select **Import > Import** to import the data displayed in the **Data Preview** pane.



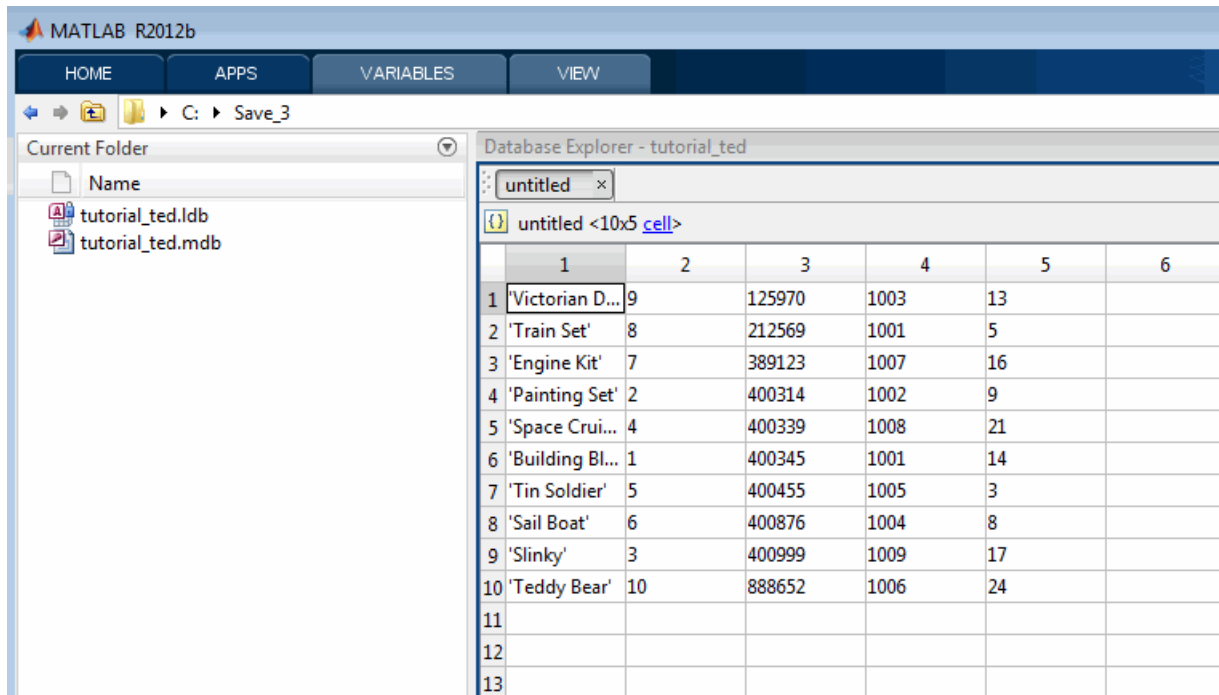
**Note:** When importing large amounts of data, Database Explorer imports data in batches. The batch size is set to 1,000 rows by default. To change the batch size, click **Preferences** and adjust **Import batch size**.



The screenshot shows the MATLAB R2014a Database Explorer interface. The 'Data Preview' window displays a table with the following data:

productDescription	productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost
Victorian Doll	9	125970	1003	13
Train Set	8	212569	1001	5
Engine Kit	7	389123	1007	16
Painting Set	2	400314	1002	9
Space Cruiser	4	400339	1008	21
Building Blocks	1	400345	1001	14
Tin Soldier	5	400455	1005	3
Sail Boat	6	400876	1004	8
Slinky	3	400999	1009	17
Teddy Bear	10	888652	1006	24

Optionally, display the imported data in the MATLAB workspace using the Variables editor. For details about using the Variables editor, see “View, Edit, and Copy Variables”.



Optionally, manipulate the data using MATLAB functions.

Close the database connection. For details, see “Microsoft Access ODBC for Windows”.

- “Configuring a Driver and Data Source”

## More About

- “Configure Environment”
- “Open and Close Database Connection”
- “View Information About Database”
- “Run SQL Query”
- “View Information About Imported Data”

## See Also

### Functions

close | database | exec | fetch

## dmd

Construct database metadata object

### Syntax

```
dbmeta = dmd(conn)
```

### Description

`dbmeta = dmd(conn)` constructs a database metadata object for the database connection `conn`. Use `get` and `supports` to obtain properties of `dbmeta`. Use `dmd` and `get(dbmeta)` to obtain information you need about a database, such as table names required to retrieve data.

For a list of functions that operate on database metadata objects, enter:

```
help dmd/Contents
```

### Examples

Create a database metadata object `dbmeta` for the database connection `conn` and list its properties:

```
dbmeta = dmd(conn);  
v = get(dbmeta)
```

### See Also

`columns` | `database` | `get` | `supports` | `tables`

# driver

Construct database driver object

## Syntax

```
d = driver('s')
```

## Description

`d = driver('s')` constructs a database driver object `d` from `s`, where `s` is a database URL string of the form `jdbc:odbc:name` or `name`. The driver object `d` is the first driver that recognizes `s`.

## Examples

```
d = driver('jdbc:odbc:thin:@144.212.123.24:1822:')
```

 creates driver object `d`.

## See Also

`get` | `isdriver` | `isurl` | `isjdbc` | `register`

# drivermanager

Construct database drivermanager object

## Syntax

```
dm = drivermanager
```

## Description

`dm = drivermanager` constructs a database drivermanager object which comprises the properties for all loaded database drivers. Use `get` and `set` to obtain and change the properties of `dm`.

## Examples

Create a database drivermanager object and return its properties.

```
dm = drivermanager  
get(dm)
```

## See Also

`get` | `register` | `set`

## exec

Execute SQL statement and open cursor

## Syntax

```
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery)
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery,qTimeOut)
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery,Name,Value)
```

## Description

`curs = exec(conn,sqlquery)` executes the SQL statement `sqlquery` for the database connection `conn` and returns the cursor object `curs`.

`curs = exec(conn,sqlquery,qTimeOut)` executes the SQL statement with a timeout value `qTimeOut`.

`curs = exec(conn,sqlquery,Name,Value)` executes the SQL statement and creates a scrollable cursor.

## Examples

### Select Data from a Database Table Using the Native ODBC Interface

Create a connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface and the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Select data from `productTable` that you access using the `database.ODBCConnection` object, `conn`. Assign the SQL statement to the variable `sqlquery`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable `curs`.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable';
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery)
```

```
curs =
```

```
ODBCCursor with properties:
```

```
Data: 0
RowLimit: 0
SQLQuery: 'select * from productTable'
Message: []
Type: 'ODBCCursor Object'
Statement: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCStatementHandle]
```

With the native ODBC interface, `exec` returns `curs` a `database.ODBCCursor` object instead of a `Database Cursor Object`.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Select Data from a Database Table

Using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, select data from the `suppliers` table that you access using the database connection, `conn`. Assign the SQL statement to the variable `sqlquery`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable `curs`.

```
sqlquery = 'select City from suppliers';
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery)
```

```
curs =
```

```
Attributes: []
Data: 0
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
RowLimit: 0
SQLQuery: 'select City from suppliers'
Message: []
Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]
Fetch: 0
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Select Data from a Database Table Using a Scrollable Cursor

Using a MySQL database, select data from a table that you access using the native ODBC database connection `conn` and create a scrollable cursor.



Connect to the MySQL database. This code assumes you are connecting to a data source named MySQL with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

Select all rows from the `productTable` table and create a scrollable cursor. Assign the SQL statement to the variable `sqlquery`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable  `curs`.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable';
curs = exec(conn, sqlquery, 'cursorType', 'scrollable')
```

```
curs =
```

```
ODBCCursor with properties:
```

```
    Data: 0
  RowLimit: 0
  SQLQuery: 'select * from productTable'
  Message: []
    Type: 'ODBCCursor Object'
  Statement: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCStatementHandle]
```

To verify that `exec` creates a scrollable cursor, display the hidden `Scrollable` property.

```
curs.Scrollable
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1
```

The `Scrollable` property equals 1 when the cursor is scrollable.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Select Data from a Database Table with a Timeout Value

Using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, select data from `productTable` that you access using the database connection `conn` with a timeout of 10 seconds. The timeout value specifies the maximum amount of time `exec` tries to execute the SQL statement. Assign the SQL statement to the variable `sqlquery`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable  `curs`.

```
sqlquery = 'select * from productTable';
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery,10)

curs =

    Attributes: []
      Data: 0
 DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
   RowLimit: 0
   SQLQuery: 'select * from productTable'
   Message: []
      Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
 ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
      Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
   Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]
      Fetch: 0
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Use a Variable in a Query

Using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, select data from the `productTable` table that you access using the database connection `conn`, where `productdesc` is a variable. In this example, you are prompted to specify the product description. Your input is assigned to the variable `productdesc`.

```
productdesc = input('Enter your product description: ', 's')
```

The following prompt appears.

```
Enter your product description:
```

Type the following into the Command Window.

```
Train Set
```

To perform the query using your input, run the following code.

```
sqlquery = ['select * from productTable'...
'where productDescription = ' '' productdesc '''];
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
curs = fetch(curs);
```

```

curs.Data
ans =
    [8]    [212569]    [1001]    [5]    'Train Set'

```

The select statement is created by using square brackets to concatenate the two strings `select * from productTable where productDescription = and 'productdesc'`. The pairs of four quotation marks are needed to create the pair of single quotation marks that appears in the SQL statement around `productdesc`. The outer two marks delineate the next string to concatenate, and two marks are required inside them to denote a quotation mark inside a string.

Perform the query without a variable.

```

sqlquery = ['select * from productTable'...
'where productDescription = ' ''Engine Kit'''];
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
ans =
    [7]    [389123]    [1007]    [16]    'Engine Kit'

```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Roll Back and Commit Data in a Database

Use `exec` to roll back and commit data after running `fastinsert`, `insert`, or `update` for which the `AutoCommit` flag is off.

Roll back data for the database connection `conn`.

```
sqlquery = 'rollback';
exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

When you do not specify an output argument, MATLAB returns the results of calling `exec` into cursor object `ans`. Assign `ans` to variable `curs` so that MATLAB does not overwrite the cursor object. After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
curs = ans;
close(curs)
```

Commit the data.

```
sqlquery = 'commit';  
exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
curs = ans;  
close(curs)
```

### **Change the Database Connection Catalog**

Change the catalog for the database connection `conn` to `intlprice`.

```
sqlquery = 'Use intlprice';  
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### **Create a Table and Add a New Column**

Use the SQL `CREATE` command to create the table.

```
sqlquery = ['CREATE TABLE Person(LastName varchar, '...  
          'FirstName varchar,Address varchar,Age int)'];
```

Create the table for the database connection object `conn`.

```
exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

Use the SQL `ALTER` command to add a new column, `City`, to the table.

```
sqlquery = 'ALTER TABLE Person ADD City varchar(30)';  
curs = exec(conn,sqlquery);
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### **Call a Stored Procedure Without Input and Output Arguments**

Using a Microsoft SQL Server database, run a stored procedure using the native ODBC database connection `conn`.

Define a stored procedure named `create_table` that creates a table named `test_table` by executing this code. This procedure has no input or output arguments. This code assumes you are using a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE create_table
AS
BEGIN
  -- SET NOCOUNT ON added to prevent extra result sets from
  -- interfering with SELECT statements.
  SET NOCOUNT ON;

  create table test_table
  (
    CATEGORY_ID      INTEGER      IDENTITY PRIMARY KEY,
    CATEGORY_DESC    CHAR(50)     NOT NULL
  );

END
GO
```

Connect to the Microsoft SQL Server database. This code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `MS SQL Server` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MS SQL Server','username','pwd');
```

Call the stored procedure `create_table`. Assign the returned cursor object to the variable `curs`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'create_table')
```

```
curs =
```

```
ODBCursor with properties:
```

```
    Data: 0
  RowLimit: 0
  SQLQuery: 'create_table'
  Message: []
    Type: 'ODBCursor Object'
  Statement: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCStatementHandle]
```

The empty `Message` property means the stored procedure completed successfully.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

`close(curs)`

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## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **sqlquery** — SQL statement

SQL string

SQL statement, specified as an SQL string to execute.

Data Types: `char`

### **qTimeout** — Timeout value

scalar

Timeout value, specified as a scalar denoting the maximum amount of time in seconds `exec` tries to execute the SQL statement, `sqlquery`.

Data Types: `double`

## Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of `Name`, `Value` arguments. `Name` is the argument name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`' '`). You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as `Name1, Value1, . . . , NameN, ValueN`.

Example: `'cursorType', 'scrollable'`

### **'cursorType'** — Cursor type

`'scrollable'`

Cursor type, specified as an enumerated string `'scrollable'` that creates a scrollable cursor. For details, see “Importing Data Using a Scrollable Cursor”.

Data Types: `char`

## Output Arguments

### **curs** — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, returned as a database cursor object. The properties of this object are different based on the database connection object.

For a JDBC/ODBC bridge or a JDBC driver database connection, the cursor object has the following properties.

Property	Description
Attributes	Not used.
Data	Contains the resulting data after executing <code>fetch</code> .
DatabaseObject	Database connection object or <code>database.ODBCConnection</code> object that opened the cursor object.
RowLimit	Number of rows to fetch at a time.
SQLQuery	SQL statement to execute.
Message	Contains the error messages generated from executing the SQL statement. If this property is empty, then the SQL statement executed successfully.
Type	Database cursor object or <code>database.ODBCCursor</code> object type.
ResultSet	Java result set object.
Cursor	Internal Java representation of a cursor object.
Statement	Java statement object.
Fetch	Internal Java representation of the fetched data.
Scrollable	Contains a logical value to identify the cursor object as scrollable or basic. This property is set to 1 for a scrollable cursor and 0 otherwise. This property is hidden and read only.
Position	Contains a number that specifies the current position of the cursor in the data set. This property is only available for a scrollable cursor. This property behaves differently for native ODBC, JDBC, and different database drivers. This property is read only.

For a native ODBC connection, the cursor object has only these properties from the previous list: `Data`, `RowLimit`, `SQLQuery`, `Message`, `Type`, `Statement`, `Scrollable`, and `Position`.

### More About

- “Selecting Data Using the `exec` Function” on page 6-40
- “Importing Data Using a Scrollable Cursor”
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”
- “Data Retrieval Restrictions” on page 1-8

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `fastinsert` | `fetch` | `procedures` | `querybuilder` | `querytimeout` | `resultset` | `rsmd` | `set` | `update`



# exportedkeys

Retrieve information about exported foreign keys

## Syntax

```
e = exportedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')
e = exportedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
```

## Description

`e = exportedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns foreign exported key information (that is, information about primary keys that are referenced by other tables) for the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`e = exportedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns exported foreign key information for the table `tab`, in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

## Examples

Get foreign exported key information for the schema `SCOTT` for the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
e = exportedkeys(dbmeta, 'orcl', 'SCOTT')
e =
  Columns 1 through 7
  'orcl'   'SCOTT'   'DEPT'   'DEPTNO'   'orcl'...
  'SCOTT'   'EMP'
  Columns 8 through 13
  'DEPTNO'   '1'   'null'   '1'   'FK_DEPTNO'...
  'PK_DEPT'
```

The results show the foreign exported key information.

Column	Description	Value
1	Catalog containing primary key that is exported	null

Column	Description	Value
2	Schema containing primary key that is exported	SCOTT
3	Table containing primary key that is exported	DEPT
4	Column name of primary key that is exported	DEPTNO
5	Catalog that has foreign key	null
6	Schema that has foreign key	SCOTT
7	Table that has foreign key	EMP
8	Foreign key column name, that is the column name that references the primary key in another table	DEPTNO
9	Sequence number within the foreign key	1
10	Update rule, that is, what happens to the foreign key when the primary key updates	null
11	Delete rule, that is, what happens to the foreign key when the primary key is deleted	1
12	Foreign key name	FK_DEPTNO
13	Primary key name that is referenced by foreign key	PK_DEPT

In the schema **SCOTT**, only one primary key is exported to (referenced by) another table. **DEPTNO**, the primary key of the table **DEPT**, is referenced by the field **DEPTNO** in the table **EMP**. The referenced table is **DEPT** and the referencing table is **EMP**. In the **DEPT** table, **DEPTNO** is an exported key. Reciprocally, the **DEPTNO** field in the table **EMP** is an imported key.

For a description of codes for update and delete rules, see the `getExportedKeys` property on the Oracle Java Web site:

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/DatabaseMetaData.html>.

## See Also

crossreference | dmd | get | importedkeys | primarykeys

# fastinsert

Add MATLAB data to database table

To export MATLAB data into a database, use these functions: `fastinsert`, `datainsert`, and `insert`. For maximum performance, use `datainsert`. To use `datainsert`, ensure that your input data is a cell array or numeric matrix with a specific format. When your input data is a structure, dataset array, or table, or you are using a native ODBC database connection, use `fastinsert`. If `datainsert` or `fastinsert` do not work for you and you want to insert a small set of data, use `insert`.

For other differences among these functions, see “Inserting Data Using the Command Line”.

## Syntax

```
fastinsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

## Description

`fastinsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)` exports records from the MATLAB variable `data` into new rows in an existing database table `tablename` and in existing columns `colnames` using the connection `conn`. You do not specify the type of data you are exporting; the data is exported in its current MATLAB format.

