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RSS Adapter

RSS Version Support

The adapter surfaces RSS 2.0 feeds as relational tables, enabling standards-based access to the real-time data streaming capabilities of RSS.

SQL Compliance

The [SQL Compliance](#) section shows the SQL syntax supported by the adapter and points out any limitations.

Getting Started

Connecting to RSS

[Basic Tab](#) shows how to authenticate to RSS and configure any necessary connection properties. Additional adapter capabilities can be configured using the available [Connection](#) properties on the Advanced tab. The Advanced Settings section shows how to set up more advanced configurations and troubleshoot connection errors.

Deploying the RSS Adapter

To deploy the adapter, you can execute the `server_util` utility via the command line by

1. Unzip the `tdv.rss.zip` file to the location of your choice.
2. Open a command prompt window.
3. Navigate to the `<TDV_install_dir>/bin`
4. Enter the `server_util` command with the `-deploy` option:

```
server_util -server <hostname> [-port <port>] -user <user> -  
password <password> -deploy -package <TDV_install_  
dir>/adapters/tdv.rss/tdv.rss.jar
```

Note: When deploying a build of an existing adapter, you will need to undeploy the existing adapter using the `server_util` command with the `-undeploy` option.

```
server_util -server <hostname> [-port <port>] -user <user> -password  
<password> -undeploy -version 1 -name RSS
```

Basic Tab

The RSS Adapter supports connecting to RSS and Atom feeds, as well as feeds with custom extensions. To connect to a feed, set the `URI` property. The adapter also supports accessing secure feeds. A variety of authentication mechanisms are supported. See the connection properties for details.

Logging

The adapter uses TDV Server's logging (log4j) to generate log files. The settings within the TDV Server's logging (log4j) configuration file are used by the adapter to determine the type of messages to log. The following categories can be specified:

- Error: Only error messages are logged.
- Info: Both Error and Info messages are logged.
- Debug: Error, Info, and Debug messages are logged.

The `Other` property of the adapter can be used to set Verbosity to specify the amount of detail to be included in the log file, that is:

```
Verbosity=4;
```

You can use Verbosity to specify the amount of detail to include in the log within a category. The following verbosity levels are mapped to the log4j categories:

- 0 = Error
- 1-2 = Info
- 3-5 = Debug

For example, if the log4j category is set to DEBUG, the Verbosity option can be set to 3 for the minimum amount of debug information or 5 for the maximum amount of debug information.

Note that the log4j settings override the Verbosity level specified. The adapter never logs at a Verbosity level greater than what is configured in the log4j properties. In addition, if Verbosity is set to a level less than the log4j category configured, Verbosity defaults to the minimum value for that particular category. For example, if Verbosity is set to a value less than 3 and the Debug category is specified, the Verbosity defaults to 3.

The following list is an explanation of the Verbosity levels and the information that they log.

- 1 - Will log the query, the number of rows returned by it, the start of execution and the time taken, and any errors.
- 2 - Will log everything included in Verbosity 1 and HTTP headers.
- 3 - Will additionally log the body of the HTTP requests.
- 4 - Will additionally log transport-level communication with the data source. This includes SSL negotiation.
- 5 - Will additionally log communication with the data source and additional details that may be helpful in troubleshooting problems. This includes interface commands.

Configure Logging for the RSS Adapter

By default, logging is turned on without debugging. If debugging information is desired, uncomment the following line in the TDV Server's log4j.properties file (default location of this file is: C:\Program Files\TIBCO\TDV Server <version>\conf\server):

```
log4j.logger.com.cdata=DEBUG
```

The TDV Server must be restarted after changing the log4j.properties file, which can be accomplished by running the composite.bat script located at: C:\Program Files\TIBCO\TDV Server <version>\bin. Note that reauthenticating to the TDV Studio is required after restarting the server.

Here is an example of the calls:

```
.\composite.bat monitor restart
```

All logs for the adapter are written to the "cs_server_dsrc.log" file as specified in the log4j properties.

Note: The "log4j.logger.com.cdata=DEBUG" option is not required if the **Debug Output Enabled** option is set to true within the TDV Studio. To set this option, navigate to

Administrator > Configuration. Select **Server > Configuration > Debugging** and set the Debug Output Enabled option to **True**.

