

# Package ‘ETLUtils’

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**Title** Utility Functions to Execute Standard Extract/Transform/Load  
Operations (using Package 'ff') on Large Data

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**Description** Provides functions to facilitate the use of the 'ff' package  
in interaction with big data in 'SQL' databases (e.g. in 'Oracle', 'MySQL',  
'PostgreSQL', 'Hive') by allowing easy importing directly into 'ffdf' objects  
using 'DBI', 'RODBC' and 'RJDBC'. Also contains some basic utility functions to  
do fast left outer join merging based on 'match', factorisation of data and a  
basic function for re-coding vectors.

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### Description

Provides functions to load bigdata (e.g. from Oracle) directly into ffdff objects using DBI and some utility functions like recoding and matchmerge which does fast left outer join merging based on match.

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### Examples

```
# See the specified functions in the package
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factorise	<i>Put character vectors, columns of a data.frame or list elements as factor</i>
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### Description

Put character vectors, columns of a data.frame or list elements as factor if they are character strings or optionally if they are logicals

### Usage

```
factorise(x, logicals = FALSE, ...)

## Default S3 method:
factorise(x, logicals = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
factorise(x, logicals = FALSE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
factorise(x, logicals = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
factorise(x, logicals = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a character vector, a data.frame or a list
<code>logicals</code>	logical indicating if logical vectors should also be converted to factors. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>...</code>	optional arguments passed on to the methods

### Value

The updated `x` vector/data.frame or list where the character vectors or optionally logical elements are converted to factors

### See Also

[as.factor](#), [factor](#)

### Examples

```
x <- data.frame(x = 1:4, y = LETTERS[1:4], b = c(TRUE, FALSE, NA, TRUE), stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
str(factorise(x))
str(factorise(x, logicals = TRUE))
str(factorise(list(a = LETTERS, b = 1:10, c = pi, d = list(x = x))))
```

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<code>matchmerge</code>	<i>Merge two data frames (fast) by common columns by performing a left (outer) join or an inner join.</i>
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### Description

Merge two data frames (fast) by common columns by performing a left (outer) join or an inner join. The data frames are merged on the columns given by `by.x` and `by.y`. Columns can be specified only by name. This differs from the `merge` function from the base package in that merging is done based on 1 column key only. If more than one column is supplied in `by.x` and `by.y`, these columns will be concatenated together to form 1 key which will be used to match. Alternatively, `by.x` and `by.y` can be 2 vectors of length `NROW(x)` which will be used as keys.

**Usage**

```
matchmerge(
  x,
  y,
  by.x,
  by.y,
  all.x = FALSE,
  by.iskey = FALSE,
  suffix = ".y",
  add.columns = colnames(y),
  check.duplicates = TRUE,
  trace = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	the left hand side data frame to merge
<code>y</code>	the right hand side data frame to merge or a vector in which case you always need to supply <code>by.y</code> as a vector, make sure <code>by.iskey</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> and provide in <code>add.columns</code> the column name for which <code>y</code> will be relabelled to in the joined data frame (see the example).
<code>by.x</code>	either the name of 1 column in <code>x</code> or a character vector of length <code>NROW(x)</code> which will be used as key to merge the 2 data frames
<code>by.y</code>	either the name of 1 column in <code>y</code> or a character vector of length <code>NROW(x)</code> which will be used as key to merge the 2 data frames. Duplicate values in <code>by.y</code> are not allowed.
<code>all.x</code>	logical, if <code>TRUE</code> , then extra rows will be added to the output, one for each row in <code>x</code> that has no matching row in <code>y</code> . These rows will have <code>NA</code> s in those columns that are usually filled with values from <code>y</code> . The default is <code>FALSE</code> , so that only rows with data from both <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> are included in the output. The default value corresponds to an inner join. If <code>TRUE</code> is supplied, this corresponds to a left (outer) join.
<code>by.iskey</code>	Logical, indicating that the <code>by.x</code> and the <code>by.y</code> inputs are vectors of length <code>NROW(x)</code> and <code>NROW(y)</code> instead of column names in <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> . If this is <code>FALSE</code> , the input columns will be pasted together to create a key to merge upon. Otherwise, the function will use the <code>by.x</code> and <code>by.y</code> vectors directly as matching key. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> indicating the <code>by.x</code> and <code>by.y</code> are column names in <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> .
<code>suffix</code>	a character string to be used for duplicate column names in <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> to make the <code>y</code> columns unique.
<code>add.columns</code>	character vector of column names in <code>y</code> to merge to the <code>x</code> data frame. Defaults to all columns in <code>y</code> .
<code>check.duplicates</code>	checks if <code>by.y</code> contains duplicates which is not allowed. Defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>trace</code>	logical, indicating to print some informative messages about the progress

## Details

The rows in the right hand side data frame that match on the specific key are extracted, and joined together with the left hand side data frame.

Merging is done based on the match function on the key value. This makes the function a lot faster when compared to applying merge, especially for large data frames (see the example). And also the memory consumption is a lot smaller.

In SQL database terminology, the default value of `all.x = FALSE` gives a natural join, a special case of an inner join. Specifying `all.x = FALSE` gives a left (outer) join. Right (outer) join or (full) outer join are not provided in this function.

## Value

data frame with x joined with y based on the supplied columns. The output columns are the columns in x followed by the extra columns in y.

## See Also

[cbind](#), [match](#), [merge](#)

## Examples