## Examples

### Insert a Table Record Using Native ODBC

Create a connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface and the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `productTable` with these columns:

- `productNumber`
- `stockNumber`

- `supplierNumber`
- `unitCost`
- `productDescription`

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin')
```

```
conn =
```

```
ODBCConnection with properties:
```

```
Instance: 'dbtoolboxdemo'
UserName: 'admin'
Message: []
Handle: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCConnectHandle]
TimeOut: 0
AutoCommit: 0
Type: 'ODBCConnection Object'
```

`conn` has an empty `Message` property, which means a successful connection.

Select and display the data from the `productTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');
```

```
curs = fetch(curs);
```

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
6	400876	1004	8	'Sail Boat'
3	400999	1009	17	'Slinky'
10	888652	1006	24	'Teddy Bear'

Store the column names of `productTable` in a cell array.

```
tablename = 'productTable';
```

```
colnames = {'productNumber','stockNumber','supplierNumber',...
            'unitCost','productDescription'};
```

Store the data for the insert in the cell array `data` that contains these values:

- `productNumber` equal to 11
- `stockNumber` equal to 500565
- `supplierNumber` equal to 1010

- unitCost equal to \$20
- productDescription equal to 'Cooking Set'

Then, convert the cell array to the table `data_table`.

```
data = {11,500565,1010,20,'Cooking Set'};
data_table = cell2table(data,'VariableNames',colnames)
```

```
data_table =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
11	500565	1010	20	'Cooking Set'

Insert the table data into the `productTable`.

```
fastinsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data_table)
```

Display the data from the `productTable` again.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

productNumber	stockNumber	supplierNumber	unitCost	productDescription
...				
3	400999	1009	17	'Slinky'
10	888652	1006	24	'Teddy Bear'
11	500565	1010	20	'Cooking Set'

A new row appears in the `productTable` with the data from `data_table`.

Close the cursor and database connection.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### Insert a Record

Connect to the data source `dbtoolboxdemo`. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` with these columns:

- productNumber
- Quantity

- Price
- inventoryDate

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', 'admin', 'admin');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Display the data in the `inventoryTable` table before insertion.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...  
[11] [ 567] [ 0] '2012-09-11 00:30...'  
[12] [1278] [ 0] '2010-10-29 18:17...'  
[13] [1700] [14.5000] '2009-05-24 10:58...'
```

Assign the data for insertion to the cell array `data`. The data is:

- `productNumber` is 7777
- `Quantity` is 100
- `Price` is 50.00
- `inventoryDate` is the date of the current moment

```
data = {7777,100,50.00,datestr(now, 'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS')};
```

Create a cell array containing these column names: `productNumber`, `Quantity`, `Price`, `inventoryDate`.

```
tablename = 'inventoryTable';  
colnames = {'productNumber', 'Quantity', 'Price', 'inventoryDate'};
```

Insert the data into the `inventoryTable`.

```
fastinsert(conn, tablename, colnames, data)
```

Display the data in the `inventoryTable` table after insertion.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');
```

```

curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data

ans =

    ...
    [ 12] [ 1278] [ 0] '2010-10-29 18:17...'
    [ 13] [ 1700] [14.5000] '2009-05-24 10:58...'
    [7777] [ 100] [ 50] '2014-10-23 10:01...'

```

The last row contains the inserted data.

Close the cursor and database connection.

```

close(curs)
close(conn)

```

### Insert Multiple Records

Connect to the data source `dbtoolboxdemo`. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` with these columns:

- `productNumber`
- `Quantity`
- `Price`
- `inventoryDate`

```

conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');

```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Display the data in the `inventoryTable` table before insertion.

```

curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data

ans =

    ...
    [11] [ 567] [ 0] '2012-09-11 00:30...'
    [12] [ 1278] [ 0] '2010-10-29 18:17...'

```

```
[13] [ 1700] [14.5000] '2009-05-24 10:58...'
```

Assign multiple rows of data to the cell array `data`. Each row contains data for `productNumber`, `Quantity`, and `Price`. The first row data for insertion is `productNumber` equals 7778, `Quantity` equals 125, and `Price` equals 23.00.

```
data = {7778,125,23.00,datestr(now,'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS');...
        7779,1160,14.7,datestr(now,'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS');...
        7780,150,54.5,datestr(now,'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS')};
```

Create a cell array containing these column names:

- `productNumber`
- `Quantity`
- `Price`
- `inventoryDate`

```
tablename = 'inventoryTable';
colnames = {'productNumber','Quantity','Price','inventoryDate'};
```

Insert the data into the `inventoryTable`.

```
fastinsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

For details about inserting data in bulk, see these sample files for different database vendors that demonstrate bulk insert:

- `matlabroot/toolbox/database/dbdemos/mssqlserverbulkinsert.m`
- `matlabroot/toolbox/database/dbdemos/mysqlbulkinsert.m`
- `matlabroot/toolbox/database/dbdemos/oraclebulkinsert.m`

Display the data in the `inventoryTable` table after insertion.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...
[ 13] [ 1700] [14.5000] '2009-05-24 10:58... '
[7778] [ 125] [ 23] '2014-10-23 10:21... '
```



```
[7779] [ 1160] [14.7000] '2014-10-23 10:21...'
[7780] [ 150] [54.5000] '2014-10-23 10:21...'
```

The last three rows contain the inserted data.

Close the cursor and database connection.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### Import Records, Perform Calculations, and Export Data

Connect to the data source `dbtoolboxdemo`. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the tables `salesVolume` and `yearlySales`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', 'admin', 'admin');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Use `setdbprefs` to set the format for retrieved data to `numeric`.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat', 'numeric')
```

Import 10 rows of data from the `March` column in the `salesVolume` table.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select March from salesVolume');
curs = fetch(curs);
```

Assign the data to the MATLAB workspace variable `AA`.

```
AA = curs.Data
```

```
AA =
```

```
981
1414
890
1800
2600
2800
800
1500
1000
```

821

Calculate the sum of the **March** sales and assign the result to the variable `sumA`.

```
sumA = sum(AA(:))
```

```
sumA =
```

```
    14606
```

Assign the month and sum of sales to a cell array to export to a database. Put the month in the first cell of `data`.

```
data(1,1) = {'March'}
```

```
data =
```

```
    'March'
```

Put the sum in the second cell of `data`.

```
data(1,2) = {sumA}
```

```
data =
```

```
    'March'    [14606]
```

Define the names of the columns to which to export data. In this example, the column names are `Month` and `salesTotal`, from the `yearlySales` table in the `dbtoolboxdemo` database. Assign the cell array containing the column names to the variable `colnames`.

```
tablename = 'yearlySales';
```

```
colnames = {'Month', 'salesTotal'};
```

Access the status of the `AutoCommit` database flag. This status determines whether the exported data is automatically committed to the database. If the flag is `off`, you can undo an update; if it is `on`, data is automatically committed to the database.

```
conn.AutoCommit
```

```
ans =
```

```
    on
```

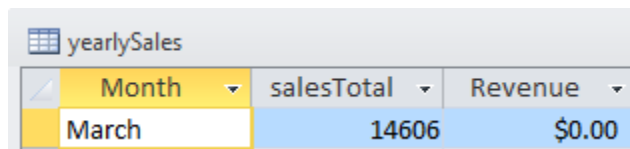
The `AutoCommit` flag is set to `on`, so the exported data is automatically committed to the database.

Use `fastinsert` to export the data into the `yearlySales` table.

```
fastinsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

`fastinsert` appends the data as a new record at the end of the `yearlySales` table.

In Microsoft Access, view the `yearlySales` table to verify the results.



Month	salesTotal	Revenue
March	14606	\$0.00

Close the cursor and database connection.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### Insert Numeric Data

Connect to the data source `dbtoolboxdemo`. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `salesVolume`. This table contains the column `stockNumber` and columns for the months of the year.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Define the numeric matrix `data` that contains the sales volume data.

```
data = [777666,0,350,400,450,250,450,500,515,...
        235,100,300,600];
```

Display the data in the `salesVolume` table before insertion.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from salesVolume');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
Columns 1 through 8
```

```

...
[400876] [3000] [2400] [1500] [1500] [1300] [1100] [ 900]
[400999] [3000] [1500] [1000] [ 900] [ 750] [ 700] [ 400]
[888652] [ NaN] [ 900] [ 821] [ 701] [ 689] [ 621] [ 545]

```

Columns 9 through 13

```

...
[867] [ 923] [1100] [ 4000] [32000]
[350] [ 500] [1100] [ 3000] [12000]
[421] [ 495] [ 550] [ 4200] [12000]

```

Insert data using the columns denoted by colnames into the salesVolume table.

```

tablename = 'salesVolume';
colnames = {'stockNumber', 'January', 'February'...
            'March', 'April', 'May', ...
            'June', 'July', 'August', ...
            'September', 'October', 'November', ...
            'December'};

```

```
fastinsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

Display the data in the salesVolume table after insertion.

```

curs = exec(conn,'select * from salesVolume');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data

```

```
ans =
```

Columns 1 through 8

```

...
[400999] [3000] [1500] [1000] [ 900] [ 750] [ 700] [ 400]
[888652] [ NaN] [ 900] [ 821] [ 701] [ 689] [ 621] [ 545]
[777666] [  0] [ 350] [ 400] [ 450] [ 250] [ 450] [ 500]

```

Columns 9 through 13

```

...
[350] [ 500] [1100] [ 3000] [12000]
[421] [ 495] [ 550] [ 4200] [12000]
[515] [ 235] [ 100] [ 300] [ 600]

```

The last row contains the inserted data.

Close the cursor and database connection.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### Insert and Commit Data

Connect to the data source `dbtoolboxdemo`. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` with these columns:

- `productNumber`
- `Quantity`
- `Price`
- `inventoryDate`

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', 'admin', 'admin');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Set the `AutoCommit` flag to off.

```
set(conn, 'AutoCommit', 'off')
```

Insert the cell array `data` into the `inventoryTable` with column names `colnames`.

```
data = {157,358,740.00,datestr(now,'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS')};
colnames = {'productNumber','Quantity','Price','inventoryDate'};
tablename = 'inventoryTable';
```

```
fastinsert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

Commit the inserted data.

```
commit(conn)
```

Alternatively, commit the data using an SQL `commit` statement with the `exec` function.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'commit');
```

Close the cursor and database connection.

```
close(curs)
close(conn)
```

### Insert Boolean Data

Connect to the data source `dbtoolboxdemo`. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `invoice` with these columns:

- InvoiceNumber
- InvoiceDate
- productNumber
- Paid
- Receipt

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', 'admin', 'admin');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Display the data in the `invoice` table before insertion.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from invoice');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...
[41011]    '2011-12-12 00:00...'    [ 8]    [1]    [1920474x1 int8]
[61178]    '2012-01-15 00:00...'    [ 9]    [0]    [2378330x1 int8]
[62145]    '2012-01-23 00:00...'    [10]    [1]    [ 492314x1 int8]
```

Create `data` as a structure containing the invoice number 2101 and the Boolean data 1 to signify paid. Boolean data is represented as the MATLAB type `logical`. Here, assume that the receipt image is missing.

```
data.InvoiceNumber{1} = 2101;
data.InvoiceDate{1} = datestr(now, 'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS');
data.productNumber{1} = 11;
data.Paid{1} = logical(1);
```

Insert the paid invoice data into the `invoice` table with column names `colnames`.

```
colnames = {'InvoiceNumber'; 'InvoiceDate'; 'productNumber'; 'Paid'};
tablename = 'invoice';
```

```
fastinsert(conn, tablename, colnames, data)
```

View the new record in the database to verify that the `Paid` field is Boolean. In some databases, the MATLAB logical value `0` shows as a Boolean `false`, `NO`, or a cleared check box.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from invoice');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```

    ...
    [61178]    '2012-01-15 00:00...'    [ 9]    [0]    [2378330x1 int8]
    [62145]    '2012-01-23 00:00...'    [10]    [1]    [ 492314x1 int8]
    [ 2101]    '2014-10-23 11:14...'    [11]    [1]                []
```

The last row contains the Boolean data `1`.

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **tablename** — Database table name

string

Database table name, specified as a string denoting the name of a table in your database.

Data Types: char

### **colnames** — Database table column names

cell array of strings

Database table column names, specified as a cell array of one or more strings to denote the columns in the existing database table `tablename`.

Example: `{'col1', 'col2', 'col3'}`

Data Types: `cell`

### **data — Insert data**

`numeric matrix | cell array | table | dataset | structure`

Insert data, specified as a numeric matrix, cell array, table, dataset array, or structure, that contains all data for insertion into the existing database table `tablename`. If `data` is a structure, field names in the structure must match `colnames`. If `data` is a table or a dataset array, the variable names in the table or dataset array must match `colnames`.

Data Types: `double | cell | table | struct`

## **More About**

- “Inserting Data Using the `fastinsert` Function” on page 6-68
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”
- “Getting Started with Visual Query Builder” on page 5-2

## **See Also**

`close | commit | database | exec | get | insert | logical | querybuilder | rollback | set | update`



# fetch

Import data into MATLAB workspace from cursor object or from execution of SQL statement

## Syntax

```
curs = fetch(curs)
curs = fetch(curs,rowlimit)
curs = fetch(curs,Name,Value)
curs = fetch(curs,rowlimit,Name,Value)

results = fetch(conn,sqlquery)
results = fetch(conn,sqlquery,fetchbatchsize)
```

## Description

`curs = fetch(curs)` imports all rows of data into the cursor object `curs` from the open SQL cursor object `curs`.

`curs = fetch(curs,rowlimit)` imports rows of data up to the maximum number of rows `rowlimit`.

`curs = fetch(curs,Name,Value)` imports rows of data using a scrollable cursor.

`curs = fetch(curs,rowlimit,Name,Value)` imports rows of data up to the maximum number of rows `rowlimit` using a scrollable cursor.

`results = fetch(conn,sqlquery)` executes the SQL statement `sqlquery`, imports all rows of data in batches for the open database connection `conn`, and returns the resulting data `results`.

`results = fetch(conn,sqlquery,fetchbatchsize)` imports all rows of data in batches of a specified number of rows `fetchbatchsize` at a time.

## Examples

### Import All Data Using the Native ODBC Interface and Cursor Object

Create a connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface and the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin')
```

```
conn =
```

```
ODBCConnection with properties:
```

```
Instance: 'dbtoolboxdemo'  
UserName: 'admin'  
Message: []  
Handle: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCConnectHandle]  
TimeOut: 0  
AutoCommit: 0  
Type: 'ODBCConnection Object'
```

`conn` has an empty `Message` property, which means a successful connection.

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use `fetch` to import all data into the `database.ODBCCursor` object, `curs`, and store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object property `curs.Data`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select productDescription from productTable');  
curs = fetch(curs)
```

```
curs =
```

```
ODBCCursor with properties:
```

```
Data: {10x1 cell}  
RowLimit: 0  
SQLQuery: 'select productDescription from productTable'  
Message: []  
Type: 'ODBCCursor Object'  
Statement: [1x1 database.internal.ODBCStatementHandle]
```

With the native ODBC interface, `curs` returns an `ODBCCursor Object` instead of a `Database Cursor Object`.