Creating a Schema

You can use the `GenerateSchemaFiles` property to generate table definitions for RSS and ATOM feeds. This property can be used to generate schemas when you connect or when you execute a query. Set the `URI` to the feed url and the `Format` is the format of the feed RSS or ATOM. Set the `Location` connection property to the folder where you want the resulting schemas to be placed.

Alternatively, you can call the `CreateSchema` stored procedure.

```
EXEC CreateSchema TableName='MyFeed', URL='http://myservice/myfeed/'
```

The schema is written in RSBScript, a simple configuration language that allows you to define the columns for the table. You are able to make modifications by adding, removing, or editing columns.

Add a Column

Table columns are defined in the `rsb:info` block, which defines the column names, data types, element path. To add a new column to a table, you can simply append an attribute to `rsb:info`. You will need to set the following values:

- *name*: the desired column name. The column names do not need to match the element names from the feed; you will define this mapping in the next step.
- *xs:type*: an appropriate data type. The adapter accepts the following data types: int, double, datetime, time, string, long, boolean, and decimal.
- *key*: whether this column is a primary key (a unique identifier that can be used to select this record and this record only).
- *other:xPath*: path to the element relative to the channel

Remove a Column

Deleting an `attr` element from `rsb:info` will remove the column from the resource. This means that your table will not list the column. Note that it is important to delete the entire XML element for the column that you want to remove.

Editing a Column

You can rename a column by changing the name attribute of the attr. You can also edit a column's data type by changing the xs:type attribute to one of the following support types:

- string
- datetime
- boolean
- int
- long
- double

Changelog

General Changes

Date	Build Number	Change Type	Description
12/14/2022	8383	General	Changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added the Default column to the sys_procedureparameters table.
[8376] 12/07/2022	8376	RSS	Added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added the WriteToFile parameter for CreateSchema. This defaults to true and must be disabled to write the schema to FileStream or FileData. Removed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed the FileLocation parameter from CreateSchema. The Location property must be used to set the output directory for created schemas.

09/30/2022	8308	General	Changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added the IsPath column to the sys_procedureparameters table.
08/17/2022	8264	General	Changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We now support handling the keyword "COLLATE" as standard function name as well.
09/02/2021	7915	General	Added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added support for the STRING_SPLIT table-valued function in the CROSS APPLY clause.
08/07/2021	7889	General	Changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added the KeySeq column to the sys_foreignkeys table.
08/06/2021	7888	General	Changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added the new sys_primarykeys system table.
07/23/2021	7874	General	Changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the Literal Function Names for relative date/datetime functions. Previously relative date/datetime functions resolved to a different value when used in the projection vs te predicate. Ie: SELECT LAST_MONTH() AS lm, Col FROM Table WHERE Col > LAST_MONTH(). Formerly the two LAST_MONTH() methods would resolve to different datetimes. Now they will match. As a replacement for the previous behavior, the relative date/datetime

			<p>functions in the criteria may have an 'L' appended to them. I.e: WHERE col > L_LAST_MONTH(). This will continue to resolve to the same values that previously were calculated in the criteria. Note that the "L_" prefix will only work in the predicate - it not available for the projection.</p>
07/08/2021	7859	General	<p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added the TCP Logging Module for the logging information happening on the TCP wire protocol. The transport bytes that are incoming and ongoing will be logged at verbosity=5.
04/23/2021	7785	General	<p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added support for handling client side formulas during insert / update. For example: UPDATE Table SET Col1 = Concat(Col1, " - ", Col2) WHERE Col2 LIKE 'A%'
04/23/2021	7783	General	<p>Changed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated how display sizes are determined for varchar primary key and foreign key columns so they will match the reported length of the column.
04/16/2021	7776	General	<p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-conditional updates between two columns is now available to all drivers. For example: UPDATE Table SET Col1=Col2 <p>Changed</p>

- Reduced the length to 255 for varchar primary key and foreign key columns.
- Updated implicit and metadata caching to improve performance and support for multiple connections. Old metadata caches are not compatible - you would need to generate new metadata caches if you are currently using CacheMetadata.
- Updated index naming convention to avoid duplicates
- Updated and standardized Getting Started connection help.
- Added the Advanced Features section to the help of all drivers.
- Categorized connection property listings in the help for all editions.

