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`capture_requests` *Capture and record database transactions and save them as mocks*

Description

When creating database fixtures, it can sometimes be helpful to record the responses from the database for use in crafting tests.

Usage

```
start_db_capturing(path, redact_columns = NULL)

stop_db_capturing()

capture_db_requests(expr, path, redact_columns = NULL)
```

Arguments

path	the path to record mocks (default if missing: the first path in db_mock_paths().
redact_columns	a character vector of columns to redact. Any column that matches an entry will be redacted with a standard value for the column type (e.g. characters will be replaced with "[redacted]")
expr	an expression to evaluate while capturing requests (for capture_db_requests())

Details

You can start capturing with start_db_capturing() and end it with stop_db_capturing(). All queries run against a database will be executed like normal, but their responses will be saved to the mock path given, so that if you use the same queries later inside of a with_mock_db block, the database functions will return as if they had been run against the database.

Alternatively, you can wrap the code that you are trying to capture in the function capture_db_requests({...}) this does the same thing as start_db_capturing() and stop_db_capturing() but without needing to remember to stop the recording.

You can redact certain columns using the redact_columns argument. This will replace the values in the column with a generic redacted version. This works by always passing the data being saved through redact_columns.

note You should always call DBI::dbConnect inside of the capturing block. When you connect to the database, dittodb sets up the mocks for the specific database you're connecting to when you call DBI::dbConnect.

Value

NULL (invisibily)

Examples

```
if (check_for_pkg("RSQLite", message)) {
  # Temporary files for examples
  nycflights_path <- tempfile()

  con <- nycflights13_create_sqlite(location = nycflights_path)
  dbDisconnect(con)

  start_db_capturing()
  con <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), nycflights_path)

  df_1 <- dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM airlines LIMIT 1")
  res <- dbSendQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM airlines LIMIT 2")
  df_2 <- dbFetch(res)
  dbClearResult(res)

  dbDisconnect(con)
  stop_db_capturing()

  start_db_capturing(redact_columns = "carrier")
```

```
  con <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), nycflights_path)

  df_3 <- dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM airlines LIMIT 3")

  dbDisconnect(con)
  stop_db_capturing()

  with_mock_db({
    con <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), nycflights_path)

    # the result from df1 above
    print(dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM airlines LIMIT 1"))

    # the result from df3 above
    print(dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM airlines LIMIT 3"))
  })
}
```

`expect_sql` *Detect if a specific SQL statement is sent*

Description

[Experimental]

Usage

```
expect_sql(object, regexp = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	the expression to evaluate
`regexp`	the statement to match
`...`	arguments passed to `testthat::expect_error()`

Details

Sometimes all you need to check is if a specific SQL statement has been sent and you don't care about retrieving the results.

This works by raising an error that contains the statement that is sent to the database as well as the location of the result. Currently, `expect_sql()` only works with `DBI::dbSendQuery()` (and most implementations of `DBI::dbGetQuery()` which call `DBI::dbSendQuery()` internally).

Note: this function is experimental and will likely evolve over time. Please be prepared that new releases might break backwards compatibility.

Examples

```
if (check_for_pkg("RSQLite", message)) {
  with_mock_db({
    con <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), dbname = "not_a_db")