```
left <- data.frame(idlhs = c(1:4, 3:5), a = LETTERS[1:7], stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
right <- data.frame(idrhs = c(1:4), b = LETTERS[8:11], stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
## Inner join
matchmerge(x=left, y=right, by.x = "idlhs", by.y = "idrhs")

## Left outer join in 2 ways
matchmerge(x=left, y=right, by.x = "idlhs", by.y = "idrhs", all.x=TRUE)
matchmerge(x=left, y=right, by.x = left$idlhs, by.y = right$idrhs, all.x=TRUE, by.iskey=TRUE)

## Show usage when y is just a vector instead of a data.frame
matchmerge(x=left, y=right$b, by.x = left$idlhs, by.y = right$idrhs, all.x=TRUE,
by.iskey=TRUE, add.columns="b.renamed")

## Show speedup difference with merge
## Not run:
size <- 100000
dimension <- seq(Sys.Date(), Sys.Date()+10, by = "day")
left <- data.frame(date = rep(dimension, size), sales = rnorm(size))
right <- data.frame(date = dimension, feature = dimension-7, feature = dimension-14)
dim(left)
dim(right)
print(system.time(merge(left, right, by.x="date", by.y="date", all.x=TRUE, all.y=FALSE)))
print(system.time(matchmerge(left, right, by.x="date", by.y="date", all.x=TRUE, by.iskey=FALSE)))

## End(Not run)
## Show example usage
products <- expand.grid(product = c("Pepsi", "Coca Cola"), type = c("Can", "Bottle"),
```

```

size = c("6Ml", "8Ml"), distributor = c("Distri X", "Distri Y"), salesperson = c("Mr X", "Mr Y"),
stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
products <- products[!duplicated(products[, c("product", "type", "size")]), ]
products$key <- paste(products$product, products$type, products$size, sep=".")
sales <- expand.grid(item = unique(products$key), sales = rnorm(10000, mean = 100))
str(products)
str(sales)
info <- matchmerge(x=sales, y=products,
  by.x=sales$item, by.y=products$key, all.x=TRUE, by.iskey=TRUE,
  add.columns=c("size", "distributor"), check.duplicates=FALSE)
str(info)
tapply(info$sales, info$distributor, FUN=sum)

```

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naLOCFPlusone	<i>Performs NA replacement by last observation carried forward but adds 1 to the last observation carried forward.</i>
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## Description

Performs NA replacement by last observation carried forward but adds 1 to the last observation carried forward.

## Usage

```
naLOCFPlusone(x)
```

## Arguments

x                      a numeric vector

## Value

a vector where NA's are replaced with the LOCF + 1

## See Also

[na.locf](#)

## Examples

```

require(zoo)
x <- c(2, NA, NA, 4, 5, 2, NA)
naLOCFPlusone(x)

```

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read.dbi.ffdf	<i>Read data from a DBI connection into an ffdf.</i>
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## Description

Read data from a DBI connection into an [ffdf](#). This can for example be used to import large datasets from Oracle, SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Hive or other SQL databases into R.

## Usage