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General

Changed

- Kerberos authentication is updated to use TCP by default, but will fall back to UDP if a TCP connection cannot be established

Advanced Features

This section details a selection of advanced features of the RSS adapter.

User Defined Views

The adapter allows you to define virtual tables, called *user defined views*, whose contents are decided by a pre-configured query. These views are useful when you cannot directly control queries being issued to the drivers. See [User Defined Views](#) for an overview of creating and configuring custom views.

SSL Configuration

Use [SSL Configuration](#) to adjust how adapter handles TLS/SSL certificate negotiations. You can choose from various certificate formats; see the [SSLServerCert](#) property under "Connection String Options" for more information.

Firewall and Proxy

Configure the adapter for compliance with [Firewall and Proxy](#), including Windows proxies and HTTP proxies. You can also set up tunnel connections.

Query Processing

The adapter offloads as much of the SELECT statement processing as possible to RSS and then processes the rest of the query in memory (client-side).

See [Query Processing](#) for more information.

Logging

See [Logging](#) for an overview of configuration settings that can be used to refine CData logging. For basic logging, you only need to set two connection properties, but there are numerous features that support more refined logging, where you can select subsets of information to be logged using the [LogModules](#) connection property.

User Defined Views

The RSS Adapter allows you to define a virtual table whose contents are decided by a pre-configured query. These are called *User Defined Views*, which are useful in situations where you cannot directly control the query being issued to the driver, e.g. when using the driver from a tool. The User Defined Views can be used to define predicates that are always applied. If you specify additional predicates in the query to the view, they are combined with the query already defined as part of the view.

There are two ways to create user defined views:

- Create a JSON-formatted configuration file defining the views you want.
- DDL statements.

Defining Views Using a Configuration File

User Defined Views are defined in a JSON-formatted configuration file called *UserDefinedViews.json*. The adapter automatically detects the views specified in this file.

You can also have multiple view definitions and control them using the UserDefinedViews connection property. When you use this property, only the specified views are seen by the adapter.

This User Defined View configuration file is formatted as follows:

- Each root element defines the name of a view.
- Each root element contains a child element, called **query**, which contains the custom SQL query for the view.

For example:

```
{
  "MyView": {
    "query": "SELECT * FROM RSSFeed WHERE MyColumn = 'value'"
  },
  "MyView2": {
    "query": "SELECT * FROM MyTable WHERE Id IN (1,2,3)"
  }
}
```

Use the UserDefinedViews connection property to specify the location of your JSON configuration file. For example:

```
"UserDefinedViews",
"C:\\Users\\yourusername\\Desktop\\tmp\\UserDefinedViews.json"
```

Defining Views Using DDL Statements

The adapter is also capable of creating and altering the schema via DDL Statements such as CREATE LOCAL VIEW, ALTER LOCAL VIEW, and DROP LOCAL VIEW.

Create a View

To create a new view using DDL statements, provide the view name and query as follows:

```
CREATE LOCAL VIEW [MyViewName] AS SELECT * FROM Customers LIMIT 20;
```

If no JSON file exists, the above code creates one. The view is then created in the JSON configuration file and is now discoverable. The JSON file location is specified by the UserDefinedViews connection property.

Alter a View

To alter an existing view, provide the name of an existing view alongside the new query you would like to use instead:

```
ALTER LOCAL VIEW [MyViewName] AS SELECT * FROM Customers WHERE  
TimeModified > '3/1/2020';
```

The view is then updated in the JSON configuration file.

Drop a View

To drop an existing view, provide the name of an existing schema alongside the new query you would like to use instead.

```
DROP LOCAL VIEW [MyViewName]
```

This removes the view from the JSON configuration file. It can no longer be queried.

Schema for User Defined Views

User Defined Views are exposed in the **UserViews** schema by default. This is done to avoid the view's name clashing with an actual entity in the data model. You can change the name of the schema used for UserViews by setting the UserViewsSchemaName property.