View the contents of the `Data` element in the cursor object.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =

    'Victorian Doll'
    'Train Set'
    'Engine Kit'
    'Painting Set'
    'Space Cruiser'
    'Building Blocks'
    'Tin Soldier'
    'Sail Boat'
    'Slinky'
    'Teddy Bear'
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import All Data Using the Cursor Object

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use `exec` to select data in column `City` in the table `suppliers`. Then, use `fetch` to import all data from the SQL statement into the cursor object `curs`, and store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object property `curs.Data`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select City from suppliers');
curs = fetch(curs)

curs =

    Attributes: []
             Data: {10x1 cell}
 DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
      RowLimit: 0
      SQLQuery: 'select City from suppliers'
      Message: []
             Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
      ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
             Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
      Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]
             Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

View the contents of the `Data` element in the cursor object.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =

    'New York'
```

```
'London'  
'Adelaide'  
'Dublin'  
'Boston'  
'New York'  
'Wellesley'  
'Nashua'  
'London'  
'Belfast'
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Specified Rows Using the Cursor Object

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use the `rowlimit` argument to retrieve only the first three rows of data.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select productdescription from producttable');  
curs = fetch(curs, 3)
```

```
curs =
```

```
Attributes: []  
Data: {3x1 cell}  
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]  
RowLimit: 0  
SQLQuery: 'select productdescription from producttable'  
Message: []  
Type: 'Database Cursor Object'  
ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]  
Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]  
Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]  
Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

View the data.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
'Victorian Doll'  
'Train Set'  
'Engine Kit'
```

Rerun the `fetch` function to return the second three rows of data.

```
curs = fetch(curs, 3);
```

View the data.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    'Painting Set'  
    'Space Cruiser'  
    'Building Blocks'
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Data Iteratively Using the Cursor Object

Working with the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source, use the `rowlimit` argument to retrieve the first two rows of data, and then rerun the import using a `while` loop, retrieving two rows at a time. Continue until you have retrieved all data, which occurs when `curs.Data` is `'No Data'`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select productdescription from producttable');  
% Initialize rowlimit  
rowlimit = 2  
% Check for more data. Retrieve and display all data.  
while ~strcmp(curs.Data, 'No Data')  
    curs = fetch(curs, rowlimit);  
    curs.Data(:)  
end
```

```
rowlimit =
```

```
    2
```

```
ans =
```

```
    'Victorian Doll'  
    'Train Set'
```

```
ans =
```

```
'Engine Kit'  
'Painting Set'  
  
ans =  
  
'Space Cruiser'  
'Building Blocks'  
  
ans =  
  
'Tin Soldier'  
'Sail Boat'  
  
ans =  
  
'Slinky'  
'Teddy Bear'  
  
ans =  
'No Data'
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Data with an Absolute Position Offset Using the Scrollable Cursor

This example assumes you are connecting to a MySQL database that contains a table called `productTable`. This table contains 15 records, where each record represents one product.

Connect to the MySQL database using the native ODBC interface. This code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `MySQL` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

Select all products from the `productTable` table and sort them in ascending order by product number. Create a scrollable cursor using the name-value pair argument `'cursorType'`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from productTable order by productNumber', ...
               'cursorType', 'scrollable');
```

Import the last five products in the data set using the absolute position offset 11.

```
curs = fetch(curs, 'absolutePosition', 11);
```

Display the data for the five products.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

[11]	[408143]	[1004]	[ 11]	'Convertible'
[12]	[210456]	[1010]	[ 22]	'Hugsy'
[13]	[470816]	[1012]	[16.5000]	'Pancakes'
[14]	[510099]	[1011]	[ 19]	'Shawl'
[15]	[899752]	[1011]	[ 20]	'Snacks'

The columns in `curs.Data` are:

- Product number
- Stock number
- Supplier number
- Unit cost
- Product description

After calling `fetch`, the position of the cursor is located after the data set.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Data with a Row Limit Using the Scrollable Cursor

This example assumes you are connecting to a MySQL database that contains a table called `productTable`. This table contains 15 records, where each record represents one product.

Connect to the MySQL database using the native ODBC interface. This code assumes you are connecting to a data source named `MySQL` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

Select all products from the `productTable` table and sort them in ascending order by product number. Create a scrollable cursor using the name-value pair argument `'cursorType'`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from productTable order by productNumber', ...  
              'cursorType', 'scrollable');
```

Import the data for two products in the middle of the data set. Use the row limit `2` to import data for two products. Use the absolute position offset `3` to import data starting from the third product in the data set.

```
curs = fetch(curs, 2, 'absolutePosition', 3);
```

Display the data for the two products.

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    [3]    [400999]    [1009]    [17]    'Slinky'  
    [4]    [400339]    [1008]    [21]    'Space Cruiser'
```

The columns in `curs.Data` are:

- Product number
- Stock number
- Supplier number
- Unit cost
- Product description

Display the position of the cursor.

```
curs.Position
```

```
ans =
```

```
    3
```

The position of the cursor stays at the absolute position offset `3`.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.



```
close(curs)
```

### Import Data with Different Formats Using the Cursor Object

Import data that includes a `BOOLEAN` field, using the `setdbprefs` function to specify `cellarray` as the format for the retrieved data.

```
curs = exec(conn,['select InvoiceNumber, '...
'Paid from Invoice']);
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')
curs = fetch(curs,5);
A = curs.Data
```

```
A =
```

```
    [ 2101]    [0]
    [ 3546]    [1]
    [33116]    [1]
    [34155]    [0]
    [34267]    [1]
```

View the class of the second column of `A`.

```
class(A{1,2})
```

```
ans =
logical
```

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

### Import Data Using the Database Connection Object

`fetch` imports data from the specified SQL statement when you pass a database object, `conn`, as the first argument. Use this example when using a `JDBC/ODBC` bridge or a `JDBC` interface. For the native `ODBC` interface, use `curs` as the input argument.

Using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source that you access using the database connection object, `conn`, import the `productDescription` column from `productTable`. Set the data return format to `'cellarray'` using `setdbprefs`.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')
```

```
sqlquery = 'select productdescription from productTable';
results = fetch(conn, sqlquery)
results =
    'Victorian Doll'
    'Train Set'
    'Engine Kit'
    'Painting Set'
    'Space Cruiser'
    'Building Blocks'
    'Tin Soldier'
    'Sail Boat'
    'Slinky'
    'Teddy Bear'
```

View the size of the cell array into which the results were returned.

```
size(results)
ans =
    10     1
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Import Data with `fetchbatchsize` Using the Database Connection Object

`fetch` imports data from the specified SQL statement when you pass a database object, `conn`, as the first argument. Use this example when using a JDBC/ODBC bridge or a JDBC interface. For the native ODBC interface, use `curs` as the input argument.

Using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source that you access using the database connection object, `conn`, import the `productDescription` column from the `productTable` by using the `fetchbatchsize` argument.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')
sqlquery = 'select productdescription from productTable';
fetchbatchsize = 5;
results = fetch(conn,sqlquery,fetchbatchsize);
```

`fetch` returns all the data by importing it in batches of five rows at a time.

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

- “Fetch Data Incrementally Using the Cursor Object”
- “Display Information About Imported Data”
- “Import Data Using a Scrollable Cursor with a Relative Position Offset”
- “Retrieve Image Data Types”

## Input Arguments

### **curs** — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, specified as an open SQL database cursor object created using `exec`.

### **conn** — Database connection

connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **sqlquery** — SQL statement

SQL string

SQL statement, specified as an SQL string to execute.

Data Types: char

### **rowlimit** — Row limit

scalar

Row limit, specified as a scalar denoting the number of rows of data to import from the open SQL cursor object, `curs`.

Data Types: double

### **fetchbatchsize** — Fetch batch size

scalar

Fetch batch size, specified as a scalar denoting the number of rows of data to batch at a time. Use `fetchbatchsize` when importing large amounts of data. Retrieving data in batches reduces overall retrieval time. If `fetchbatchsize` is not provided, a default value of 'FetchBatchSize' is used. 'FetchBatchSize' is set using `setdbprefs`.

Data Types: `double`

## Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name,Value arguments. **Name** is the argument name and **Value** is the corresponding value. **Name** must appear inside single quotes (' '). You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`.

Example: `'absolutePosition',5`

### 'absolutePosition' — Absolute position offset

scalar

Absolute position offset, specified as a scalar to denote the absolute position offset value. When you specify an absolute position offset value, `fetch` imports data starting from the cursor position equal to this value regardless of the current cursor location. The scalar can be a positive number to signify fetching data from the start of the data set. Or, the scalar can be a negative number to signify fetching data from the end of the data set. This name-value pair argument is only available when you create a scrollable cursor object using `exec`. For details, see “Importing Data Using a Scrollable Cursor”.

Data Types: `double`

### 'relativePosition' — Relative position offset

scalar

Relative position offset, specified as a scalar to denote the relative position offset value. When you specify a relative position offset value, `fetch` adds the current cursor position value to the relative position offset value. Then, `fetch` imports data starting from the resulting value. The scalar can be a positive number to signify importing data after the current cursor position in the data set. Or, the scalar can be a negative number to signify importing data before the current cursor position in the data set. This name-value pair argument is only available when you create a scrollable cursor object using `exec`. For details, see “Importing Data Using a Scrollable Cursor”.

Data Types: `double`

---

## Output Arguments

### **curs** — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, returned as a database cursor object populated with fetched data in the **Data** property. You can specify the output data format in the **Data** property by using **setdbprefs**.

### **results** — Result data

cell array | table | dataset | structure | numeric matrix

Result data, returned as a cell array, table, dataset array, structure, or numeric matrix as specified by 'DataReturnFormat' in **setdbprefs**.

## More About

- “Importing Data Using the fetch Function” on page 6-48
- “Importing Data Using a Scrollable Cursor”
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”
- “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”
- “Data Retrieval Restrictions” on page 1-8

## See Also

close | database | exec | logical | setdbprefs

## fetchmulti

Import data from multiple resultsets

### Syntax

```
curs = fetchmulti(curs)
```

### Description

`curs = fetchmulti(curs)` imports data from the open SQL cursor object `curs` into the object `curs`, where the open SQL cursor object contains multiple resultsets.

Multiple resultsets are retrieved via `exec` with a `sqlquery` statement that runs a stored procedure consisting of two select statements.

`cursmulti.Data` contains data from each resultset associated with `cursmulti.Statement`. `cursmulti.Data` is a cell array consisting of cell arrays, structures, or numeric matrices as specified in `setdbprefs`; the data type is the same for all resultsets.

### Examples

Use `exec` to run a stored procedure that includes multiple select statements and `fetchmulti` to retrieve the resulting multiple resultsets.

```
conn = database(...)  
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')  
curs = exec(conn, '{call sp_1}');  
curs = fetchmulti(curs)  
Attributes: []  
          Data: {{10x1 cell} {12x4 cell}}  
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]  
RowLimit: 0  
SQLQuery: '{call sp_1}'  
Message: []  
Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
```

```
ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
  [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
  Cursor: ...
[1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]
  [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]
  Fetch: ...
[1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

## See Also

`database` | `exec` | `fetch` | `setdbprefs`

## get

Retrieve object properties

### Syntax

```
s = get(object)
v = get(object,property)
```

### Description

`s = get(object)` returns a structure that contains `object` and its corresponding properties, and assigns the structure to `s`.

`v = get(object,property)` retrieves the value of `property` for `object` and assigns the value to `v`.

### Examples

#### Get Database Metadata Object Properties

Retrieve the properties of a database metadata object created using a database connection object.

Establish connection `conn` to a MySQL database with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Construct a database metadata object `dbmeta` using the database connection object `conn`.

```
dbmeta = dmd(conn);
```

Retrieve the properties of `dbmeta` and assign them to MATLAB variable `v`.



```
v = get(dbmeta)
```

```
v =
```

```

    AllProceduresAreCallable: 1
    AllTablesAreSelectable: 1
    DataDefinitionCausesTransactionCommit: 1
    DataDefinitionIgnoredInTransactions: 0
    DoesMaxRowSizeIncludeBlobs: 0
    Catalogs: {8x1 cell}
    CatalogSeparator: ','
    CatalogTerm: 'DATABASE'
    DatabaseProductName: 'ACCESS'
    DatabaseProductVersion: '04.00.0000'
    DefaultTransactionIsolation: 2
    DriverMajorVersion: 2
    DriverMinorVersion: 1
    DriverName: 'JDBC-ODBC Bridge (ACEODBC.DLL)'
    DriverVersion: '2.0001 (Microsoft Access database engine)'
    ExtraNameCharacters: '-~#$%^&*_-+=\}{";?/><,.![]|'
    IdentifierQuoteString: ''
    IsCatalogAtStart: 1
    MaxBinaryLiteralLength: 255
    MaxCatalogNameLength: 260
    MaxCharLiteralLength: 255
    MaxColumnNameLength: 64
    MaxColumnsInGroupBy: 10
    MaxColumnsInIndex: 10
    MaxColumnsInOrderBy: 10
    MaxColumnsInSelect: 255
    MaxColumnsInTable: 255
    MaxConnections: 64
    MaxCursorNameLength: 64
    MaxIndexLength: 255
    MaxProcedureNameLength: 64
    MaxRowSize: 4052
    MaxSchemaNameLength: 0
    MaxStatementLength: 65000
    MaxStatements: 0
    MaxTableNameLength: 64
    MaxTablesInSelect: 16
    MaxUserNameLength: 0
    NumericFunctions: [1x73 char]
    ProcedureTerm: 'QUERY'
    Schemas: {}
    SchemaTerm: ''
    SearchStringEscape: '\\'
    SQLKeywords: [1x255 char]
    StringFunctions: [1x91 char]
    StoresLowerCaseIdentifiers: 0
    StoresLowerCaseQuotedIdentifiers: 0
    StoresMixedCaseIdentifiers: 0
    StoresMixedCaseQuotedIdentifiers: 1
    StoresUpperCaseIdentifiers: 0
    StoresUpperCaseQuotedIdentifiers: 0
    SystemFunctions: ''
    TableTypes: {18x1 cell}
    TimeDateFunctions: [1x111 char]
    TypeInfo: {16x1 cell}
    URL: 'jdbc:odbc:tutorial2'
    UserName: 'admin'
    NullPlusNonNullIsNull: 0

```

```
NullsAreSortedAtEnd: 0
NullsAreSortedAtStart: 0
NullsAreSortedHigh: 0
NullsAreSortedLow: 1
UsesLocalFilePerTable: 0
UsesLocalFiles: 1
```

Display the contents of the **Catalogs** property of `v`.

`v.Catalogs`

```
ans =
'D:\matlab\toolbox\database\dbdemos\db1'
'D:\matlab\toolbox\database\dbdemos\origtutorial'
'D:\matlab\toolbox\database\dbdemos\tutorial'
'D:\matlab\toolbox\database\dbdemos\tutorial1'
```

Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Get the AutoCommit Flag Status

Retrieve the `'AutoCommit'` property of the database connection object.

Establish connection `conn` to a MySQL database with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

Check the status of the `'AutoCommit'` property for the database connection `conn`.

```
v = get(conn, 'AutoCommit')
```

```
v =
on
```

Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **object** — Database Toolbox object

database connection object | cursor object | driver object | ...

Database Toolbox object, specified as the following allowable objects:

- Database connection object, which is created using `database`
- Cursor object, which is created using `exec` or `fetch`
- Driver object, which is created using `driver`
- Database metadata object, which is created using `dmd`
- Drivermanager object, which is created using `drivermanager`
- Resultset object, which is created using `resultset`
- Resultset metadata object, which is created using `rsmd`

For a list of properties for each object, see “Retrieving Object Properties Using the get Function” on page 6-70.