```
read.dbi.ffdf(
  query = NULL,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = NULL, dbname = NULL, username = "", password = ""),
  dbSendQuery.args = list(),
  dbFetch.args = list(),
  x = NULL,
  nrows = -1,
  first.rows = NULL,
  next.rows = NULL,
  levels = NULL,
  appendLevels = TRUE,
  asffdf_args = list(),
  BATCHBYTES = getOption("ffbatchbytes"),
  VERBOSE = FALSE,
  colClasses = NULL,
  transFUN = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

query	the SQL query to execute on the DBI connection
dbConnect.args	a list of arguments to pass to DBI's <a href="#">dbConnect</a> (like drv, dbname, username, password). See the examples.
dbSendQuery.args	a list containing database-specific parameters which will be passed to <a href="#">dbSendQuery</a> . Defaults to an empty list.
dbFetch.args	a list containing optional database-specific parameters which will be passed to <a href="#">dbFetch</a> . Defaults to an empty list.
x	NULL or an optional ffdf object to which the read records are appended. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a> for more details and the example below.
nrows	Number of rows to read from the query resultset. Default value of -1 reads in all rows.
first.rows	chunk size (rows) to read for first chunk from the query resultset

next.rows	chunk size (rows) to read sequentially for subsequent chunks from the query resultset. Currently, this must be specified.
levels	optional specification of factor levels. A list with as names the names the columns of the data.frame fetched in the first.rows, containing levels of the factors.
appendLevels	logical. A vector of permissions to expand levels for factor columns. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a> for more details.
asffdf_args	further arguments passed to <a href="#">as.ffdf</a> (ignored if 'x' gives an ffdf object )
BATCHBYTES	integer: bytes allowed for the size of the data.frame storing the result of reading one chunk. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a> for more details.
VERBOSE	logical: TRUE to verbose timings for each processed chunk (default FALSE).
colClasses	See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a>
transFUN	function applied to the data frame after each chunk is retrieved by <a href="#">dbFetch</a>
...	optional parameters passed on to transFUN

### Details

Opens up the DBI connection using `DBI::dbConnect`, sends the query using `DBI::dbSendQuery` and `DBI::dbFetch`-es the results in batches of `next.rows` rows. Heavily borrowed from [read.table.ffdf](#)

### Value

An ffdf object unless the query returns zero records in which case the function will return the data.frame returned by [dbFetch](#) and possibly `transFUN`.

### See Also

[read.table.ffdf](#), [read.odbc.ffdf](#)

### Examples

```
require(ff)

##
## Example query using data in sqlite
##
require(RSQLite)
dbfile <- system.file("smalldb.sqlite3", package="ETLUtils")
drv <- dbDriver("SQLite")
query <- "select * from testdata limit 10000"
x <- read.dbi.ffdf(query = query, dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, dbname = dbfile),
first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE)
class(x)
x[1:10, ]

## show it is the same as getting the data directly using RSQLite
## apart from characters which are factors in ffdf objects
directly <- dbGetQuery(dbConnect(drv = drv, dbname = dbfile), query)
```



```

directly <- as.data.frame(as.list(directly), stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
all.equal(x[,], directly)

## show how to use the transFUN argument to transform the data before saving into the ffdf
## and shows the use of the levels argument
query <- "select * from testdata limit 10"
x <- read.dbi.ffdf(query = query, dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, dbname = dbfile),
  first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE, levels = list(a = rev(LETTERS)),
  transFUN = function(x, subtractdays){
    x$b <- as.Date(x$b)
    x$b.subtractdaysago <- x$b - subtractdays
    x
  }, subtractdays=7)
class(x)
x[1:10, ]
## remark that the levels of column a are reversed due to specifying the levels argument correctly
levels(x$a)

## show how to append data to an existing ffdf object
transformexample <- function(x, subtractdays){
  x$b <- as.Date(x$b)
  x$b.subtractdaysago <- x$b - subtractdays
  x
}
dim(x)
x[,]
combined <- read.dbi.ffdf(query = query,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, dbname = dbfile),
  first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, x = x, VERBOSE=TRUE,
  transFUN = transformexample, subtractdays=1000)
dim(combined)
combined[,]

##
## Example query using ROracle. Do try this at home with some larger data :)
##
## Not run:
require(ROracle)
query <- "select OWNER, TABLE_NAME, TABLESPACE_NAME, NUM_ROWS, LAST_ANALYZED from all_all_tables"
x <- read.dbi.ffdf(query=query,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = dbDriver("Oracle"),
  user = "YourUser", password = "YourPassword", dbname = "Mydatabase"),
  first.rows = 100, next.rows = 50000, nrow = -1, VERBOSE=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

## Description

Read data from a JDBC connection into an `ffdf`. This can for example be used to import large datasets from Oracle, SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Hive or other SQL databases into R.

## Usage