Working with User Defined Views

For example, a SQL statement with a User Defined View called *UserViews.RCustomers* only lists customers in Raleigh:

```
SELECT * FROM Customers WHERE City = 'Raleigh';
```

An example of a query to the driver:

```
SELECT * FROM UserViews.RCustomers WHERE Status = 'Active';
```

Resulting in the effective query to the source:

```
SELECT * FROM Customers WHERE City = 'Raleigh' AND Status = 'Active';
```

That is a very simple example of a query to a User Defined View that is effectively a combination of the view query and the view definition. It is possible to compose these queries in much more complex patterns. All SQL operations are allowed in both queries and are combined when appropriate.

SSL Configuration

Customizing the SSL Configuration

By default, the adapter attempts to negotiate SSL/TLS by checking the server's certificate against the system's trusted certificate store.

To specify another certificate, see the [SSLServerCert](#) property for the available formats to do so.

Firewall and Proxy

Connecting Through a Firewall or Proxy

HTTP Proxies

To connect through the Windows system proxy, you do not need to set any additional connection properties. To connect to other proxies, set [ProxyAutoDetect](#) to false.

In addition, to authenticate to an HTTP proxy, set [ProxyAuthScheme](#), [ProxyUser](#), and [ProxyPassword](#), in addition to [ProxyServer](#) and [ProxyPort](#).

Other Proxies

Set the following properties:

- To use a proxy-based firewall, set [FirewallType](#), [FirewallServer](#), and [FirewallPort](#).
- To tunnel the connection, set [FirewallType](#) to TUNNEL.

- To authenticate, specify FirewallUser and FirewallPassword.
- To authenticate to a SOCKS proxy, additionally set FirewallType to SOCKS5.

Query Processing

Query Processing

CData has a client-side SQL engine built into the adapter library. This enables support for the full capabilities that SQL-92 offers, including filters, aggregations, functions, etc.

For sources that do not support SQL-92, the adapter offloads as much of SQL statement processing as possible to RSS and then processes the rest of the query in memory (client-side). This results in optimal performance.

For data sources with limited query capabilities, the adapter handles transformations of the SQL query to make it simpler for the adapter. The goal is to make smart decisions based on the query capabilities of the data source to push down as much of the computation as possible. The RSS Query Evaluation component examines SQL queries and returns information indicating what parts of the query the adapter is not capable of executing natively.

The RSS Query Slicer component is used in more specific cases to separate a single query into multiple independent queries. The client-side Query Engine makes decisions about simplifying queries, breaking queries into multiple queries, and pushing down or computing aggregations on the client-side while minimizing the size of the result set.

There's a significant trade-off in evaluating queries, even partially, client-side. There are always queries that are impossible to execute efficiently in this model, and some can be particularly expensive to compute in this manner. CData always pushes down as much of the query as is feasible for the data source to generate the most efficient query possible and provide the most flexible query capabilities.

More Information

For a full discussion of how CData handles query processing, see [CData Architecture: Query Execution](#).

Logging

Capturing adapter logging can be very helpful when diagnosing error messages or other unexpected behavior.

Basic Logging

You will simply need to set two connection properties to begin capturing adapter logging.

- Logfile: A filepath which designates the name and location of the log file.
- Verbosity: This is a numerical value (1-5) that determines the amount of detail in the log. See the page in the Connection Properties section for an explanation of the five levels.
- MaxLogFileSize: When the limit is hit, a new log is created in the same folder with the date and time appended to the end. The default limit is 100 MB. Values lower than 100 kB will use 100 kB as the value instead.
- MaxLogFileCount: A string specifying the maximum file count of log files. When the limit is hit, a new log is created in the same folder with the date and time appended to the end and the oldest log file will be deleted. Minimum supported value is 2. A value of 0 or a negative value indicates no limit on the count.

Once this property is set, the adapter will populate the log file as it carries out various tasks, such as when authentication is performed or queries are executed. If the specified file doesn't already exist, it will be created.