### **property** – Property of Database Toolbox object

string

Property of the Database Toolbox object, specified as a string.

Data Types: char

## **Output Arguments**

### **s** – Object properties

structure

Object properties, returned as a structure that contains the object and its corresponding properties.

### **v** – Object property value

string | numeric | cell array | object

Object property value, returned as a string, numeric value, cell array, or object.

## **More About**

- “Retrieving Object Properties Using the get Function” on page 6-70

## **See Also**

`close` | `columns` | `database` | `dmd` | `driver` | `drivermanager` | `exec` | `fetch` | `getdatasources` | `resultset` | `rows` | `rsmd` | `set`

## getdatasources

Return names of ODBC and JDBC data sources on system

### Syntax

```
d = getdatasources
```

### Description

`d = getdatasources` returns the names of valid ODBC and JDBC data sources on the system as a cell array `d` of strings. The function gets the names of ODBC data sources from the `ODBC.INI` file located in the folder returned by running:

```
myODBCdir = getenv('WINDIR')
```

`d` is empty when the `ODBC.INI` file is valid, but no data sources are defined. `d` equals `-1` when the `ODBC.INI` file cannot be opened.

The function also retrieves the names of data sources that are in the system registry but not in the `ODBC.INI` file.

If you do not have write access to `myODBCdir`, the results of `getdatasources` may not include data sources that you recently added. In this case, specify a temporary, writable, output folder via the preference `TempDirForRegistryOutput`. For details about this preference, see `setdbprefs`.

`getdatasources` gets the names of JDBC data sources from the file that you define using `setdbprefs` or the Define JDBC data sources dialog box.

### Examples

Get the names of databases on your system.

```
d = getdatasources
d =
    'MS Access Database' 'dbtoolboxdemo'
```

## **See Also**

database | get | setdbprefs

## importedkeys

Return information about imported foreign keys

### Syntax

```
i = importedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')
i = importedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
```

### Description

`i = importedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns foreign imported key information, that is, information about fields that reference primary keys in other tables, in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`i = importedkeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns foreign imported key information in the table `tab`. In turn, fields in `tab` reference primary keys in other tables in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

### Examples

Get foreign key information for the schema `SCOTT` in the catalog `orcl`, for `dbmeta`.

```
i = importedkeys(dbmeta, 'orcl', 'SCOTT')
i =
Columns 1 through 7
'orcl'   'SCOTT'   'DEPT'   'DEPTNO'   'orcl'...
'SCOTT'   'EMP'
Columns 8 through 13
'DEPTNO'   '1'   'null'   '1'   'FK_DEPTNO'...
'PK_DEPT'
```

The results show foreign imported key information as described in the following table.

Column	Description	Value
1	Catalog containing primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	orcl
2	Schema containing primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	SCOTT
3	Table containing primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	DEPT
4	Column name of primary key, referenced by foreign imported key	DEPTNO
5	Catalog that has foreign imported key	orcl
6	Schema that has foreign imported key	SCOTT
7	Table that has foreign imported key	EMP
8	Foreign key column name, that is the column name that references the primary key in another table	DEPTNO
9	Sequence number within foreign key	1
10	Update rule, that is, what happens to the foreign key when the primary key updates	null
11	Delete rule, that is, what happens to the foreign key when the primary key is deleted	1
12	Foreign imported key name	FK_DEPTNO
13	Primary key name in referenced table	PK_DEPT

In the schema **SCOTT**, there is only one foreign imported key. The table **EMP** contains a field, **DEPTNO**, that references the primary key in the **DEPT** table, the **DEPTNO** field.

**EMP** is the referencing table and **DEPT** is the referenced table.

**DEPTNO** is a foreign imported key in the **EMP** table. Reciprocally, the **DEPTNO** field in the table **DEPT** is an exported foreign key and the primary key.

For a description of the codes for update and delete rules, see the `getImportedKeys` property on the Oracle Java Web site:

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/DatabaseMetaData.html>.

**See Also**

crossreference | dmd | exportedkeys | get | primarykeys



# indexinfo

Return indices and statistics for database tables

## Syntax

```
x = indexinfo(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
```

## Description

`x = indexinfo(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns indices and statistics for the table `tab`, in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

## Examples

Get index and statistics information for the table `DEPT` in the schema `SCOTT` of the catalog `orcl`, for `dbmeta`.

```
x = indexinfo(dbmeta, '', 'SCOTT', 'DEPT')
x =
Columns 1 through 8
'orcl' 'SCOTT' 'DEPT' '0' 'null' 'null' '0' '0'
'orcl' 'SCOTT' 'DEPT' '0' 'null' 'PK_DEPT' '1' '1'

Columns 9 through 13
'null' 'null' '4' '1' 'null'
'DEPTNO' 'null' '4' '1' 'null'
```

The results contain two rows, meaning there are two index columns. The statistics for the first index column appear in the following table.

Column	Description	Value
1	Catalog	orcl
2	Schema	SCOTT
3	Table	DEPT

Column	Description	Value
4	Not unique: 0 if index values can be not unique, 1 otherwise	0
5	Index catalog	null
6	Index name	null
7	Index type	0
8	Column sequence number within index	0
9	Column name	null
10	Column sort sequence	null
11	Number of rows in the index table or number of unique values in the index	4
12	Number of pages used for the table or number of pages used for the current index	1
13	Filter condition	null

For details about the index information, see the `getIndexInfo` property on the Oracle Java Web site:

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/DatabaseMetaData.html>.

## See Also

dmd | get | tables

## insert

Add MATLAB data to database tables

To export MATLAB data into a database, use these functions: `insert`, `datainsert`, and `fastinsert`. For maximum performance, use `datainsert`. To use `datainsert`, ensure that your input data is a cell array or numeric matrix with a specific format. When your input data is a structure, dataset array, or table, or you are using a native ODBC database connection, use `fastinsert`. If `datainsert` or `fastinsert` do not work for you and you want to insert a small set of data, use `insert`.

For other differences among these functions, see “Inserting Data Using the Command Line”.

`insert` supports the native ODBC interface. To insert dates and timestamps with the native ODBC interface, use the format 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.MS'.

## Syntax

```
insert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)
```

## Description

`insert(conn,tablename,colnames,data)` exports records from the MATLAB variable `data` into new rows in an existing database table `tablename` using the connection `conn`.

## Examples

### Insert a Table Record Using Native ODBC

Create a connection `conn` using the native ODBC interface and the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `productTable` with these columns:

- `productNumber`

- `stockNumber`
- `supplierNumber`
- `unitCost`
- `productDescription`

```
conn = database.ODBCConnection('dbtoolboxdemo','admin','admin');
```

Select and display the data from the `productTable` table.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

<code>productNumber</code>	<code>stockNumber</code>	<code>supplierNumber</code>	<code>unitCost</code>	<code>productDescription</code>
9	125970	1003	13	'Victorian Doll'
8	212569	1001	5	'Train Set'
7	389123	1007	16	'Engine Kit'
2	400314	1002	9	'Painting Set'
4	400339	1008	21	'Space Cruiser'
1	400345	1001	14	'Building Blocks'
5	400455	1005	3	'Tin Soldier'
6	400876	1004	8	'Sail Boat'
3	400999	1009	17	'Slinky'
10	888652	1006	24	'Teddy Bear'

Store the column names of `productTable` in a cell array.

```
colnames = {'productNumber','stockNumber','supplierNumber',...  
            'unitCost','productDescription'};
```

Store the data for the insert in the cell array `data` that contains these values:

- `productNumber` equal to 11
- `stockNumber` equal to 400565
- `supplierNumber` equal to 1010
- `unitCost` equal to \$10
- `productDescription` equal to 'Rubik' 's Cube'

Then, convert the cell array to the table `data_table`.

```
data = {11,400565,1010,10,'Rubik' 's Cube'};  
data_table = cell2table(data,'VariableNames',colnames)
```

```
data_table =
    productNumber    stockNumber    supplierNumber    unitCost    productDescription
    -----
    11                400565        1010              10          'Rubik's Cube'
```

Insert the table data into productTable.

```
tablename = 'productTable';
insert(conn,tablename,colnames,data_table)
```

Display the data from productTable again.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from productTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
    productNumber    stockNumber    supplierNumber    unitCost    productDescription
    -----
    9                125970        1003              13          'Victorian Doll'
    8                212569        1001              5           'Train Set'
    7                389123        1007              16          'Engine Kit'
    2                400314        1002              9           'Painting Set'
    4                400339        1008              21          'Space Cruiser'
    1                400345        1001              14          'Building Blocks'
    5                400455        1005              3           'Tin Soldier'
    6                400876        1004              8           'Sail Boat'
    3                400999        1009              17          'Slinky'
    10               888652        1006              24          'Teddy Bear'
    11               400565        1010              10          'Rubik's Cube'
```

A new row appears in productTable with the data from data\_table.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Insert the Contents of a Cell Array

Create a database connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source. This data source identifies a Microsoft Access database. This database contains the table `yearlySales` that contains these columns: `Month`, `salesTotal`, and `Revenue`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

Select and display the data from the `yearlySales` table.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from yearlySales');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

Month	salesTotal	Revenue
'January'	130	1200
'Feb'	25	250

Store the column names of `yearlySales` in a cell array.

```
colnames = {'Month', 'salesTotal', 'Revenue'};
```

Store the data for the insert in a cell array, `data`. The data contains `Month` equal to `'March'`, `salesTotal` equal to `50`, and `Revenue` equal to `2000`.

```
data = {'March', 50, 2000};
```

Insert the data into `yearlySales`.

```
tablename = 'yearlySales';  
insert(conn, tablename, colnames, data)
```

Display the data from `yearlySales` again.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from yearlySales');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

Month	salesTotal	Revenue
'January'	130	1200
'Feb'	25	250
'March'	50	2000

A new row appears in `yearlySales` with the data from `data`.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **tablename** — Database table name

string

Database table name, specified as a string denoting the name of a table in your database.

Data Types: `char`

### **colnames** — Database table column names

cell array of strings

Database table column names, specified as a cell array of one or more strings to denote the columns in the existing database table `tablename`.

Example: `{'col1', 'col2', 'col3'}`

Data Types: `cell`

### **data** — Insert data

cell array | numeric matrix | table | dataset | structure

Insert data, specified as a cell array, numeric matrix, table, dataset array, or structure. You do not specify the type of data that you are exporting. The data is exported in its current MATLAB format. If `data` is a structure, field names in the structure must match `colnames`. If `data` is a table or a dataset array, the variable names in the table or dataset array must match `colnames`. If `data` is a structure, table, or dataset array, specify each field or variable as a:

- Cell array
- Double vector of size `m-by-1`, where `m` is the number of rows to insert

Data Types: `double` | `struct` | `table` | `cell`

## More About

### Tips

- When working with a JDBC driver connection or a JDBC/ODBC bridge connection established using `database`, `fastinsert` offers improved performance over `insert`. `insert` creates and executes an SQL insert query for each row of data. `fastinsert` creates the insert query only once and then allows for the data values to be plugged in. All rows of data get inserted as a batch resulting in an overall faster performance over `insert`. However, since `fastinsert` relies more on driver functions compared to `insert`, it is possible in some edge case scenarios that the driver functions do not work as expected. In such cases, use `insert` especially if the data to insert is small. `datainsert` is faster than `fastinsert` but needs data to be formatted in a specific way and accepts cell arrays and numeric matrices as input data.
- When working with a native ODBC connection established using the `database.ODBCConnection` function, `fastinsert` and `insert` are identical. `datainsert` is not supported for native ODBC connections.
- `insert` uses the same syntax as `fastinsert`.
- “Connecting to a Database Using the Native ODBC Interface”

### See Also

`close` | `commit` | `database` | `fastinsert` | `rollback`



## isconnection

Determine if database connections are valid

### Syntax

```
a = isconnection(conn)
```

### Description

`a = isconnection(conn)` returns 1 if the database connection `conn` is valid, or returns 0 otherwise.

### Examples

Check if the database connection `conn` is valid.

```
a = isconnection(conn)
a =
    1
```

### See Also

database | isreadonly | ping

## **isdriver**

Detect whether driver is valid JDBC driver object

### **Syntax**

```
a = isdriver(d)
```

### **Description**

`a = isdriver(d)` returns 1 if `d` is a valid JDBC driver object. It returns 0 otherwise.

### **Examples**

Check if `d` is a valid JDBC driver object.

```
a = isdriver(d)
a =
    1
```

### **See Also**

`driver` | `isurl` | `get` | `isjdbc`

## isjdbc

Detect whether driver is JDBC compliant

### Syntax

```
a = isjdbc(d)
```

### Description

`a = isjdbc(d)` returns 1 if the driver object `d` is JDBC compliant. It returns 0 otherwise.

### Examples

Verify whether the database driver object `d` is JDBC compliant.

```
a = isjdbc(d)
a =
    1
```

### See Also

`driver` | `isurl` | `get` | `isdriver`

## isnullcolumn

Determine if last record read in resultset is NULL

### Syntax

```
a = isnullcolumn(rset)
```

### Description

`a = isnullcolumn(rset)` returns 1 if the last record read in the resultset `rset` is NULL. It returns 0 otherwise.

### Examples

#### Example 1 — Result Is Not NULL

`isnullcolumn` returns not null.

1 Run:

```
curs = fetch(curs,1);  
rset = resultset(curs);  
isnullcolumn(rset)  
ans =  
    0
```

2 Verify this result.

```
curs.Data  
ans =  
    [1400]
```

#### Example 2 — Result Is NULL

`isnullcolumn` returns null.

**1** Run:

```
curs = fetch(curs,1);  
rset = resultset(curs);  
isnullcolumn(rset)  
ans =  
    1
```

**2** Verify this result.

```
curs.Data  
ans =  
    [NaN]
```

**See Also**

fetch | get | resultset

## isreadonly

Determine if database connection is read only

### Syntax

```
a = isreadonly(conn)
```

### Description

`a = isreadonly(conn)` returns 1 if the database connection `conn` is read only. It returns 0 otherwise.

### Examples

Check whether `conn` is read only.

```
a = isreadonly(conn)
```

The result indicates that the database connection `conn` is read only:

```
a =  
  1
```

Therefore, you cannot run `fastinsert`, `insert`, or `update` functions on this database.

### See Also

database | `isconnection`

## isurl

Detect whether database URL is valid

### Syntax

```
a = isurl(d, 's')
```

### Description

`a = isurl(d, 's')` returns 1 if the database URL `s` for the driver object `d` is valid. It returns 0 otherwise.

The URL `s` is of the form `jdbc:odbc:name` or `name`.

### Examples

Check whether the database URL `jdbc:odbc:thin:@144.212.123.24:1822:` is valid for driver object `d`.

```
a = isurl(d, 'jdbc:odbc:thin:@144.212.123.24:1822:')
a =
    1
```

This indicates that the database URL is valid for `d`.

### See Also

`driver` | `get` | `isdriver` | `isjdbc`

## logintimeout

Set or get time allowed to establish database connection

### Syntax

```
timeout = logintimeout('driver', time)
timeout = logintimeout(time)
timeout = logintimeout('driver')
timeout = logintimeout
```

### Description

`timeout = logintimeout('driver', time)` sets the amount of time, in seconds, for a MATLAB session to connect to a database via a given JDBC driver. Use `logintimeout` before running the `database` function. If the MATLAB session cannot connect to the database within the specified time, it stops trying.

`timeout = logintimeout(time)` sets the amount of time, in seconds, allowed for a MATLAB session to try to connect to a database via an ODBC connection. Use `logintimeout` before running the `database` function. If the MATLAB session cannot connect within the allowed time, it stops trying.

`timeout = logintimeout('driver')` returns the `time`, in seconds, that was previously specified for the JDBC driver. A returned value of 0 means that the timeout value was not previously set. The MATLAB session stops trying to connect to the database if it is not immediately successful.

`timeout = logintimeout` returns the `time`, in seconds, that you previously specified for an ODBC connection. A returned value of 0 means that the timeout value was not previously set; the MATLAB software session stops trying to make a connection if it is not immediately successful.

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**Note:** If you do not specify a value for `logintimeout` and the MATLAB session cannot establish a database connection, your MATLAB session may freeze.

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**Note:** Apple Mac OS platforms do not support logintimeout.

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## Examples

### Example 1 — Get Timeout Value for ODBC Connection

View the current connection timeout value.