    expect_sql(
      dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT carrier, name FROM airlines LIMIT 3"),
      "SELECT carrier, name FROM airlines LIMIT 3"
    )
  })
}
```

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mock-db-methods *Methods for interacting with DB mocks instead of an actual database*

Description

Various methods (dbSendQuery, dbFetchQuery) that are mocks of the DBI methods of the same name. Instead of actually interacting with a database, they read in mock responses and the code proceeds after that. These aren't used directly, but are part of how dittodb works.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection'
dbDisconnect(conn, ...)

dbMockConnect(drv, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,character'
dbExistsTable(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,Id'
dbExistsTable(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection'
dbListTables(conn, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,character'
dbListFields(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,Id'
dbListFields(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,ANY'
dbListFields(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,character'
```

```
dbSendQuery(conn, statement, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,SQL'
dbSendQuery(conn, statement, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,character'
dbSendStatement(conn, statement, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult'
dbFetch(res, n = -1, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult,ANY'
fetch(res, n = -1, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult,missing'
fetch(res, n = -1, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult'
dbClearResult(res, n, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult'
dbHasCompleted(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockRPostgreSQLConnection,character'
dbGetQuery(conn, statement, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult'
dbGetRowsAffected(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection'
dbGetInfo(dbObj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,character,data.frame'
dbWriteTable(conn, name, value, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection,character'
dbRemoveTable(conn, name, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult'
dbColumnInfo(res, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockResult'
dbGetInfo(dbObj, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockRPostgresConnection,character'
dbQuoteIdentifier(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockRPostgresConnection,SQL'
```

```
dbQuoteIdentifier(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockRPostgresConnection,character'
dbQuoteString(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockRPostgresConnection,SQL'
dbQuoteString(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockMariaDBConnection,character'
dbQuoteString(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockMariaDBConnection,SQL'
dbQuoteString(conn, x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection'
dbBegin(conn, ..., name = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection'
dbCommit(conn, ..., name = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIMockConnection'
dbRollback(conn, ..., name = NULL)
```

Arguments

conn	a database connection (for dispatch with these methods, it should be of class DBIMockConnection)
...	arguments passed on inside of the methods
drv	a DB driver for use in dbConnect
name	name of the table (for dbListFields, dbWriteTable, dbRemoveTable)
statement	an SQL statement to execute
res	a result object (for dispatch with these methods, it should be of class DBIMockResult)
n	number of results to fetch (ignored)
dbObj	a database object (a connection, result, etc.) for use in dbGetInfo
value	a value (generally a data.frame) for use in dbWriteTable
x	a name to quote (for dbQuoteIdentifier)

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mockdb *Run DBI queries against a mocked database*

Description

Wrap a chunk of code in `with_mock_db()` to use mocked databases that will use fixtures instead of connecting to a real database. Alternatively, you can start and stop using a mocked database with `start_mock_db()` and `stop_mock_db()` respectively.to execute the whole thing without needing to remember to stop the mocking. When testing with `dittodb`, it will look for fixtures in all entries of `db_mock_paths`.

Usage

```
with_mock_db(expr)

start_mock_db()

stop_mock_db()
```

Arguments

expr	the expression to execute

Details

You only need to use one approach: either use `start_mock_db()` to start using mocks and then `stop_mock_db()` to stop or use `with_mock_db()` wrapped around the code you want to execute against the mocked database. You don't need to (and should not) use both at the same time. Generally `with_mock_db()` is preferred because it is slightly safer and you don't have to remember to `stop_mock_db()` when you're done. However, it is easier to step through tests interactively using `start_mock_db()`/`stop_mock_db()`.

Connections should be made after `start_mock_db()` if you're using that function or they should be made inside of `with_mock_db()` if you're using that function because `dittodb` uses the database name (given in `dbname` or `Database` argument of `dbConnect` depending on the driver) to separate different fixtures. For ODBC connections with only a dsn provided, the dsn is used for this directory.

