



# The Dirty Dozen: Connecting to Nearly Any Database with the MBS SQL Plugin

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# MBS SQL Plugin



- Alternative interface to databases for Xojo (Real Studio)
- Two interfaces:
  - SQLDatabaseMBS
    - based on Xojo's database class
  - SQLConnectionMBS
    - our native interface for C++ library
- can be mixed.

# SQLDatabaseMBS



- Based on Xojo's database class
- Using RecordSet for query results
- Using Prepared Statements
- Using DatabaseRecord class for insert
- No Edit/Update/Delete on RecordSet

# SQLConnectionMBS



- Native Interface
- SQLCommandMBS for prepared statement & results
- SQLAPIMBS classes for API specific functions
  - SQLite Backup
  - SQLite Encryption functions

# Supported databases



- Centura SQLBase
- DB2
- Firebird
- Informix
- InterBase
- MariaDB
- Microsoft Access
- Microsoft SQL Server
- MySQL
- ODBC
- Oracle Database Server
- PostgreSQL
- SQL Anywhere
- SQLite
- SQLCipher
- Sybase

# Features



- Bring your own native library
- MySQL / MariaDB
  - Commercial, Open Source or Embedded Library
- SQLite
  - SQL Cipher Library
  - SpatiaLite Library
  - Built-in SQLite inside plug-in
  - Preinstalled SQLite on Mac/Linux

# Prepared Statements



- Parameters by ID, by Index or by Name
  - `p.Bind("FirstName") = Value`
- With type or auto detect type
- `:1`, `:name` or ?
- Bind all via Dictionary

# Prepared Statements



```
// by index
dim r as PreparedSQLStatement = db.Prepare(
    "Insert into test_tbl(fid, fvarchar20) values(:1, :2)")

r.BindType(0, SQLPreparedStatementMBS.kTypeLong)
r.BindType(1, SQLPreparedStatementMBS.kTypeString)

r.Bind(0, 12345)
r.Bind(1, "Hello World by index")

r.SQLExecute
```



# Prepared Statements



```
// by name
dim sql as string =
    "Insert into test_tbl(fid, fvarchar20) values(:fid, :fvarchar20)"
dim v as Variant = db.Prepare(sql)
dim p as SQLPreparedStatementMBS = v

p.BindType("fid", SQLPreparedStatementMBS.kTypeLong)
p.BindType("fvarchar20", SQLPreparedStatementMBS.kTypeString)

p.Bind("fid", 2345)
p.Bind("fvarchar20", "Hello World by name")

p.SQLExecute
```

# Multithreading



- Perform SQL Execute & SQL Select multithreaded
- Connect multithreaded
- In Xojo thread, keep GUI running

# BLOB Handling



- Set/Get BLOB as Memoryblock or String
- Stream data from/to file or stream
- DataConsumerMBS
  - get chunks of data in event
- DataProviderMBS
  - provide data in chunks via event

# RecordSet movements

- Scrollable RecordSets
- Optionally local caching of RecordSet
- Move First, Next, Previous & Last



# Debugging

- LastStatement property
- Trace Events
- See Parameters and Fields in Debugger



# Exceptions



- SQLiteDatabaseMBS
  - Error Property
  - Exceptions **off** by default
- SQLConnectionMBS
  - Error Property
  - Exceptions **on** by default
- Exceptions are better to make sure you get all errors!

# SQLite



- Internal SQLite library
- Supports AES128, AES256 and RC4 encryption.
- Updated regularly to latest SQLite +SEE version.
- SetBusyTimeout and SetBusyHandler
- Added FTS5 and JSON extensions.