```
logintimeout
ans =
    0
```

This indicates that you have not specified a timeout value.

### Example 2 — Set Timeout Value for ODBC Connection

Set the timeout value to 5 seconds.

```
logintimeout(5)
ans =
    5
```

### Example 3 — Get and Set Timeout Value for JDBC Connection

- 1 Check the timeout value for a database connection that is established using an Oracle JDBC driver.

```
logintimeout('oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver')
ans =
    0
```

This indicates that the timeout value is currently 0.

- 2 Set the timeout to 5 seconds.

```
timeout = ...
logintimeout('oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver', 5)
timeout =
    5
```

- 3 Verify the timeout value.

```
logintimeout('oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver')
ans =
    5
```

### **See Also**

database | get | set

# namecolumn

Map resultset column name to resultset column index

## Syntax

```
x = namecolumn(rset, n)
```

## Description

`x = namecolumn(rset, n)` maps a resultset column name `n` to its resultset column index. `rset` is the resultset and `n` is a string or cell array of strings containing the column names.

## Examples

- 1 Get the indices for the column names `DNAME` and `LOC` resultset object `rset`.

```
x = namecolumn(rset, {'DNAME'; 'LOC'})  
x =  
     2     3
```

The results show that `DNAME` is column 2 and `LOC` is column 3.

- 2 Get the index only for the `LOC` column.

```
x = namecolumn(rset, 'LOC')
```

## See Also

`columnnames` | `resultset`

## ping

Retrieve status information about database connection

### Syntax

```
ping(conn)
```

### Description

ping(conn) retrieves the status of the database connection conn.

### Examples

#### Retrieve Status of an ODBC Connection

Create an Oracle connection using an ODBC driver. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting a data source named `dbname` with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database(dbname,username,pwd);
```

Retrieve the status of the Oracle connection.

```
ping(conn)
```

```
ans =
```

```
DatabaseProductName: 'Oracle'  
DatabaseProductVersion: '11.02.0010'  
JDBCDriverName: 'JDBC-ODBC Bridge (SQORA32.DLL)'  
JDBCDriverVersion: '2.0001 (11.02.0001)'  
MaxDatabaseConnections: 0  
CurrentUserName: 'username'  
DatabaseURL: 'jdbc:odbc:dbname'  
AutoCommitTransactions: 'True'
```

`ping` returns the database name, database version, JDBC driver name, JDBC driver version, maximum number of database connection allowed, user name for the current connection, and the database URL. The last field denotes if the current database connection allows automatic commit of transactions.

Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Retrieve Status of an JDBC Connection

Create a Microsoft SQL Server connection using a JDBC driver. For example, the following code assumes you are connecting a data source named `dbname` with user name `username`, password `pwd`, database server name `sname`, and port number `123456`.

```
conn = database('dbname', 'username', 'pwd', ...
               'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', 'Server', 'sname', ...
               'AuthType', 'Server', 'portnumber', 123456);
```

Retrieve the status of the Microsoft SQL Server connection.

```
ping(conn)
```

```
ans =
```

```
DatabaseProductName: 'Microsoft SQL Server'
DatabaseProductVersion: '11.00.3000'
JDBCDriverName: 'Microsoft JDBC Driver 4.0 for SQL Server'
JDBCDriverVersion: '4.0.2206.100'
MaxDatabaseConnections: 0
CurrentUserName: 'username'
DatabaseURL: 'jdbc:sqlserver:...'
AutoCommitTransactions: 'True'
```

`ping` returns the database name, database version, JDBC driver name, JDBC driver version, maximum number of database connection allowed, user name for the current connection, and the database URL. The last field denotes if the current database connection allows automatic commit of transactions.

Close the connection.

`close(conn)`

## Input Arguments

**conn** — Database connection  
database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

## More About

### Tips

- When you use a connection object that is already closed in the `ping` function, the function returns the following error: Invalid connection. Create another connection to your database and try the `ping` function again.

### See Also

`close` | `database` | `dmd` | `get` | `isconnection` | `set` | `supports`

# primarykeys

Get primary key information for database table or schema

## Syntax

```
k = primarykeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')  
k = primarykeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
```

## Description

`k = primarykeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns primary key information for all tables in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`k = primarykeys(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns primary key information for the table `tab`, in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

## Examples

Get primary key information for the DEPT table:

```
k = primarykeys(dbmeta, 'orcl', 'SCOTT', 'DEPT')  
k =  
    'orcl'    'SCOTT'    'DEPT'    'DEPTNO'    '1'    'PK_DEPT'
```

The results show the primary key information as described in the following table.

Column	Description	Value
1	Catalog	orcl
2	Schema	SCOTT
3	Table	DEPT
4	Column name of primary key	DEPTNO
5	Sequence number within primary key	1
6	Primary key name	PK_DEPT

**See Also**

`crossreference` | `dmd` | `exportedkeys` | `get` | `importedkeys`



# procedurecolumns

Get stored procedure parameters and result columns of catalogs

## Syntax

```
pc = procedurecolumns(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')
pc = procedurecolumns(dbmeta, 'cata')
```

## Description

`pc = procedurecolumns(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns the stored procedure parameters and result columns for the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`pc = procedurecolumns(dbmeta, 'cata')` returns stored procedure parameters and result columns for the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

Running the stored procedure generates results. One row is returned for each column.

## Examples

Get stored procedure parameters for the schema `ORG`, in the catalog `tutorial`, for the database metadata object `dbmeta`:

```
pc = procedurecolumns(dbmeta, 'tutorial', 'ORG')
pc =
Columns 1 through 7
[1x19 char] 'ORG' 'display' 'Month' '3'...
'12' 'TEXT'
[1x19 char] 'ORG' 'display' 'Day' '3'...
'4' 'INTEGER'

Columns 8 through 13
'50' '50' 'null' 'null' '1' 'null'
'50' '4' 'null' 'null' '1' 'null'
```

The results show stored procedure parameter and result information. Because two rows of data are returned, there are two columns of data in the results. The results show that running the stored procedure `display` returns the `Month` and `Day` columns.

Following is a full description of the `procedurecolumns` results for the first row (Month).

Column	Description	Value for First Row
1	Catalog	'D:\orgdatabase\orcl'
2	Schema	'ORG'
3	Procedure name	'display'
4	Column/parameter name	'MONTH'
5	Column/parameter type	'3'
6	SQL data type	'12'
7	SQL data type name	'TEXT'
8	Precision	'50'
9	Length	'50'
10	Scale	'null'
11	Radix	'null'
12	Nullable	'1'
13	Remarks	'null'

For details about the `procedurecolumns` results, see the `getProcedureColumns` property on the Oracle Java Web site:

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/DatabaseMetaData.html>.

## See Also

dmd | get | procedures

## procedures

Get stored procedures for catalogs

### Syntax

```
p = procedures(dbmeta, 'cata')  
p = procedures(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')
```

### Description

`p = procedures(dbmeta, 'cata')` returns stored procedures in the catalog `cata` for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

`p = procedures(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns the stored procedures in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta`.

Stored procedures are SQL statements that are saved with the database. Use the `exec` function to run a stored procedure. Specify the stored procedure as the `sqlquery` argument instead of explicitly entering the `sqlquery` statement as the argument.

### Examples

Get the names of stored procedures for the catalog `DBA` for the database metadata object `dbmeta`:

```
p = procedures(dbmeta, 'DBA')  
p =  
    'sp_contacts'  
    'sp_customer_list'  
    'sp_customer_products'  
    'sp_product_info'  
    'sp_retrieve_contacts'  
    'sp_sales_order'
```

Execute the stored procedure `sp_customer_list` for the database connection `conn`, and fetch all data:

```
curs = exec(conn,'sp_customer_list');
curs = fetch(curs)
curs =
    Attributes: []
           Data: {10x2 cell}
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
      RowLimit: 0
      SQLQuery: 'sp_customer_list'
      Message: []
           Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
      ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
           Cursor: ...
[1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
      Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]
           Fetch: ...
[1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

View the results:

```
curs.Data
ans =
    [101]    'The Power Group'
    [102]    'AMF Corp.'
    [103]    'Darling Associates'
    [104]    'P.S.C.'
    [105]    'Amo & Sons'
    [106]    'Ralston Inc.'
    [107]    'The Home Club'
    [108]    'Raleigh Co.'
    [109]    'Newton Ent.'
    [110]    'The Pep Squad'
```

## See Also

dmd | exec | get | procedurecolumns

## querybuilder

Start Visual Query Builder GUI to import and export data

### Compatibility

The `querybuilder` function will be removed in a future release. Use Database Explorer instead.

### Syntax

```
querybuilder
```

### Description

`querybuilder` starts Visual Query Builder (VQB), which is the Database Toolbox GUI.

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**Tip** To populate the VQB **Schema** and **Catalog** fields, you must associate your user name with schemas or catalogs before starting VQB.

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### Examples

For details about Visual Query Builder, including examples, see the VQB **Help** menu or “Getting Started with Visual Query Builder” on page 5-2.

# querytimeout

Get time specified for SQL queries to succeed

## Syntax

```
timeout = querytimeout(curs)
```

## Description

`timeout = querytimeout(curs)` returns the amount of time, in seconds, allowed for SQL queries of the open cursor `curs` to succeed. If a given query cannot complete in the specified time, the toolbox stops trying to perform the query.

The database administrator defines timeout values. If the timeout value is zero, queries must complete immediately.

## Examples

Get the current database timeout setting for `curs`.

```
querytimeout(curs)
ans =
    10
```

## Limitations

- This error message displays if a given database does not have a database timeout feature:  
`[Driver]Optional feature not implemented`
- ODBC drivers for Microsoft Access and Oracle do not support `querytimeout`.

## See Also

`exec`

## register

Load database driver

### Syntax

```
register(d)
```

### Description

`register(d)` loads the database driver object `d`. Use `unregister` to unload the driver.

Although `database` automatically loads a driver, `register` allows you to use `get` to view properties of the driver before connecting to the database. The `register` function also allows you to run `drivermanager` with `set` and `get` on properties for loaded drivers.

### Examples

- 1 `register(d)` loads the database driver object `d`.
- 2 `get(d)` returns properties of the driver object.

### See Also

`driver` | `drivermanager` | `get` | `set` | `unregister`



# resultset

Construct resultset object

## Syntax

```
rset = resultset(curs)
```

## Description

`rset = resultset(curs)` creates a resultset object `rset` for the cursor `curs`. To get properties of `rset`, create a resultset metadata object using `rsmd`, or make calls to `rset` using applications based on Oracle Java.

Run `clearwarnings`, `isnullcolumn`, and `namecolumn` on `rset`. Use `close` to close the resultset, which frees up resources.

## Examples

Construct a resultset object `rset`.

```
rset = resultset(curs)
rset =
    Handle: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
```

## See Also

`clearwarnings` | `close` | `exec` | `isnullcolumn` | `namecolumn` | `rsmd`

# rollback

Undo database changes

## Syntax

```
rollback(conn)
```

## Description

`rollback(conn)` reverses changes made to a database using `fastinsert`, `insert`, or `update` via the database connection `conn`. The `rollback` function reverses all changes made since the last `commit` or `rollback` operation. To use `rollback`, the `AutoCommit` flag for `conn` must be `off`.

---

**Note:** `rollback` does not roll back data in MySQL databases if the database engine is not InnoDB.

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## Examples

- 1 Ensure that the `AutoCommit` flag for connection `conn` is `off` by running:

```
get(conn, 'AutoCommit')
ans =
  off
```

- 2 Insert data contained in `exdata` into the columns `DEPTNO`, `DNAME`, and `LOC`, in the table `DEPT`, for the data source `conn`.

```
fastinsert(conn, 'DEPT', ...
{'DEPTNO'; 'DNAME'; 'LOC'}, exdata)
```

- 3 Roll back the data that you inserted into the database by running:

```
rollback(conn)
```

The data in `exdata` is removed from the database. The database now contains the data it had before you ran the `fastinsert` function.

## **See Also**

commit | database | fastinsert | get | insert | update

## rows

Return number of rows in fetched data set

## Syntax

```
numrows = rows(curs)
```

## Description

`numrows = rows(curs)` returns the number of rows in the fetched data set `curs`.

## Examples

### Return the Number of Rows in the Cursor

After executing an SQL statement, return the number of rows in the database cursor object generated by `fetch`.

Establish connection `conn` to a MySQL database with user name `username` and password `pwd`.

```
conn = database('MySQL', 'username', 'pwd');
```

Execute a `SELECT` query on the `productTable` for product numbers 1 through 5 inclusive.

```
curs = exec(conn, ['select * from productTable'...  
                 ' where productNumber >= 1 and productNumber <= 5']);
```

`exec` returns the database cursor object `curs`.

Fetch the data in `curs`.

```
curs = fetch(curs);
```

The `Data` property of `curs` contains the fetched data from the `SELECT` query.

Return the number of rows in the `Data` property of  `curs` .

```
numrows = rows( curs )
```

```
numrows =
```

```
    5
```

Display the rows of data in the `Data` property of  `curs` .

```
 curs .Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    [2]    [400314]    [1002]    [ 9]    'Painting Set'
    [4]    [400339]    [1008]    [21]    'Space Cruiser'
    [1]    [400345]    [1001]    [14]    'Building Blocks'
    [5]    [400455]    [1005]    [ 3]    'Tin Soldier'
    [3]    [400999]    [1009]    [17]    'Slinky'
```

Close the connection.

```
close( conn )
```

## Input Arguments

**curs**  — Database cursor

database cursor object

Database cursor, specified as an open SQL database cursor object generated using  `fetch` .

## Output Arguments

**numrows**  — Number of rows in database cursor object

scalar

Number of rows in the database cursor object, returned as a scalar.

## See Also

`close`  |  `cols`  |  `database`  |  `exec`  |  `fetch`  |  `get`  |  `rsmd`

## rsmd

Construct resultset metadata object

### Syntax

```
rsmeta = rsmd(rset)
```

### Description

`rsmeta = rsmd(rset)` creates a resultset metadata object `rsmeta`, for the resultset object `rset`. Get properties of `rsmeta` using `get` or make calls to `rsmeta` using applications that are based on Oracle Java.

### Examples

Create a resultset metadata object `rsmeta`.

```
rsmeta=rsmd(rset)
rsmeta =
  Handle: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSetMetaData]
```

Use `v = get(rsmeta)` and `v.property` to view properties of the resultset metadata object.

### See Also

`exec` | `get` | `resultset`

# runsqlscript

Run SQL script on database

## Syntax

```
results = runsqlscript(connect,sqlfilename)
results = runsqlscript(connect,sqlfilename,Name,Value)
```

## Description

`results = runsqlscript(connect,sqlfilename)` runs the SQL commands in the file `sqlfilename` on the connected database, and returns a cursor array.

`results = runsqlscript(connect,sqlfilename,Name,Value)` uses additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pairs.

## Examples

### Run SQL Script

Run SQL commands from a file on a connected data source.

To get the file of SQL commands, navigate to `\toolbox\database\dbdemos\compare_sales.sql` in your MATLAB root folder, or copy and paste the path into your current working folder.

Create the connection object to the data source, `dbtoolboxdemo`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

User names and passwords are not required for this connection.

Run the SQL script, `compare_sales.sql`.

```
results = runsqlscript(conn,'compare_sales.sql')
results =
```

1x2 array of cursor objects

The SQL script has two queries, and returns two results when executed.

Display the results for the second query.

