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NAME

DBSQLToTextFiles.pl - Export data from MySQL, Oracle or PostgreSQL database into CSV/TSV text files

## SYNOPSIS

DBSQLToTextFiles.pl SQLFileName(s) | SQLSelectStatement(s)...

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DBSQLToTextFiles.pl [-d, --dbdriver mysql | Oracle | Postgres or Pg] [--dbhost hostname] [--dbname
databasename] [--dbpassword password] [--dbusername username] [--exportdatalabels yes | no] [
--exportlobs yes | no] [-h, --help] [-m, --mode SQLStatement | SQLFile] [-o, --overwrite] [--outdelim
comma | tab | semicolon] [-q, --quote yes | no] [-r, --root rootname] [--replacenullstr string] [-w
--workingdir dirname] SQLFileName(s) | SQLSelectStatement(s)...
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## DESCRIPTION

Export data from MySQL, Oracle or PostgreSQL database into CSV/TSV text files. Based on -m --mode option value, two methods of data selection are available: in line SQL select statement(s), or SQL file name(s) containing SQL select statement(s). All command line parameters must correspond to similar mode; mixing of parameters for different modes is not supported.

## OPTIONS

**-d, --dbdriver mysql | Oracle | Postgres or Pg**

Database driver name. Possible values: *mysql*, *Oracle*, *Postgres* or *Pg*. Default: *MySQL* or value of environment variable DBI\_DRIVER. This script has only been tested with MySQL, Oracle and PostgreSQL drivers.

**--dbhost *hostname***

Database host name. Default: 127.0.0.1 for both MySQL, Oracle and PostgreSQL. For remote databases, specify complete remote host domain: *dbhostname.org* or something like it.

**--dbname *databasename***

Database name. Default: mysql for MySQL, postgres for PostgreSQL and none for Oracle. For connecting to local/remote Oracle databases, this value can be left undefined assuming --dbhost is correctly specified.

**--dbpassword *password***

Database user password. Default: *none* and value of environment variable DBI\_PASS is used for connecting to database.

**--dbusername *username***

Database user name. Default: *none* and value of environment variable DBI\_USER is used for connecting to database.

**--exportdatalabels *yes | no***

This option is mode specific and controls exporting of column data labels during exportdata mode. Possible values: *yes* or *no*. Default: *yes*.

**--exportlobs *yes | no***

This option is mode specific and controls exporting of CLOB/BLOB data columns during exportdata mode. Possible values: *yes* or *no*. Default: *no*.

**-h, --help**

Print this help message.

**-m, --mode *SQLStatement | SQLFile***

Data selection criterion from database. Two different command line parameter methods are available: in line SQL statement(s) specification or file name(s) containing SQL select statement(s). This value determines how command line parameters are processed.

Possible values: *SQLStatement* or *SQLFile*. Default value: *SQLStatement*

In SQLFile mode, SQL file contains select statements delimited by ;. And the lines starting with # or - are ignored.

**-o, --overwrite**

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Overwrite existing files.

--outdelim *comma / tab / semicolon*  
Output text file delimiter. Possible values: *comma*, *tab*, or *semicolon*. Default value: *comma*.

-q, --quote *yes / no*  
Put quotes around column values in output text file. Possible values: *yes* or *no*. Default value: *yes*.

-r, --root *rootname*  
New file name is generated using the root: <Root><No>.<Ext>. Default new file file names: SQLStatement<No>.<Ext>, or <SQLFileName><StatementNo>.<Ext>. The csv and tsv <Ext> values are used for comma/semicolon, and tab delimited text files respectively. This option is ignored for multiple input parameters.

--replacenullstr *string*  
Replace NULL or undefined row values with specified value. Default: *none*  
For importing output text files into MySQL database using "load data local infile '<tablename>.tsv' into table <tablename>" command, use **--replacenullstr "NULL"** in conjunction with **--exportdatalabels no**, **--quote no**, and **--outdelim tab** options: it'll generate files for direct import into MySQL assuming tables already exists.

-w --workingdir *dirname*  
Location of working directory. Default: current directory.

## EXAMPLES

To export all data in user\_info table from a MySQL server running on a local machine using username/password from DBI\_USER and DBI\_PASS environmental variables, type:

```
% DBSQLToTextFiles.pl -o "select * from user_info"
```

To describe user table in a MySQL server running on a remote machine using explicit username/password and capturing the output into a UserTable.csv file, type:

```
% DBSQLToTextFiles.pl --dbdriver mysql --dbuser <name> --dbpassword <password> --dbname mysql --dbhost <mysqlhostname.org> -r UserTable -m SQLStatement -o "select * from user_info"
```

To describe table all\_tables in Oracle running on a remote machine using explicit username/password and capturing the output into a AllTable.tsv file, type:

```
% DBSQLToTextFiles.pl --dbdriver Oracle --dbuser <name> --dbpassword <password> --dbhost <oraclehostname.com> -r AllTable -m SQLStatement --outdelim tab --quote no -o "select * from all_tables"
```

To run all SQL statement in a file sample.sql on a local Oracle host and capturing output in a SampleSQL.csv file, type:

```
% DBSQLToTextFiles.pl --dbdriver Oracle --dbuser <name> --dbpassword <password> -r SampleSQL -m SQLFile -o sample.sql
```

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## SEE ALSO

DBSchemaTablesToTextFiles.pl, DBTablesToTextFiles.pl

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