```
read.jdbc.ffdf(
  query = NULL,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = NULL, dbname = NULL, username = "", password = ""),
  dbSendQuery.args = list(),
  dbFetch.args = list(),
  x = NULL,
  nrows = -1,
  first.rows = NULL,
  next.rows = NULL,
  levels = NULL,
  appendLevels = TRUE,
  asffdf.args = list(),
  BATCHBYTES = getOption("ffbatchbytes"),
  VERBOSE = FALSE,
  colClasses = NULL,
  transFUN = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>query</code>	the SQL query to execute on the JDBC connection
<code>dbConnect.args</code>	a list of arguments to pass to JDBC's <code>RJDBC::dbConnect</code> (like <code>drv</code> , <code>dbname</code> , <code>username</code> , <code>password</code> ). See the examples.
<code>dbSendQuery.args</code>	a list containing database-specific parameters which will be passed to <code>RJDBC::dbSendQuery</code> . Defaults to an empty list.
<code>dbFetch.args</code>	a list containing optional database-specific parameters which will be passed to <code>RJDBC::dbFetch</code> . Defaults to an empty list.
<code>x</code>	NULL or an optional <code>ffdf</code> object to which the read records are appended. See documentation in <code>read.table.ffdf</code> for more details and the example below.
<code>nrows</code>	Number of rows to read from the query resultset. Default value of -1 reads in all rows.
<code>first.rows</code>	chunk size (rows) to read for first chunk from the query resultset
<code>next.rows</code>	chunk size (rows) to read sequentially for subsequent chunks from the query resultset. Currently, this must be specified.
<code>levels</code>	optional specification of factor levels. A list with as names the names the columns of the data.frame fetched in the <code>first.rows</code> , containing levels of the factors.

appendLevels	logical. A vector of permissions to expand levels for factor columns. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a> for more details.
asffdf_args	further arguments passed to <a href="#">as.ffdf</a> (ignored if 'x' gives an ffdf object )
BATCHBYTES	integer: bytes allowed for the size of the data.frame storing the result of reading one chunk. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a> for more details.
VERBOSE	logical: TRUE to verbose timings for each processed chunk (default FALSE).
colClasses	See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a>
transFUN	function applied to the data frame after each chunk is retrieved by RJDBC::dbFetch
...	optional parameters passed on to transFUN

### Details

Opens up the JDBC connection using RJDBC::dbConnect, sends the query using RJDBC::dbSendQuery and RJDBC::dbFetch-es the results in batches of next.rows rows. Heavily borrowed from [read.table.ffdf](#)

### Value

An ffdf object unless the query returns zero records in which case the function will return the data.frame returned by RJDBC::dbFetch and possibly transFUN.

### See Also

[read.table.ffdf](#), [read.jdbc.ffdf](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
require(ff)

##
## Example query using data in sqlite
##
require(RSQLite)
dbfile <- system.file("smalldb.sqlite3", package="ETLUtils")
drv <- JDBC(driverClass = "org.sqlite.JDBC", classPath = "/usr/local/lib/sqlite-jdbc-3.7.2.jar")
query <- "select * from testdata limit 10000"
x <- read.jdbc.ffdf(query = query,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, url = sprintf("jdbc:sqlite:%s", dbfile)),
  first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE)
class(x)
x[1:10, ]

## End(Not run)
```

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read.odbc.ffdf	<i>Read data from a ODBC connection into an ffdf.</i>
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## Description

Read data from a ODBC connection into an [ffdf](#). This can for example be used to import large datasets from Oracle, SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Hive or other SQL databases into R.

## Usage