```
results(2)
```

```
ans =
```

```
Attributes: []
Data: {4x6 cell}
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
RowLimit: 0
SQLQuery: [1x309 char]
Message: ''
Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
ResultSet: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcResultSet]
Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]
Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]
Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

Display the `resultset` returned for the second query.

```
results(2).Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
'Painting Set'      'Terrific Toys'      'London'      [3000] [2400] [1800]
'Victorian Doll'   'Wacky Widgets'      'Adelaide'    [1400] [1100] [ 981]
'Sail Boat'        'Incredible Machines' 'Dublin'      [3000] [2400] [1500]
'Slinky'           'Doll's Galore'       'London'      [3000] [1500] [1000]
```

Get the column names for the data returned by the second query.

```
names = columnnames(results(2))
```

```
names =
```

```
'productDescription', 'supplierName', 'city', 'Jan_Sales', 'Feb_Sales', 'Mar_Sales'
```

Close the cursor array and connection.

```
close(results)
close(conn)
```

### Run SQL Script in Row Increments

Run SQL commands from a file on a connected data source in two-row increments.



To get the file of SQL commands, navigate to `\toolbox\database\dbdemos\compare_sales.sql` in your MATLAB root folder, or copy and paste the path into your current working folder.

Create the connection object to the data source, `dbtoolboxdemo`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

User names and passwords are not required for this connection.

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Run the SQL script, `compare_sales.sql`, specifying two-row increments.

```
results = runsqlscript(conn, 'compare_sales.sql', 'rowInc', 2)
```

```
results =
```

```
1x2 array of cursor objects
```

The SQL script has two queries, and returns two results when executed.

Display the resultset returned for the second query.

```
results(2).Data
```

```
ans =
```

'Painting Set'	'Terrific Toys'	'London'	[3000]	[2400]	[1800]
'Victorian Doll'	'Wacky Widgets'	'Adelaide'	[1400]	[1100]	[ 981]

Only the first two rows of the results are returned.

Fetch the next increment of two rows.

```
res2 = fetch(results(2), 2);
```

```
res2.Data
```

```
ans =
```

'Sail Boat'	'Incredible Machines'	'Dublin'	[3000]	[2400]	[1500]
'Slinky'	'Doll's Galore'	'London'	[3000]	[1500]	[1000]

Close the cursor arrays and connection.

```
close(results)
```

```
close(res2)
close(conn)
```

### Run SQL Script to Fetch Data in Batches

Run SQL commands from a file on a connected data source with automated batching. Use this method to avoid Java heap memory issues when the SQL script returns a large amount of data.

To get the file of SQL commands, navigate to `\toolbox\database\dbdemos\compare_sales.sql` in your MATLAB root folder, or copy and paste the path into your current working folder.

Create the connection object to the data source, `dbtoolboxdemo`.

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see `database`.

Turn on batching for `fetch`.

```
setdbprefs('FetchInBatches', 'yes')
```

Set appropriate batch size depending on the size of the resultset you expect to fetch. For example, if you expect about a 100,000 rows in the output, a batch size of 10,000 is a good starting point. The larger the `FetchBatchSize` value, the fewer trips between Java and MATLAB, and the memory consumption is greater for each batch. There are several factors that determine the optimal value for `FetchBatchSize`. These factors are some examples:

- Size per row being retrieved
- Java heap memory value
- Default fetch size of the driver
- System architecture

Hence, the `FetchBatchSize` might vary from site to site. For details about estimating a value for `FetchBatchSize`, see “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”.

```
setdbprefs('FetchBatchSize', '2')
```

Run the SQL script, `compare_sales.sql`.

```
results = runsqlscript(conn, 'compare_sales.sql')
```

```
results =
```

```
1x2 array of cursor objects
```

Batching occurs internally within `fetch`, in that it fetches in increments of two rows at a time. The batching preferences are applied to all the queries in the SQL script.

- “Configuring a Driver and Data Source” on page 2-13

## Input Arguments

### **connect** — Database connection

connection object

Database connection, specified as a connection object.

### **sqlfilename** — File name of SQL commands

string

File name of SQL commands to run, specified as a string. The file must be a text file, and can contain comments along with SQL queries. Start single-line comments with `--`. Enclose multiline comments in `/*...*/`.

Example: `'C:\work\sql_file.sql'`

## Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of `Name,Value` arguments. `Name` is the argument name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`' '`). You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`.

Example: `'RowInc',3,'QTimeOut',60` specifies that results be returned in increments of three rows and the query time out in 60 seconds

### **'rowInc'** — Row limit

0 implies all rows (default) | positive scalar

Row limit indicating the number of rows to retrieve at a time, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of `'rowInc'` and a positive scalar value. Use `rowInc` when

importing large amounts of data. Retrieving data in increments helps reduce overall retrieval time.

Example: 'rowInc',5

Data Types: double

### 'QTimeOut' — Query timeout

0 implies unlimited time (default) | positive scalar

Query timeout (in seconds), specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'QTimeOut' and a positive scalar value.

Example: 'QTimeOut',180

Data Types: double

## Output Arguments

### **results** — Query results

cursor array

Query results from executing the SQL commands, returned as a cursor array. The number of elements in **results** is equal to the number of batches in the file `sqlfilename`.

**results**(M) contains the results from executing the Mth SQL batch in the SQL script. If the batch returns a **resultset**, it is stored in **results**(M).Data.

## Limitations

- Use `runsqlscript` to import data into MATLAB, especially if you have long and complex SQL queries that are difficult to convert into MATLAB strings. `runsqlscript` is not designed to handle SQL scripts containing continuous PL/SQL blocks with `BEGIN` and `END`, such as stored procedure definitions or trigger definitions. However, table definitions do work.
- An SQL script containing any of the following can produce unexpected results:
  - Apostrophes that are not escaped, including the ones in comments. For example, write the string 'Here's the code' as 'Here' 's the code'.
  - Nested comments.

- An SQL script containing more than 25,000 characters causes runsqlscript to return an error.

## More About

### Batch

One or more SQL statements terminated by either a semicolon or the keyword GO.

### Tips

- Any values assigned to rowInc or QTimeOut apply to all queries in the SQL script. For example, if rowInc is set to 5, then all queries in the script return at most five rows in their respective resultsets.
- You can set preferences for the resultsets using setdbprefs. Preference settings apply to all queries in the SQL script. For example, if the DataReturnFormat is set to numeric, all the resultsets return as numeric matrices.
- “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”

### See Also

close | database | fetch | resultset | setdbprefs

## runstoredprocedure

Call stored procedure with and without input and output arguments

This function calls a stored procedure that has no input arguments, no output arguments, or any combination of input and output arguments. Define and instantiate this stored procedure in your database.

You can use this function if you connect to your database using a JDBC driver or the ODBC/JDBC bridge. For details, see “Connecting to a Database”. If you are using the native ODBC interface to connect to your database, use `exec` to call the stored procedure.

### Syntax

```
results = runstoredprocedure(conn, sname)
results = runstoredprocedure(conn, sname, inputargs)
results = runstoredprocedure(conn, sname, inputargs, outputtypes)
```

### Description

`results = runstoredprocedure(conn, sname)` calls the stored procedure `sname` using the database connection `conn`. `results` is a logical 1 if the stored procedure returns a data set. Otherwise, `results` is a logical 0.

`results = runstoredprocedure(conn, sname, inputargs)` calls the stored procedure that accepts one or more input arguments `inputargs`.

`results = runstoredprocedure(conn, sname, inputargs, outputtypes)` calls the stored procedure that returns output arguments by specifying the output argument data types `outputtypes`. `results` is a cell array that contains one or more output arguments.

## Examples

### Call a Stored Procedure Without Input and Output Arguments

Define a stored procedure named `create_table` that creates a table named `test_table` by executing this code. This procedure has no input or output arguments. This code assumes you are using a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE create_table
AS
BEGIN
  -- SET NOCOUNT ON added to prevent extra result sets from
  -- interfering with SELECT statements.
  SET NOCOUNT ON;

  create table test_table
  (
    CATEGORY_ID      INTEGER      IDENTITY PRIMARY KEY,
    CATEGORY_DESC    CHAR(50)     NOT NULL
  );

END
GO
```

Create a Microsoft SQL Server database connection `conn` using the JDBC driver. For details, see “Connecting to a Database”. Then, call the stored procedure `create_table` using the database connection `conn`.

```
results = runstoredprocedure(conn, 'create_table')
```

```
results =
```

```
0
```

`results` returns 0 because calling `create_table` does not return a data set.

Check your database for a new table named `test_table`.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Call a Stored Procedure with Input Arguments

Define a stored procedure named `insert_data` that inserts a category description into a table named `test_create` by executing this code. This procedure has one input argument `data`. This code assumes you are using a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE insert_data
    @data varchar(50)

AS
BEGIN
    -- SET NOCOUNT ON added to prevent extra result sets from
    -- interfering with SELECT statements.
    SET NOCOUNT ON;

    INSERT INTO test_create (CATEGORY_DESC)
    VALUES (@data)
END
GO
```

Create a Microsoft SQL Server database connection `conn` using the JDBC driver. For details, see “Connecting to a Database”. Then, call the stored procedure `insert_data` using the database connection `conn` with the category description `Apples` as the input argument.

```
inputarg = {'Apples'};

results = runstoredprocedure(conn, 'insert_data', inputarg)

results =

    0
```

`results` returns 0 because calling `insert_data` does not return a data set.

The table `test_create` adds a row where the column `CATEGORY_ID` equals 1 and the column `CATEGORY_DESCRIPTION` equals `Apples`.

`CATEGORY_ID` is the primary key of the table `test_create`. This primary key increments automatically. `CATEGORY_ID` equals 1 when calling `insert_data` for the first time.



Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Call a Stored Procedure with Output Arguments

Define a stored procedure named `maxDecVolume` that selects the maximum sales volume in December by executing this code. This procedure has one output argument `data` and no input arguments. This code assumes you are using a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE maxDecVolume
  @data int OUTPUT
AS
BEGIN
  -- SET NOCOUNT ON added to prevent extra result sets from
  -- interfering with SELECT statements.
  SET NOCOUNT ON;

  SELECT @data = max(December) from salesVolume
END

GO
```

Create a Microsoft SQL Server database connection `conn` using the JDBC driver. For details, see “Connecting to a Database”. Then, call the stored procedure using:

- Database connection `conn`
- Stored procedure `maxDecVolume`
- Empty brackets to denote no input arguments
- Numeric Java data type `outputtype`

```
outputtype = {java.sql.Types.NUMERIC};
```

```
results = runstoredprocedure(conn, 'maxDecVolume', [], outputtype)
```

```
results =
```

```
    [1x1 java.math.BigDecimal]
```

`results` returns a cell array that contains the maximum sales volume as a Java decimal data type.

Display the value in `results`.

```
results{1}
```

```
ans =
```

```
35000
```

The maximum sales volume in December is 35,000.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Call a Stored Procedure with Input and Output Arguments

Define a stored procedure named `getSuppCount` that counts the number of suppliers for a specified city by executing this code. This procedure has one input argument `cityName` and one output argument `suppCount`. This code assumes you are using a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE getSuppCount
  (@cityName varchar(20),
   @suppCount int OUTPUT)
AS
BEGIN
  -- SET NOCOUNT ON added to prevent extra result sets from
  -- interfering with SELECT statements.
  SET NOCOUNT ON;

  SELECT @suppCount = count(supplierNumber)
  from suppliers where City = @cityName;

END
GO
```

Create a Microsoft SQL Server database connection `conn` using the JDBC driver. For details, see “Connecting to a Database”. Then, call the stored procedure `getSuppCount` using the database connection `conn`. The input argument `inputarg` is a cell array containing the string `'New York'`. The output Java data type `outputtype` is numeric.

```
inputarg = {'New York'};
outputtype = {java.sql.Types.NUMERIC};

results = runstoredprocedure(conn, 'getSuppCount', inputarg, outputtype)

results =
```

```
[1x1 java.math.BigDecimal]
```

`results` is a cell array that contains the supplier count as a Java decimal data type.

Display the value in `results`.

```
results{1}
```

```
ans =
```

```
6.0000
```

There are six suppliers in New York.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

### Call a Stored Procedure with Multiple Input and Output Arguments

Define a stored procedure named `productsWithinUnitCost` that returns the product number and description for products that have a unit cost in a specified range by executing this code. This procedure has two input arguments `minUnitCost` and `maxUnitCost`. This procedure has two output arguments `productno` and `productdesc`. This code assumes you are using a Microsoft SQL Server database.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE productsWithinUnitCost
  (@minUnitCost INT,
   @maxUnitCost INT,
   @productno INT OUTPUT,
   @productdesc VARCHAR(50) OUTPUT)
AS
BEGIN
  -- SET NOCOUNT ON added to prevent extra result sets from
  -- interfering with SELECT statements.
  SET NOCOUNT ON;

  select @productno = productNumber, @productdesc = productDescription
  from productTable
  where unitCost > @minUnitCost and unitCost < @maxUnitCost
END
```

GO

Create a Microsoft SQL Server database connection `conn` using the JDBC driver. For details, see “Connecting to a Database”. Then, call the stored procedure using:

- Database connection `conn`
- Stored procedure `productsWithinUnitCost`
- Input arguments `inputargs` to specify a unit cost between 19 and 21
- Output Java data types `outputtypes` to specify numeric and string data types for product number and description

```
inputargs = {19,21};  
outputtypes = {java.sql.Types.NUMERIC, java.sql.Types.VARCHAR};  
  
results = runstoredprocedure(conn, 'productsWithinUnitCost', ...  
                             inputargs, outputtypes)
```

```
results =
```

```
    [1x1 java.math.BigDecimal]  
    'Snacks'
```

`results` returns a cell array that contains the product number as a Java decimal data type and the product description as a string.

Display the product number in `results`.

```
results{1}
```

```
ans =
```

```
15
```

The product with product number 15 has a unit cost between 19 and 21.

Display the product description in `results`.

```
results{2}
```

```
ans =
```

```
Snacks
```

The product with product number 15 has the product description `Snacks`.

Here, the narrow unit cost range returns only one product. If the unit cost range is wider, then more than one product might satisfy this condition. To return a data set with numerous products, use `exec` and `fetch` to call this stored procedure. Otherwise, `runstoredprocedure` returns only the last row in the data set.

Close the database connection `conn`.