Value

nothing

Examples

```
# Add the mocks included with dittodb to the db_mock_paths to use them below
db_mock_paths(system.file("nycflight_mocks", package = "dittodb"), last = TRUE)

if (check_for_pkg("RSQLite", message) & check_for_pkg("testthat", message)) {
  # using  `with_mock_db()`
  with_mock_db({
    con <- dbConnect(
      RSQLite::SQLite(),
      dbname = "nycflights"
    )

    testthat::test_that("We get one airline", {
      one_airline <- dbGetQuery(
        con,
        "SELECT carrier, name FROM airlines LIMIT 1"
      )
      testthat::expect_s3_class(one_airline, "data.frame")
      testthat::expect_equal(nrow(one_airline), 1)
      testthat::expect_equal(one_airline$carrier, "9E")
      testthat::expect_equal(one_airline$name, "Endeavor Air Inc.")
```

```
  })

  dbDisconnect(con)
})

# using `start_mock_db()` and `stop_mock_db()`
start_mock_db()
con <- dbConnect(
  RSQLite::SQLite(),
  dbname = "nycflights"
)

testthat::test_that("We get one airline", {
  one_airline <- dbGetQuery(
    con,
    "SELECT carrier, name FROM airlines LIMIT 1"
  )
  testthat::expect_s3_class(one_airline, "data.frame")
  testthat::expect_equal(nrow(one_airline), 1)
  testthat::expect_equal(one_airline$carrier, "9E")
  testthat::expect_equal(one_airline$name, "Endeavor Air Inc.")
})

dbDisconnect(con)
stop_mock_db()
}
```

`nycflights13_create_sql` *Create a standardised database for testing*

Description

Using the connection given in `con`, create a database including a few tables from the `nycflights13` dataset.

Usage

```
nycflights13_create_sql(con, schema = "", ...)
```

Arguments

`con`	an SQL connection (i.e a PostgreSQL connection)
`schema`	schema to write the tables ("", or no schema by default)
`...`	additional parameters to connect to a database

Value

the connection given in `con` invisibly, generally called for the side effects of writing to the database

Examples

```
if (check_for_pkg("RSQLite", message)) {
  con <- DBI::dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), ":memory:")

  nycflights13_create_sql(con)

  DBI::dbGetQuery(
    con,
    "SELECT year, month, day, carrier, flight, tailnum FROM flights LIMIT 10"
  )

  DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
}
```

`nycflights13_create_sqlite`

Create an in-memory SQLite database for testing

Description

Create an in-memory SQLite database for testing

Usage

```
nycflights13_create_sqlite(location = ":memory:", ...)
```

Arguments

`location`	where to store the database
`...`	additional parameters to connect to a database (most are passed on to `nycflights13_create_sql`)

Value

RSQLiteConnection

Examples

```
if (check_for_pkg("RSQLite", message)) {
  con <- nycflights13_create_sqlite()

  DBI::dbGetQuery(
    con,
    "SELECT year, month, day, carrier, flight, tailnum FROM flights LIMIT 10"
  )

  DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
```

```
}
```

`nycflights_sqlite` *An SQLite connection to a subset of nycflights13*

Description

Included with `dittodb` is a small subset of `nycflights13` prepopulated into a `sqlite` database.

Usage

```
nycflights_sqlite()
```

Details

This database is helpful for getting to know `dittodb` and running example code. It contains a small subset of the data in nycflights13: namely only the flights and planes that had a destination of ORD or MDW (the codes for the two major airports in Chicago) in February of 2013. The airports table has also been limited to only the New York and Chicago area airports.

Value

an RSQLiteConnection

Examples

```
if (check_for_pkg("RSQLite", message)) {
  con <- nycflights_sqlite()

  DBI::dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT flight, tailnum, origin, dest FROM flights LIMIT 10")
  DBI::dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT faa, name, lat, lon, alt, tz FROM airports")

  DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
}
```

`redact_columns` *Redact columns from a dataframe with the default redactors*

Description

This function redacts the columns specified in `columns` in the data given in `data` using `dittodb`'s standard redactors.