```
read.odbc.ffdf(
  query = NULL,
  odbcConnect.args = list(dsn = NULL, uid = "", pwd = ""),
  odbcDriverConnect.args = list(connection = ""),
  odbcQuery.args = list(),
  sqlGetResults.args = list(),
  x = NULL,
  nrows = -1,
  first.rows = NULL,
  next.rows = NULL,
  levels = NULL,
  appendLevels = TRUE,
  asffdf_args = list(),
  BATCHBYTES = getOption("ffbatchbytes"),
  VERBOSE = FALSE,
  colClasses = NULL,
  transFUN = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

query	the SQL query to execute on the ODBC connection
odbcConnect.args	a list of arguments to pass to ODBC's <a href="#">odbcConnect</a> (like dsn, uid, pwd). See the examples.
odbcDriverConnect.args	a list of arguments to pass to ODBC's <a href="#">odbcDriverConnect</a> (like connection). If you want to connect using odbcDriverConnect instead of odbcConnect.
odbcQuery.args	a list of arguments to pass to ODBC's <a href="#">odbcQuery</a> , like rows_at_time. Defaults to an empty list.
sqlGetResults.args	a list containing optional parameters which will be passed to <a href="#">sqlGetResults</a> . Defaults to an empty list. The max parameter will be overwritten with first.rows and next.rows when importing in batches.

x	NULL or an optional fdf object to which the read records are appended. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.fdf</a> for more details and the example below.
nrows	Number of rows to read from the query resultset. Default value of -1 reads in all rows.
first.rows	chunk size (rows) to read for first chunk from the query resultset
next.rows	chunk size (rows) to read sequentially for subsequent chunks from the query resultset. Currently, this must be specified.
levels	optional specification of factor levels. A list with as names the names the columns of the data.frame fetched in the first.rows, containing levels of the factors.
appendLevels	logical. A vector of permissions to expand levels for factor columns. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.fdf</a> for more details.
asfdf_args	further arguments passed to <a href="#">as.fdf</a> (ignored if 'x' gives an fdf object)
BATCHBYTES	integer: bytes allowed for the size of the data.frame storing the result of reading one chunk. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.fdf</a> for more details.
VERBOSE	logical: TRUE to verbose timings for each processed chunk (default FALSE).
colClasses	See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.fdf</a>
transFUN	function applied to the data frame after each chunk is retrieved by <a href="#">sqlGetResults</a>
...	optional parameters passed on to transFUN

### Details

Opens up the ODBC connection using `RODBC::odbcConnect` or `RODBC::odbcDriverConnect`, sends the query using `RODBC::odbcQuery` and retrieves the results in batches of `next.rows` rows using `RODBC::sqlGetResults`. Heavily borrowed from [read.table.fdf](#)

### Value

An fdf object unless the query returns zero records in which case the function will return the data.frame returned by [sqlGetResults](#) and possibly transFUN.

### See Also

[read.table.fdf](#), [read.dbi.fdf](#)

### Examples

```
##
## Using the sqlite database (smalldb.sqlite3) in the /inst folder of the package
## set up the sqlite ODBC driver (www.stats.ox.ac.uk/pub/bdr/RODBC-manual.pdf)
## and call it 'smalltestsqlitedb'
##
## Not run:
require(RODBC)
x <- read.odbcc.fdf(
  query = "select * from testdata limit 10000",
  odbcConnect.args = list(
```

```
dsn="smalltestsqlitedb", uid = "", pwd = "",
believeNRows = FALSE, rows_at_time = 1),
nrows = -1,
first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, VERBOSE = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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recoder

*Recodes the values of a character vector*

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## Description

Recodes the values of a character vector

## Usage

```
recoder(x, from = c(), to = c())
```

## Arguments

x	character vector
from	character vector with old values
to	character vector with new values

## Value

x where from values are recoded to the supplied to values

## See Also

[match](#)

## Examples

```
recoder(x=append(LETTERS, NA, 5), from = c("A","B"), to = c("a.123","b.123"))
```

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renameColumns	<i>Renames variables in a data frame.</i>
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### Description

Renames variables in a data frame.

### Usage

```
renameColumns(x, from = "", to = "")
```

### Arguments

x	data frame to be modified.
from	character vector containing the current names of each variable to be renamed.
to	character vector containing the new names of each variable to be renamed.

### Value

The updated data frame x where the variables listed in from are renamed to the corresponding to column names.

### See Also

[colnames](#), [recoder](#)

### Examples

```
x <- data.frame(x = 1:4, y = LETTERS[1:4])
renameColumns(x, from = c("x","y"), to = c("digits","letters"))
```

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write.dbi.ffdf	<i>Write ffdf data to a database table by using a DBI connection.</i>
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### Description

Write [ffdf](#) data to a database table by using a DBI connection. This can for example be used to store large ffdf datasets from R in Oracle, SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Hive or other SQL databases.

Mark that for very large datasets, these SQL databases might have tools to speed up by bulk loading. You might also consider that as an alternative to using this procedure.

**Usage**