```
close(conn)
```

- “Call a Stored Procedure That Returns Data”

## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **spname** — Stored procedure name

string

Stored procedure name, specified as a string that contains the name of the stored procedure that is defined and instantiated in your database.

Data Types: `char`

### **inputargs** — Input arguments

cell array

Input arguments, specified as a cell array of one or more values for each input argument of the stored procedure. Input arguments can be only basic data types such as `double`, `string`, `logical`, and so on.

Data Types: `cell`

### **outputtypes** — Output types

cell array

Output types, specified as a cell array of one or more Java data types for the output arguments of the stored procedure. Some JDBC drivers do not support all `java.sql.Types`. Consult your JDBC driver documentation to find the supported types. Match them to the data types found in your stored procedure.

Example: `{java.sql.Types.NUMERIC}`

Data Types: `cell`

## Output Arguments

### **results** — Stored procedure results

`logical` | `cell array`

Stored procedure results, returned as a logical or cell array.

`runstoredprocedure` returns a logical 1 when calling the stored procedure returns a data set. Otherwise, `runstoredprocedure` returns a logical 0. If the stored procedure returns a data set, use `exec` and `fetch` to call the stored procedure and retrieve the data set. For details, see “Call a Stored Procedure That Returns Data”.

`runstoredprocedure` returns a cell array when you specify one or more output Java data types for the output arguments of the stored procedure. Use cell array indexing to retrieve the output argument values.

## More About

- “Connecting to a Database”

## See Also

`close` | `database` | `exec` | `fetch`

## set

Set properties for database, cursor, or drivermanager object

### Syntax

```
set(object, 'property', value)
set(object)
```

### Description

`set(object, 'property', value)` sets the value of *property* to *value* for the specified *object*.

`set(object)` displays all properties for *object*.

Allowable values for *object* are:

- “Database Connection Objects” on page 7-218, created using `database`
- “Cursor Objects” on page 7-218, created using `exec` or `fetch`
- “Drivermanager Objects” on page 7-219, created using `drivermanager`

You cannot set all of these properties for all databases. You receive an error message when you try to set a property that the database does not support.

## Database Connection Objects

The allowable values for *property* and *value* for a database connection object appear in the following table.

Property	Value	Description
'AutoCommit'	'on'	Database data is written and automatically committed when you run <code>fastinsert</code> , <code>insert</code> , or <code>exec</code> . You cannot use <code>rollback</code> to reverse this process.
	'off'	Database data is not committed automatically when you run <code>fastinsert</code> , <code>insert</code> , or <code>update</code> . Use <code>rollback</code> to reverse this process. When you are sure that your data is correct, use the <code>commit</code> function to commit it to the database.
'ReadOnly'	0	Not read only; that is, writable
	1	Read only
'TransactionIsolation'	positive integer	Current transaction isolation level

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**Note:** For some databases, if you insert data and then close the database connection without committing the data to the database, the data gets committed automatically. Your database administrator can tell you whether your database behaves this way.

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## Cursor Objects

The allowable *property* and *value* for a cursor object appear in the following table.

Property	Value	Description
'RowLimit'	positive integer	Sets the <code>RowLimit</code> for <code>fetch</code> . Specify this property instead of passing <code>RowLimit</code> as an argument to the <code>fetch</code> function. When you define <code>RowLimit</code> for <code>fetch</code> by using



Property	Value	Description
		set, fetch behaves differently depending on what type of database you are using.

## Drivermanager Objects

The allowable *property* and *value* for a drivermanager object appear in the following table.

Property	Value	Description
'LoginTimeout'	positive integer	Sets the <code>logintimeout</code> value for all loaded database drivers.

For command-line help on `set`, use the overloaded methods:

```
help cursor/set
help database/set
help drivermanager/set
```

## Examples

### Example 1 — Set RowLimit for Cursor

This example does the following:

- Establishes a JDBC connection to a data source.
- Runs `fetch` to retrieve data from the table `EMP`.
- Sets `RowLimit` to 5.

```
conn = database('orcl','scott','tiger',...
  'oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver',...
  'jdbc:oracle:thin:@144.212.123.24:1822:');
curs = exec(conn,'select * from EMP');
set(curs,'RowLimit',5)
curs = fetch(curs)
curs =
  Attributes: []
           Data: {5x8 cell}
 DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
           RowLimit: 5
```

```
SQLQuery: 'select * from EMP'  
Message: []  
Type: 'Database Cursor Object'  
ResultSet: [1x1 oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleResultSet]  
Cursor: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.sqlExec]  
Statement: [1x1 oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleStatement]  
Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

The `RowLimit` property of `curs` is 5 and the `Data` property is 5x8 cell, indicating that `fetch` returned five rows of data.

In this example, `RowLimit` limits the maximum number of rows you can retrieve. Therefore, rerunning the `fetch` function returns no data.

## Example 2 — Set the AutoCommit Flag to On

This example shows what happens when you run a database `update` function on a database whose `AutoCommit` flag is set to `on`.

- 1 Determine the status of the `AutoCommit` flag for the database connection `conn`.

```
get(conn, 'AutoCommit')
```

```
ans =  
off
```

The flag is `off`.

- 2 Set the flag status to `on` and verify its value.

```
set(conn, 'AutoCommit', 'on');  
get(conn, 'AutoCommit')
```

```
ans =  
on
```

- 3 Insert a cell array `exdata` into column names `colnames` in the table `Growth`.

```
fastinsert(conn, 'Growth', colnames, exdata)
```

The data is inserted and committed to the database.

## Example 3 — Set the AutoCommit Flag to Off and Commit Data

This example shows the results of running `fastinsert` and `commit` to insert and commit data into a database whose `AutoCommit` flag is `off`.

- 1 First set the `AutoCommit` flag to `off` for database connection `conn`.

```
set(conn, 'AutoCommit', 'off');
```

- 2 Insert a cell array `exdata` into the column names `colnames` in the table `Avg_Freight_Cost`.

```
fastinsert(conn, 'Avg_Freight_Cost', colnames, exdata)
```

- 3 Commit the data to the database.

```
commit(conn)
```

### **Example 4 — Set the AutoCommit Flag to Off and Roll Back Data**

This example runs `update` to insert data into a database whose `AutoCommit` flag is off. It then uses `rollback` to roll back the data.

- 1 Set the `AutoCommit` flag to off for database connection `conn`.

```
set(conn, 'AutoCommit', 'off');
```

- 2 Update the data in `colnames` in the `Avg_Freight_Weight` table, for the record selected by `whereclause`, with data from the cell array `exdata`.

```
update(conn, 'Avg_Freight_Weight', colnames, exdata,  
whereclause)
```

- 3 Roll back the data.

```
rollback(conn)
```

The data in the table is now as it was before you ran `update`.

### **Example 5 — Set the LoginTimeout for a Drivermanager Object**

- 1 Create a `drivermanager` object `dm` using `drivermanager`. Set the `LoginTimeout` value to 3 seconds.

```
dm = drivermanager;  
set(dm, 'LoginTimeout', 3);
```

- 2 Verify this result.

```
logintimeout  
ans =  
    3
```

### **See Also**

`database` | `exec` | `fastinsert` | `fetch` | `get` | `logintimeout` | `update`

# setdbprefs

Set preferences for retrieval format, errors, NULLs, and more

## Syntax

```
setdbprefs  
v = setdbprefs  
setdbprefs(property)  
  
setdbprefs(property,value)  
setdbprefs(s)
```

## Description

`setdbprefs` returns current values for database preferences.

`v = setdbprefs` returns current values for database preferences to the structure `v`.

`setdbprefs(property)` returns the current value for the specified `property`.

`setdbprefs(property,value)` sets the specified `property` to `value`.

`setdbprefs(s)` sets preferences specified in the structure `s` to values that you specify.

## Examples

### Display Current Values

View the current values of all database preferences

Display all database preference properties and their current values.

```
setdbprefs
```

```
DataReturnFormat: 'cellarray'  
ErrorHandling: 'store'
```

```
        NullNumberRead: '0'  
        NullNumberWrite: 'NaN'  
        NullStringRead: 'null'  
        NullStringWrite: 'null'  
        JDBCDataSourceFile: 'C:\hold_x\jdbcConfig_test.mat'  
        UseRegistryForSources: 'yes'  
        TempDirForRegistryOutput: 'C:\Work'  
        DefaultRowPreFetch: '10000'  
        FetchInBatches: 'no'  
        FetchBatchSize: '1000'
```

For details about what each property and value mean, see “Setting Database Preferences Using the `setdbprefs` Function” on page 6-75.

### Change a Preference

Set a database preference to another value.

Display the current value of the `NullNumberRead` database preference.

```
setdbprefs('NullNumberRead')
```

```
    NullNumberRead: 'NaN'
```

Each `NULL` number in the database is read into the MATLAB workspace as `NaN`.

Change the value of this preference to `0`.

```
setdbprefs('NullNumberRead','0')
```

Each `NULL` number in the database is read into the MATLAB workspace as `0`.

### Change the `DataReturnFormat` Preference

Changing the database preference `DataReturnFormat` affects the way data is returned to the MATLAB workspace.

Specify that database data be imported into MATLAB cell arrays.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','cellarray')
```

Establish connection `conn` to a MySQL database with user name `username` and password `pwd`. This database contains the table `producttable` with these columns: `productnumber` and `productdescription`.

```
conn = database('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Alternatively, you can use the native ODBC interface for an ODBC connection. For details, see the `database` function.

Import data into the MATLAB workspace.

```
curs = exec(conn,...
'select productnumber,productdescription from producttable');
curs = fetch(curs,3);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =

    [9]    'Victorian Doll'
    [8]    'Train Set'
    [7]    'Engine Kit'
```

Resulting data displays as a cell array.

Change the data return format from `cellarray` to `numeric`.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','numeric')
```

Import data into the MATLAB workspace.

```
curs = exec(conn,...
'select productnumber,productdescription from producttable');
curs = fetch(curs,3);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =

     9   NaN
     8   NaN
     7   NaN
```

In the database, the values for `productDescription` are character strings, as seen in the previous example when `DataReturnFormat` was set to `cellarray`. Therefore, the `productDescription` values cannot be read when they are imported into the MATLAB workspace using the `numeric` format. Therefore, MATLAB treats them as NULL numbers and assigns them the current value for the `NullNumberRead` property of `NaN`.

Change the data return format to `structure`.

```
setdbprefs('DataReturnFormat','structure')
```

Import data into the MATLAB workspace.

```
curs = exec(conn,...  
'select productnumber,productdescription from producttable');  
curs = fetch(curs,3);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
    productnumber: [3x1 double]  
 productdescription: {3x1 cell}
```

Resulting data displays as a structure.

View the contents of the structure `curs.Data` to see the data.

```
curs.Data.productdescription  
curs.Data.productnumber
```

```
ans =
```

```
    'Victorian Doll'  
    'Train Set'  
    'Engine Kit'
```

```
ans =
```

```
    9  
    8  
    7
```

Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### **Change the Write Format for NULL Numbers**

Changing the write format for NULL numbers allows the insertion of a NaN as a NULL in the database.

Establish connection `conn` to a MySQL database with user name `username` and password `pwd`. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` with these columns: `productNumber`, `Quantity`, `Price`, and `inventoryDate`.



```
conn = database('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Specify NaN for the NullNumberWrite format.

```
setdbprefs('NullNumberWrite','NaN')
```

Numbers represented as NaN in the MATLAB workspace are exported to databases as NULL.

Select data in the table `inventoryTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...
[14] [2000] [19.1000] '2014-10-22 10:52...'
[15] [1200] [20.3000] '2014-10-22 10:52...'
[16] [1400] [34.3000] '1999-12-31 00:00...'
```

Specify data `ex_data` to export into `inventoryTable`. `ex_data` contains a NaN. For the inventory date, specify the date as the current moment.

```
ex_data = {24,NaN,30.00,datestr(now,'yyyy-mm-dd HH:MM:SS')};
```

Insert `ex_data` into the database using `fastinsert` with column names: `productNumber`, `Quantity`, `Price`, and `inventoryDate`.

```
colnames = {'productNumber','Quantity','Price','inventoryDate'};
```

```
fastinsert(conn,'inventoryTable',colnames,ex_data)
```

Select data in the table `inventoryTable` to see the last row with NaN data.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...
[15] [1200] [20.3000] '2014-10-22 10:52...'
[16] [1400] [34.3000] '1999-12-31 00:00...'
```

```
[24] [ NaN] [ 30] '2014-10-22 11:19...'
```

Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Specify Error Handling Settings

Changing the error handling database preferences affects the display of errors in MATLAB.

Specify the store format for the `ErrorHandling` preference.

```
setdbprefs('ErrorHandling','store')
```

With the `ErrorHandling` property set to `store`, errors generated by running database or `exec` are stored in the `Message` field of the returned connection or cursor object.

Establish connection `conn` to a MySQL database with user name `username` and password `pwd`. This database contains the table `producttable` with the column `productdescription`.

```
conn = database('MySQL','username','pwd');
```

Fetch data from a closed cursor.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select productdescription from producttable');  
close(curs)  
curs = fetch(curs,3)
```

```
curs =
```

```
Attributes: []  
Data: 0  
DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]  
RowLimit: 0  
SQLQuery: 'select productdescription from producttable'  
Message: 'Invalid fetch cursor.'  
Type: 'Database Cursor Object'  
ResultSet: 0  
Cursor: 0  
Statement: [1x1 sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcStatement]  
Fetch: [1x1 com.mathworks.toolbox.database.fetchTheData]
```

The error generated by this operation appears in the `Message` field.

Specify the report format for the `ErrorHandling` preference.

```
setdbprefs('ErrorHandling','report')
```

With the `ErrorHandling` property set to `report`, errors generated by running `database` or `exec` appear immediately in the Command Window.

Fetch data from a closed cursor.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select productdescription from producttable');
close(curs)
curs = fetch(curs,3);
```

```
Error using cursor/fetch>errorhandling (line 491)
Invalid fetch cursor.
```

```
Error in cursor/fetch (line 460)
    errorhandling(outCursor.Message);
```

The error generated by this operation appears immediately in the Command Window.

Specify the empty format for the `ErrorHandling` preference.

```
setdbprefs('ErrorHandling','empty')
```

With the `ErrorHandling` property set to `empty`, errors generated while running `database` or `exec` are stored in the `Message` field of the returned connection or cursor object. In addition, objects that cannot be created are returned as empty handles, `[]`.

Fetch data from a cursor from an invalid table `invalidTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from invalidTable')
curs = fetch(curs)
```

```
curs =
```

```
    Attributes: []
           Data: []
 DatabaseObject: [1x1 database]
      RowLimit: 0
      SQLQuery: 'select * from invalidTable'
      Message: [1x102 char]
           Type: 'Database Cursor Object'
  ResultSet: 0
      Cursor: 0
```

```
Statement: 0
Fetch: 0
```

The error appears in the cursor object `Message` field. Furthermore, the `Data` field contains empty handles because no attributes could be created. If the `ErrorHandling` property is set to `store`, the `Data` field contains `0`.

Close the connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Change Multiple Settings

Change multiple database preference simultaneously using `setdbprefs`.

Specify that NULL strings are read from the database into a MATLAB matrix of doubles as `'NaN'`.

```
setdbprefs({'NullStringRead';'DataReturnFormat'},...
{'NaN';'numeric'})
```

For details about another way to change multiple settings, see “Assign Values to a Structure” on page 7-230.

### Assign Values to a Structure

Assign values for specific preferences in a structure to let you change multiple database preferences simultaneously.

Assign values for preferences to fields in the structure `s`.

```
s.DataReturnFormat = 'numeric';
s.NullNumberRead = '0';
s.TempDirForRegistryOutput = 'C:\Work'
```

```
s =
    DataReturnFormat: 'numeric'
    NullNumberRead: '0'
    TempDirForRegistryOutput: 'C:\Work'
```

Set preferences using the values in `s`.

```
setdbprefs(s)
```

Run `setdbprefs` to check your preferences settings.

```
setdbprefs
```

```

    DataReturnFormat: 'numeric'
      ErrorHandling: 'store'
    NullNumberRead: '0'
    NullNumberWrite: 'NaN'
    NullStringRead: 'null'
    NullStringWrite: 'null'
    JDBCDataSourceFile: ''
    UseRegistryForSources: 'yes'
    TempDirForRegistryOutput: 'C:\Work'
    DefaultRowPreFetch: '10000'
      FetchInBatches: 'no'
      FetchBatchSize: '1000'

```

### Return Values to a Structure

Capture all preferences and their values in a structure.

Assign values for all preferences to `s`.

```
s = setdbprefs
```

```
s =
```

```

    DataReturnFormat: 'cellarray'
      ErrorHandling: 'store'
    NullNumberRead: 'NaN'
    NullNumberWrite: 'NaN'
    NullStringRead: 'null'
    NullStringWrite: 'null'
    JDBCDataSourceFile: ''
    UseRegistryForSources: 'yes'
    TempDirForRegistryOutput: 'C:\Work'
    DefaultRowPreFetch: '10000'
      FetchInBatches: 'no'
      FetchBatchSize: '1000'

```

Use the MATLAB tab completion feature when obtaining the value for a preference.

```
s.U
```

Press the **Tab** key, and then **Enter**. MATLAB completes the field and displays the value.

```
s.UseRegistryForSources
```

```
ans =
```

```
    yes
```

### Save Preferences

You can save your preferences to a MAT-file to use them in future MATLAB sessions.

Suppose you want to reuse preferences that you set for fetching large data. Assign the preferences to the variable `FetchLargeData` and save them to a MAT-file `FetchLargeDataPrefs` in your current folder.

```
FetchLargeData = setdbprefs;  
save FetchLargeDataPrefs.mat FetchLargeData
```

Later, load the data and restore the preferences.