# PostgreSQL



- Internal PostgreSQL library available for Mac/Linux
- Use notifications to inform other clients:
  - PostgresNotification event
  - Listen method



# Events



- Trace event
  - Log all SQL commands
- DidConnect & WillConnect
  - Log connections
  - Set Parameters for connection
- Working
  - Called while multithreading
  - Allows cancellation

# Example Connect



```
dim con as new SqlConnectionMBS
```

```
// where is the library?
```

```
con.Option(con.kOptionLibrarySQLite) = "/usr/lib/libsqlite3.0.dylib"
```

```
// connect to database
```

```
con.Connect("test.db", "", "", SqlConnectionMBS.kSQLiteClient)
```

```
MsgBox "We are connected!"
```

```
Exception error as SQLExceptionMBS
```

```
MsgBox error.message
```

# Example Insert



```
dim cmd as new SqlCommandMBS(con)
```

```
// Insert row
```

```
cmd.CommandText("Insert into TestTable(id, Name) values(:1, :2)")
```

```
// bind by ID
```

```
cmd.Param(1).setAsLong(2)
```

```
cmd.Param(2).setAsString("Bob")
```

```
// Insert first row
```

```
cmd.Execute
```

# Example Insert



```
dim cmd as new SqlCommandMBS(con)

// Insert row
cmd.CommandText( _
    "Insert into TestTable(id, Name) values(:id, :Name)")

// bind by Name
cmd.Param("id").setAsLong(2)
cmd.Param("Name").setAsString("Bob")

// Insert first row
cmd.Execute
```

# Example Query



```
// create command object
dim cmd as new SQLCommandMBS(con, "Select id, Name from TestTable")

// Select from our test table
cmd.Execute

// fetch results row by row and print results
while cmd.FetchNext

    dim fid as integer = cmd.Field("id").asLong
    dim fName as string = cmd.Field("Name").asStringValue

    window1.ListBox1.AddRow str(fid), fName
wend
```

# Example Connect



```
dim db as new SQLiteDatabaseMBS
```

```
// where is the library?
```

```
con.Option(con.kOptionLibrarySQLite) = "/usr/lib/libsqlite3.0.dylib"
```

```
// connect to database
```

```
db.DatabaseName = "sqlite:" + "test.db"
```

```
if db.Connect then
```

```
    MsgBox "We are connected!"
```

```
end if
```

# Example Insert



```
dim d as new DatabaseRecord
```

```
d.IntegerColumn("id")=2
```

```
d.Column("someText")="test insert"
```

```
d.BlobColumn("blob")="Just a test"
```

```
db.InsertRecord("TestTable", d)
```

```
if db.Error then
```

```
    MsgBox db.ErrorMessage
```

```
end if
```

# Example Query



```
dim r as RecordSet = db.SQLSelect("Select id, Name from TestTable")
```

```
// fetch results row by row and print results
```

```
while not r.EOF
```

```
    dim fid as integer = r.Field("id").IntegerValue
```

```
    dim fName as string = r.Field("Name").StringValue
```

```
    window1.ListBox1.AddRow str(fid), fName
```

```
    r.MoveNext
```

```
wend
```



# Intermix Interfaces



- Query `SQLConnectionMBS` for `SQLDatabaseMBS`
  - to use native APIs
- Convert `SQLCommandMBS` to `RecordSet`
  - e.g. for Reports
- Run `SQLSelect` on `SQLConnectionMBS` for `RecordSet`

# Other Features



- Bulk Row Fetch
- Microsoft SQL from Mac/Linux via FreeTDS
- Run Stored Procedures
- use SQLite Library with ICU
- AutoCommit on/off

# SQLite Shell



```
dim arguments() as string
```

```
dim f as FolderItem = SpecialFolder.Desktop.Child("test.sqlite")
```

```
dim o as FolderItem = SpecialFolder.Desktop.Child("out.csv")
```

```
arguments.Append "sqlite3" // path to app
```

```
arguments.Append f.NativePath
```

```
arguments.Append "-csv" // CSV export
```

```
arguments.Append "-header" // Include header line
```

```
arguments.Append "-cmd" // Output file
```

```
arguments.Append ".output "+o.NativePath
```

```
arguments.Append "-cmd" // Query
```

```
arguments.Append "select * from Documentation;"
```

```
dim n as integer = InternalSQLiteLibraryMBS.Shell(arguments)
```

# MBS SQL Plugin



- Free to Try
  - Over 80 Examples
- Cost: \$149 USD
- Platforms
  - Desktop, Console & Web
  - Mac OS X, Windows, Linux, not for iOS
  - 64-bit, 32-bit and ARM

# Q & A



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# See you in Berlin!



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