```
write.dbi.ffdf(
  x,
  name,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = NULL, dbname = NULL, username = "", password = ""),
  RECORDBYTES = sum(.rambytes[vmode(x)]),
  BATCHBYTES = getOption("ffbatchbytes"),
  by = NULL,
  VERBOSE = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the <a href="#">ffdf</a> to write to the database
name	character string with the name of the table to store the data in. Passed on to <a href="#">dbWriteTable</a> .
dbConnect.args	a list of arguments to pass to DBI's <a href="#">dbConnect</a> (like drv, dbname, username, password). See the examples.
RECORDBYTES	optional integer scalar representing the bytes needed to process a single row of the <a href="#">ffdf</a>
BATCHBYTES	integer: bytes allowed for the size of the data.frame storing the result of reading one chunk. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a> for more details.
by	integer passed on to <a href="#">chunk</a> indicating to write to the database in chunks of this size. Overwrites the behaviour of BATCHBYTES and RECORDBYTES.
VERBOSE	logical: TRUE to verbose timings for each processed chunk (default FALSE).
...	optional parameters passed on to <a href="#">dbWriteTable</a>

**Details**

Opens up the DBI connection using `DBI::dbConnect`, writes data to the SQL table using `DBI::dbWriteTable` by extracting the data in batches from the [ffdf](#) and appending them to the table.

**Value**

`invisible()`

**See Also**

[dbWriteTable](#), [chunk](#)

**Examples**

```
require(ff)

##
## Example query using data in sqlite
```



```
##
require(RSQLite)
dbfile <- system.file("smalldb.sqlite3", package="ETLUtils")
drv <- dbDriver("SQLite")
query <- "select * from testdata limit 10000"
x <- read.dbi.ffdf(query = query, dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, dbname = dbfile),
  first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE)

## copy db in package folder to temp folder as CRAN does not allow writing in package dirs
dbfile <- tempfile(fileext = ".sqlite3")
file.copy(from = system.file("smalldb.sqlite3", package="ETLUtils"), to = dbfile)
Sys.chmod(dbfile, mode = "777")
write.dbi.ffdf(x = x, name = "helloworld", row.names = FALSE, overwrite = TRUE,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, dbname = dbfile),
  by = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE)
test <- read.dbi.ffdf(query = "select * from helloworld",
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, dbname = dbfile))

## clean up for CRAN
file.remove(dbfile)
## Not run:
require(ROracle)
write.dbi.ffdf(x = x, name = "hellooracle", row.names = FALSE, overwrite = TRUE,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = dbDriver("Oracle"),
    user = "YourUser", password = "YourPassword", dbname = "Mydatabase"),
  VERBOSE=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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write.jdbc.ffdf

---

Write *ffdf* data to a database table by using a JDBC connection.

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## Description

Write *ffdf* data to a database table by using a JDBC connection. This can for example be used to store large *ffdf* datasets from R in Oracle, SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Hive or other SQL databases.

Mark that for very large datasets, these SQL databases might have tools to speed up by bulk loading. You might also consider that as an alternative to using this procedure.

## Usage

```
write.jdbc.ffdf(
  x,
  name,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = NULL, dbname = NULL, username = "", password = ""),
  RECORDBYTES = sum(.rambytes[vmode(x)]),
  BATCHBYTES = getOption("ffbatchbytes"),
  by = NULL,
```

```

    VERBOSE = FALSE,
    ...
  )

```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	the <code>ffdf</code> to write to the database
<code>name</code>	character string with the name of the table to store the data in. Passed on to <code>dbWriteTable</code> .
<code>dbConnect.args</code>	a list of arguments to pass to JDBC's <code>RJDBC::dbConnect</code> (like <code>drv</code> , <code>dbname</code> , <code>username</code> , <code>password</code> ). See the examples.
<code>RECORDBYTES</code>	optional integer scalar representing the bytes needed to process a single row of the <code>ffdf</code>
<code>BATCHBYTES</code>	integer: bytes allowed for the size of the <code>data.frame</code> storing the result of reading one chunk. See documentation in <code>read.table.ffdf</code> for more details.
<code>by</code>	integer passed on to <code>chunk</code> indicating to write to the database in chunks of this size. Overwrites the behaviour of <code>BATCHBYTES</code> and <code>RECORDBYTES</code> .
<code>VERBOSE</code>	logical: TRUE to verbose timings for each processed chunk (default FALSE).
<code>...</code>	optional parameters passed on to <code>dbWriteTable</code>

## Details

Opens up the JDBC connection using `RJDBC::dbConnect`, writes data to the SQL table using `RJDBC::dbWriteTable` by extracting the data in batches from the `ffdf` and appending them to the table.

## Value

`invisible()`

## See Also

[JDBCConnection-methods](#), [chunk](#)

## Examples

