
Subject: Re: postgresql queries

Posted by [Allan Whiteford](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 16:02:55 GMT

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Dave,

<http://sdssidl.sourceforge.net/>

and, in particular:

http://sdssidl.sourceforge.net/src/pgsql_query.c.html

might be helpful.

Thanks,

Allan

Subject: Re: postgresql queries

Posted by [wita](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 16:08:54 GMT

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If IDL is not strictly needed, you may consider Python which has excellent DB support including PostgreSQL.

with best regards,

Allard

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Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 16:20:49 GMT

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I have done this before with mysql with spawn statements calling queries. It worked, dataminer is better but costs money.

Cheers,

Brian

Brian Larsen
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Subject: Re: postgresql queries
Posted by [Robbie](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 22:17:20 GMT
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Hi Allan,

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I tried using IDLdbDatabase. I found it difficult to get working and completely useless when I finally managed to write a query. The data type mapping was all wrong and I could not include quotes (') in my query. The error messages and segmentation faults were so cryptic that I gave up.

Robbie

Subject: Re: postgresql queries
Posted by skymaxwell@gmail.com on Sat, 12 Jan 2008 11:32:01 GMT
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i did sometimes ago connect to MySQL and Oracle Express Edition databases from IDL

I use ODBC drivers from Oracle site and MySQL site, because Dataminer don't support them (as show in IDL help). So you can try Postgres ODBC driver

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Posted by [Allan Whiteford](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:06:38 GMT
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Robbie,

It's not mine, sorry if it seemed like I was claiming credit.

I just came across it while looking for a MySQL API a while back. I had similar issues when looking at IDLdbDatabase but I don't think I got as far as you.

Thanks,

Allan