```
load FetchLargeDataPrefs.mat  
setdbprefs(FetchLargeData)
```

- “Preference Settings for Large Data Import”
- “Working with Preferences”

## Input Arguments

### property — Database preference

string | cell array

Database preference, specified as a string to denote a preference associated with data return formatting, error handling, null data handling, or other properties. To set multiple database preferences, enter the preference strings in a cell array and match the order with the corresponding values in the `value` argument. For the complete list of properties, see “Setting Database Preferences Using the `setdbprefs` Function” on page 6-75.

Example: `'DataReturnFormat'`

Example: `{'DataReturnFormat'; 'NullStringRead'}`

Data Types: char

### value — Database preference value

string | cell array

Database preference value, specified as a string to denote a value for a particular database preference property. To set multiple database preferences, enter the preference values in a cell array and match the order with the corresponding preferences in the property argument. For the complete list of allowable values, see “Setting Database Preferences Using the setdbprefs Function” on page 6-75.

Example: 'NaN'

Example: {'numeric'; 'NaN'}

Data Types: char

### **s** — Database preferences

structure

Database preferences, specified as a structure to include all the database preferences you specify.

Data Types: struct

## Output Arguments

### **v** — Database preferences

structure

Database preferences, returned as a structure containing the database preference properties and the property values.

## More About

- “Setting Database Preferences Using the setdbprefs Function” on page 6-75

## See Also

clear | close | database | exec | fastinsert | fetch | getdatasources

## **sql2native**

Convert JDBC SQL grammar to SQL grammar native to system

### **Syntax**

```
n = sql2native(conn, 'sqlquery')
```

### **Description**

`n = sql2native(conn, 'sqlquery')` converts the SQL statement string `sqlquery` from JDBC SQL grammar into the database system's native SQL grammar for the connection `conn`. The native SQL statement is assigned to `n`.

### **See Also**

database



## supports

Detect whether property is supported by database metadata object

### Syntax

```
a = supports(dbmeta)
a = supports(dbmeta, 'property')
```

### Description

`a = supports(dbmeta)` returns a structure that contains the properties of `dbmeta` and its property values, 1 or 0. A value of 1 indicates that the property is supported, and 0 indicates that the property is not supported.

`a = supports(dbmeta, 'property')` returns 1 or 0 for the `property` field of `dbmeta`. A value of 1 indicates that the property is supported, and 0 indicates that the property is not supported.

### Examples

- 1 Check if `dbmeta` supports group-by clauses.

```
a = supports(dbmeta, 'GroupBy')
a =
    1
```

- 2 View the value of all properties of `dbmeta`.

```
a = supports(dbmeta)
```

The returned result is a list of properties and their values.

- 3 After creating `a` using the `supports` function, you can access the value of any property in `a`. Display the `GroupBy` property by running:

```
a.GroupBy
a =
    1
```

**See Also**

database | dmd | get | ping

# tableprivileges

Return database table privileges

## Syntax

```
tp = tableprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata')
tp = tableprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')
tp = tableprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
```

## Description

`tp = tableprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata')` returns a list of table privileges for all tables in the catalog `cata` for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

`tp = tableprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns a list of table privileges for all tables in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

`tp = tableprivileges(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns a list of privileges for the table `tab`, in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

## Examples

Get table privileges for the `builds` table in the schema `geck` for the catalog `msdb`, for the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
tp = tableprivileges(dbmeta, 'msdb', 'geck', 'builds')
tp =
    'DELETE'      'INSERT'      'REFERENCES' ...
    'SELECT'     'UPDATE'
```

## See Also

dmd | get | tables

## tables

Return database table names

### Syntax

```
t = tables(dbmeta, 'cata')  
t = tables(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')
```

### Description

`t = tables(dbmeta, 'cata')` returns a list of tables and table types in the catalog `cata` for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

`t = tables(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns a list of tables and table types in the schema `sch`, of the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

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**Tip** For command-line help on `tables`, use the overloaded method:

```
help dmd/tables
```

---

### Examples

Get the table names and types for the schema `SCOTT` in the catalog `orcl`, for the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
t = tables(dbmeta, 'orcl', 'SCOTT')  
t =  
    'BONUS'          'TABLE'  
    'DEPT'           'TABLE'  
    'EMP'            'TABLE'  
    'SALGRADE'      'TABLE'  
    'TRIAL'          'TABLE'
```

**See Also**

attr | bestrowid | dmd | indexinfo | tableprivileges

## **unregister**

Unload database driver

### **Syntax**

```
unregister(d)
```

### **Description**

`unregister(d)` unloads the database driver object `d`, freeing up system resources. If you do not unload a registered driver, it automatically unloads when you end your MATLAB session.

### **Examples**

`unregister(d)` unloads the database driver object `d`.

### **See Also**

`register`

# update

Replace data in database table with MATLAB data

## Syntax

```
update(conn,tablename,colnames,data,whereclause)
```

## Description

`update(conn,tablename,colnames,data,whereclause)` exports the MATLAB variable `data` in its current format into the database table `tablename` using the database connection `conn`. Existing records in the database table are replaced as specified by the SQL `whereclause` command.

## Examples

### Update an Existing Record

Create a database connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` that contains these columns:

- `productNumber`
- `Quantity`
- `Price`
- `inventoryDate`

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo','','');
```

Import all data from the `inventoryTable` using `conn`. Store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object property `curs.Data`. Display the data from `inventoryTable` in this property.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);
```

```
curs.Data  
  
ans =  
  
    [ 1]    [1700]    [14.5000]    '2014-09-23 09:38...'  
    [ 2]    [1200]    [      9]    '2014-07-08 22:50...'  
    [ 3]    [ 356]    [      17]    '2014-05-14 07:14...'  
    ...
```

Define a cell array containing the column name that you are updating called `Quantity`.

```
colnames = {'Quantity'};
```

Define a cell array containing the new data `2000`.

```
data = {2000};
```

Update the column `Quantity` in the `inventoryTable` for the product with `productNumber` equal to `1`.

```
tablename = 'inventoryTable';  
whereclause = 'where productNumber = 1';
```

```
update(conn,tablename,colnames,data,whereclause)
```

Fetch the data again and view the updated contents in the `inventoryTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data  
  
ans =  
  
    [ 1]    [2000]    [14.5000]    '2014-09-23 09:38...'  
    [ 2]    [1200]    [      9]    '2014-07-08 22:50...'  
    [ 3]    [ 356]    [      17]    '2014-05-14 07:14...'  
    ...
```

In the `inventoryTable` data, the product with the product number equal to `1` has an updated quantity of `2000` units.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```



Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Update Multiple Records with Multiple Conditions

Create a database connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` that contains these columns:

- `productNumber`
- `Quantity`
- `Price`
- `inventoryDate`

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Import all data from the `inventoryTable` using `conn`. Store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object property  `curs.Data`. Display the data from `inventoryTable` in this property.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...
[ 5] [9000] [ 3] '2012-09-14 15:00...'
[ 6] [4540] [ 8] '2013-12-25 19:45...'
[ 7] [6034] [16] '2014-08-06 08:38...'
[ 8] [8350] [ 5] '2011-06-18 11:45...'
...
```

Define a cell array containing the column name that you are updating called `Quantity`.

```
colnames = {'Quantity'};
```

Define a cell array containing the new data.

```
A = 10000; % new quantity for product number 5
B = 5000; % new quantity for product number 8
data = {A;B}; % cell array with the new quantities
```

Update the column `Quantity` in the `inventoryTable` for the products with product numbers equal to 5 and 8. Create a cell array `whereclause` that contains two `WHERE` clauses for both products.

```
tablename = 'inventoryTable';  
whereclause = {'where productNumber = 5'; 'where productNumber = 8'};  
  
update(conn, tablename, colnames, data, whereclause)
```

Fetch the data again and view the updated contents in `inventoryTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...  
[ 5] [ 10000] [ 3] '2012-09-14 15:00...'  
[ 6] [ 4540] [ 8] '2013-12-25 19:45...'  
[ 7] [ 6034] [ 16] '2014-08-06 08:38...'  
[ 8] [ 5000] [ 5] '2011-06-18 11:45...'  
...
```

The product with the product number equal to 5 has an updated quantity of 10000 units. The product with the product number equal to 8 has an updated quantity of 5000 units.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Update Multiple Columns with Multiple Conditions

Create a database connection `conn` using the `dbtoolboxdemo` data source. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` that contains these columns:

- `productNumber`
- `Quantity`
- `Price`

- inventoryDate

```
conn = database('dbtoolboxdemo', '', '');
```

Import all data from `inventoryTable` using `conn`. Store the data in a cell array contained in the cursor object property  `curs.Data`. Display the data from `inventoryTable` in this property.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...
[ 5] [9000] [ 3] '2012-09-14 15:00...'
[ 6] [4540] [ 8] '2013-12-25 19:45...'
[ 7] [6034] [16] '2014-08-06 08:38...'
[ 8] [8350] [ 5] '2011-06-18 11:45...'
...
```

Define a cell array containing the column names that you are updating called `Quantity` and `Price`.

```
colnames = {'Quantity', 'Price'};
```

Define a cell array containing the new data.

```
% new quantities and prices for product numbers 5 and 8
% are separated by a semicolon in the cell array
data = {10000,5.5;9000,10};
```

Update the columns `Quantity` and `Price` in the `inventoryTable` for the products with product numbers equal to `5` and `8`. Create a cell array `whereclause` that contains two `WHERE` clauses for both products.

```
tablename = 'inventoryTable';
whereclause = {'where productNumber = 5'; 'where productNumber = 8'};
```

```
update(conn, tablename, colnames, data, whereclause)
```

Fetch the data again and view the updated contents in the `inventoryTable`.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
```

```
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
```

```
...  
 [ 5] [ 10000] [ 5.5000] '2012-09-14 15:00...'  
 [ 6] [ 4540] [      8] '2013-12-25 19:45...'  
 [ 7] [ 6034] [     16] '2014-08-06 08:38...'  
 [ 8] [ 9000] [     10] '2011-06-18 11:45...'  
...
```

The product with the product number equal to 5 has an updated quantity of 10000 units and price equal to 5.50. The product with the product number equal to 8 has an updated quantity of 9000 units and price equal to 10.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

### Roll Back Data After Updating a Record

Create a database connection `conn`. For example, the following code uses the database `toy_store`, user name `username`, password `pwd`, server name `sname`, and port number 123456 to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server database. This database contains the table `inventoryTable` that contains these columns: `productNumber`, `Quantity`, and `Price`.

```
conn = database('toy_store', 'username', 'pwd', ...  
               'Vendor', 'Microsoft SQL Server', ...  
               'Server', 'sname', ...  
               'portnumber', 123456);
```

Set the `AutoCommit` flag to `off`. Any updates you make after turning off this flag do not commit to the database automatically.

```
set(conn, 'AutoCommit', 'off')
```

Display the data in the `inventoryTable` table before making updates.

```
curs = exec(conn, 'select * from inventoryTable');  
curs = fetch(curs);  
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
    [ 1]    [ 1700]    [14.5000]    '2014-10-20 00:00...'
    [ 2]    [ 1200]    [ 9.3000]    '2014-10-20 00:00...'
    [ 3]    [  356]    [17.2000]    '2014-10-20 00:00...'
    ...
```

Define a cell array for the new price of the first product.

```
data(1,1) = {30.00};
```

Define the WHERE clause for the first product.

```
whereclause = 'where productNumber = 1';
```

Update the Price column in the inventoryTable for the first product.

```
tablename = 'inventoryTable';
colname = {'Price'};
```

```
update(conn,tablename,colname,data,whereclause)
```

Display the data in the inventoryTable table after making the update.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data
```

```
ans =
    [ 1]    [ 1700]    [    30]    '2014-10-20 00:00...'
    [ 2]    [ 1200]    [ 9.3000]    '2014-10-20 00:00...'
    [ 3]    [  356]    [17.2000]    '2014-10-20 00:00...'
    ...
```

The first product has an updated price of 30. Though the data is updated, the change has not committed to the database.

Roll back the update.

```
rollback(conn)
```

Display the data in the inventoryTable table after rolling back the update.

```
curs = exec(conn,'select * from inventoryTable');
```

```
curs = fetch(curs);
curs.Data

ans =

     [ 1]     [ 1700]     [14.5000]     '2014-10-20 00:00...'
     [ 2]     [ 1200]     [ 9.3000]     '2014-10-20 00:00...'
     [ 3]     [  356]     [17.2000]     '2014-10-20 00:00...'
     ...
```

The first product has the old price of **14.50**.

After finishing with the cursor object, close it.

```
close(curs)
```

Close the database connection.

```
close(conn)
```

## Input Arguments

### **conn** — Database connection

database connection object

Database connection, specified as a database connection object created using `database`.

### **tablename** — Database table name

string

Database table name, specified as a string denoting the name of a table in your database.

Data Types: char

### **colnames** — Database table column names

cell array of strings

Database table column names, specified as a cell array of one or more strings to denote the columns in the existing database table `tablename`.

Example: {'col1', 'col2', 'col3'}

Data Types: cell

**data — Update data**

cell array | numeric matrix | structure

Update data, specified as a MATLAB variable with cell array, numeric matrix, or structure format. If **data** is a structure, field names in the structure must match field names in **colnames**.

Data Types: double | struct | cell

**whereclause — SQL WHERE clause**

string | cell array

SQL WHERE clause, specified as a string for one condition or a cell array of strings for multiple conditions.

Example: 'WHERE productTable.productNumber = 1'

Data Types: char

## More About

### Tips

- The status of the **AutoCommit** flag determines whether **update** automatically commits the data to the database. View the **AutoCommit** flag status for the connection using **get** and change it using **set**. Commit the data by running **commit** or an SQL commit statement using the **exec** function. Roll back the data by running **rollback** or an SQL rollback statement using the **exec** function.
- To add new rows instead of replacing existing data, use **fastinsert**.
- To update multiple records, the number of SQL WHERE clauses in **whereclause** must match the number of records in **data**.
- The order of records in your database is not constant. Use values of column names to identify records.
- This error message can appear when your database table is open in edit mode.

```
[Vendor][ODBC Product Driver] The database engine could not lock table 'TableName' because it is already in use by another person or process.
```

In this case, close the table and rerun the **update** function.

- Running an update operation that matches the one that you just ran can cause this error message to appear.

```
??? Error using ==> database.update  
Error:Commit/Rollback Problems
```

### **See Also**

close | commit | database | fastinsert | get | rollback | set



# versioncolumns

Automatically update table columns

## Syntax

```
v1 = versioncolumns(dbmeta, 'cata')  
v1 = versioncolumns(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')  
v1 = versioncolumns(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')
```

## Description

`v1 = versioncolumns(dbmeta, 'cata')` returns a list of columns that automatically update when a row value updates in the catalog `cata`, in the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

`v1 = versioncolumns(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch')` returns a list of all columns that automatically update when a row value updates in the schema `sch`, in the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

`v1 = versioncolumns(dbmeta, 'cata', 'sch', 'tab')` returns a list of columns that automatically update when a row value updates in the table `tab`, the schema `sch`, in the catalog `cata`, for the database whose database metadata object is `dbmeta` resulting from a database connection object.

## Examples

Get a list of which columns automatically update when a row in the table `BONUS` updates, in the schema `SCOTT`, in the catalog `ORCL`, for the database metadata object `dbmeta`.

```
v1 = versioncolumns(dbmeta, 'orcl', 'SCOTT', 'BONUS')  
v1 =  
    {}
```

The results are an empty set, indicating that no columns in the database automatically update when a row value updates.

**See Also**

columns | dmd | get

## width

Return field size of column in fetched data set

### Syntax

```
colsize = width(cursor, colnum)
```

### Description

`colsize = width(cursor, colnum)` returns the field size of the specified column number `colnum` in the fetched data set `cursor`.

### Examples

Get the width of the first column of the fetched data set, `cursor`:

```
colsize = width(cursor, 1)
```

```
colsize =
```

```
    11
```

The field size of column one is 11 characters (bytes).

### See Also

`attr` | `cols` | `columnnames` | `fetch` | `get`