```

## Not run:
require(ff)

##
## Example query using data in sqlite
##
require(RJDBC)
dbfile <- system.file("smalldb.sqlite3", package="ETLUtils")
drv <- JDBC(driverClass = "org.sqlite.JDBC", classPath = "/usr/local/lib/sqlite-jdbc-3.7.2.jar")
query <- "select * from testdata limit 10000"
x <- read.jdbc.ffdf(query = query,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, url = sprintf("jdbc:sqlite:%s", dbfile)),

```

```

first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE)

write.jdbc.ffdf(x = x, name = "helloworld", row.names = FALSE, overwrite = TRUE,
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, url = sprintf("jdbc:sqlite:%s", dbfile)),
  by = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE)
test <- read.jdbc.ffdf(query = "select * from helloworld",
  dbConnect.args = list(drv = drv, url = sprintf("jdbc:sqlite:%s", dbfile)))

## End(Not run)

```

write.odbcc.ffdf

*Write ffdf data to a database table by using a ODBC connection.*

### Description

Write [ffdf](#) data to a database table by using a ODBC connection. This can for example be used to store large ffdf datasets from R in Oracle, SQLite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Hive or other SQL databases.

Mark that for very large datasets, these SQL databases might have tools to speed up by bulk loading. You might also consider that as an alternative to using this procedure.

### Usage

```

write.odbcc.ffdf(
  x,
  tablename,
  odbccConnect.args = list(dsn = NULL, uid = "", pwd = ""),
  RECORDBYTES = sum(.rambytes[vmode(x)]),
  BATCHBYTES = getOption("ffbatchbytes"),
  by = NULL,
  VERBOSE = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	the <a href="#">ffdf</a> to write to the database
tablename	character string with the name of the table to store the data in. Passed on to <a href="#">sqlSave</a> .
odbccConnect.args	a list of arguments to pass to ODBC's <a href="#">odbccConnect</a> (like dsn, uid, pwd). See the examples.
RECORDBYTES	optional integer scalar representing the bytes needed to process a single row of the ffdf
BATCHBYTES	integer: bytes allowed for the size of the data.frame storing the result of reading one chunk. See documentation in <a href="#">read.table.ffdf</a> for more details.

by integer passed on to [chunk](#) indicating to write to the database in chunks of this size. Overwrites the behaviour of BATCHBYTES and RECORDBYTES.

VERBOSE logical: TRUE to verbose timings for each processed chunk (default FALSE).

... optional parameters passed on to [sqlSave](#)

### Details

Opens up the ODBC connection using `RODBC::odbcConnect`, writes data to the SQL table using `RODBC::sqlSave` by extracting the data in batches from the [ffdf](#) and appending them to the table.

### Value

`invisible()`

### See Also

[sqlSave](#), [chunk](#)

### Examples

```
##
## Using the sqlite database (smalldb.sqlite3) in the /inst folder of the package
## set up the sqlite ODBC driver (www.stats.ox.ac.uk/pub/bdr/RODBC-manual.pdf)
## and call it 'smalltestsqlitedb'
##
## Not run:
require(RODBC)
x <- read.odbc.ffdf(
  query = "select * from testdata limit 10000",
  odbcConnect.args = list(
    dsn="smalltestsqlitedb", uid = "", pwd = "",
    believeNRows = FALSE, rows_at_time = 1),
  nrows = -1,
  first.rows = 100, next.rows = 1000, VERBOSE = TRUE)

write.odbc.ffdf(x = x, tablename = "testdata", rownames = FALSE, append = TRUE,
  odbcConnect.args = list(
    dsn="smalltestsqlitedb", uid = "", pwd = "",
    believeNRows = FALSE, rows_at_time = 1),
  by = 1000, VERBOSE=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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