Usage

```
redact_columns(data, columns, ignore.case = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

data	a dataframe to redact
columns	character, the columns to redact
ignore.case	should case be ignored? (default: TRUE)
...	additional options to pass on to grep() when matching the column names

Details

The column names given in the columns argument are treated as regular expressions, however they always have ^ and $ added to the beginning and end of the strings. So if you would like to match any column that starts with the string sensitive (e.g. sensitive_name, sensitive_date) you could use "sensitive.* and this would catch all of those columns (though it would not catch a column called most_sensitive_name).

The standard redactors replace all values in the column with the following values based on the columns type:

- integer – 9L
- numeric – 9
- character – "[redacted]"
- POSIXct (date times) – as.POSIXct("1988-10-11T17:00:00", tz = tzone)

Value

data, with the columns specified in columns duly redacted

Examples

```
if (check_for_pkg("nycflights13", message)) {
  small_flights <- head(nycflights13::flights)

  # with no columns specified, redacting does nothing
  redact_columns(small_flights, columns = NULL)

  # integer
  redact_columns(small_flights, columns = c("arr_time"))

  # numeric
  redact_columns(small_flights, columns = c("arr_delay"))

  # characters
  redact_columns(small_flights, columns = c("origin", "dest"))

  # datetiems
  redact_columns(small_flights, columns = c("time_hour"))
}
```

set_dittodb_debug_level *Set* dittodb*'s debug level*

Description

It can be helpful to see what's going on by increasing dittodb's verbosity which will show what's going on under the hood (e.g. what queries are being requested, from where). This sets the option dittodb.debug to the value given in the level argument. The option can be set directly with options(dittodb.debug = n) as well.

Usage

```
set_dittodb_debug_level(level)
```

Arguments

level	a numeric, the level to set to (e.g. 1)

Details

The level argument is a numeric, where 0 is the default and (relatively) silent. The higher the level, the more verbose dittodb will be.

Currently, dittodb only has one level of debugging (any value 1 or greater), but more might be used in the future.

Value

the level, invisibly

Examples

```
set_dittodb_debug_level(1)
set_dittodb_debug_level(0)
```

use_dittodb *Use* dittodb *in your tests*

Description

If you would like to use dittodb in your package, and you are already using testthat, use this function to add dittodb to Suggests in the package DESCRIPTION and loads it in tests/testthat/helper.R. Call it once when you're setting up a new package test suite.

Usage

```
use_dittodb(path = ".")
```

Arguments

path	character path to the package

Details

This function should be called with the path to your package source as the path argument. The function is idempotent: if dittodb is already added to these files, no additional changes will be made.

It will:

- add dittodb to the Suggests field of the DESCRIPTION file in the current working directory
- add library(dittodb) to the file tests/testthat/helper.R (creating it if it doesn't already exist)

Value

Nothing: called for file system side effects.

Examples

```
## Not run:
use_dittodb()
use_dittodb("/path/to/package")

## End(Not run)
```

---

with_mock_path *Run the DBI queries in an alternate mock directory*

Description

When testing with dittodb, wrap your tests in with_mock_path({}) to use the database fixtures located in other directories. dittodb will look for fixtures in the directory specified by the user, which can be a temporary or permanent location.

Usage

```
with_mock_path(path, expr, replace = FALSE)
```

Arguments

path	the alternate directory
expr	the expression to execute
replace	logical, should the path replace the current mock paths (TRUE) or should they be appended (to the beginning) of the current mock paths (default, FALSE)

Value

nothing, called to execute the expression(s) in `expr`

Examples

```
# Only run if RSQLite and testthat are available
if (check_for_pkg("RSQLite", message) & check_for_pkg("testthat", message)) {
  with_mock_path(
    system.file("nycflight_mocks", package = "dittodb"),
    with_mock_db({
      con <- DBI::dbConnect(
        RSQLite::SQLite(),
        dbname = "nycflights"
      )

      one_airline <- dbGetQuery(
        con,
        "SELECT carrier, name FROM airlines LIMIT 1"
      )
      testthat::test_that("We get one airline", {
        testthat::expect_s3_class(one_airline, "data.frame")
        testthat::expect_equal(nrow(one_airline), 1)
        testthat::expect_equal(one_airline$carrier, "9E")
        testthat::expect_equal(one_airline$name, "Endeavor Air Inc.")
      })
      one_airline
    })
  )
}
```

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