Log Verbosity

The verbosity level determines the amount of detail that the adapter reports to the Logfile. Verbosity levels from 1 to 5 are supported. These are described in the following list:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Setting <u>Verbosity</u> to 1 will log the query, the number of rows returned by it, the start of execution and the time taken, and any errors. |
| 2 | Setting <u>Verbosity</u> to 2 will log everything included in <u>Verbosity</u> 1 and additional information about the request. |
| 3 | Setting <u>Verbosity</u> to 3 will additionally log HTTP headers, as well as the body of the request and the response. |
| 4 | Setting <u>Verbosity</u> to 4 will additionally log transport-level communication with the data |

source. This includes SSL negotiation.

- 5 Setting Verbosity to 5 will additionally log communication with the data source and additional details that may be helpful in troubleshooting problems. This includes interface commands.
-

The Verbosity should not be set to greater than 1 for normal operation. Substantial amounts of data can be logged at higher verbosity levels, which can delay execution times.

To refine the logged content further by showing/hiding specific categories of information, see LogModules.

Sensitive Data

Verbosity levels 3 and higher may capture information that you do not want shared outside of your organization. The following lists information of concern for each level:

- Verbosity 3: The full body of the request and the response, which includes all the data returned by the adapter
- Verbosity 4: SSL certificates
- Verbosity 5: Any extra transfer data not included at Verbosity 3, such as non human-readable binary transfer data

Best Practices for Data Security

Although we mask sensitive values, such as passwords, in the connection string and any request in the log, it is always best practice to review the logs for any sensitive information before sharing outside your organization.

Java Logging

When Java logging is enabled in Logfile, the Verbosity will instead map to the following logging levels.

- 0: Level.WARNING
- 1: Level.INFO
- 2: Level.CONFIG

- 3: Level.FINE
- 4: Level.FINER
- 5: Level.FINEST

Advanced Logging

You may want to refine the exact information that is recorded to the log file. This can be accomplished using the LogModules property.

This property allows you to filter the logging using a semicolon-separated list of logging modules.

All modules are four characters long. **Please note that modules containing three letters have a required trailing blank space.** The available modules are:

- **EXEC:** Query Execution. Includes execution messages for original SQL queries, parsed SQL queries, and normalized SQL queries. Query and page success/failure messages appear here as well.
- **INFO:** General Information. Includes the connection string, driver version (build number), and initial connection messages.
- **HTTP:** HTTP Protocol messages. Includes HTTP requests/responses (including POST messages), as well as Kerberos related messages.
- **SSL :** SSL certificate messages.
- **OAUT:** OAuth related failure/success messages.
- **SQL :** Includes SQL transactions, SQL bulk transfer messages, and SQL result set messages.
- **META:** Metadata cache and schema messages.
- **TCP :** Incoming and Ongoing raw bytes on TCP transport layer messages.

An example value for this property would be.

```
LogModules=INFO;EXEC;SSL ;SQL ;META;
```

Note that these modules refine the information as it is pulled after taking the Verbosity into account.

SQL Compliance

SELECT Statements

See [SELECT Statements](#) for a syntax reference and examples.

See [Data Model](#) for information on the capabilities of the RSS API.

EXECUTE Statements

Use EXECUTE or EXEC statements to execute stored procedures. See [EXECUTE Statements](#) for a syntax reference and examples.

Names and Quoting

- Table and column names are considered identifier names; as such, they are restricted to the following characters: [A-Z, a-z, 0-9, _:@].
- To use a table or column name with characters not listed above, the name must be quoted using double quotes ("name") in any SQL statement.
- Strings must be quoted using single quotes (e.g., 'John Doe').

SELECT Statements

A SELECT statement can consist of the following basic clauses.

- SELECT
- INTO
- FROM
- JOIN
- WHERE
- GROUP BY
- HAVING
- UNION
- ORDER BY
- LIMIT

SELECT Syntax

The following syntax diagram outlines the syntax supported by the RSS adapter:

```

SELECT {
  [ TOP <numeric_literal> ]
  {
    *
    | {
      <expression> [ [ AS ] <column_reference> ]
      | { <table_name> | <correlation_name> } .*
      } [ , ... ]
    }
  [ INTO csv:// [ filename= ] <file_path> [ ;delimiter=tab ] ]
  {
    FROM <table_reference> [ [ AS ] <identifier> ]
  }
  [ WHERE <search_condition> ]
  [
    LIMIT <expression>
  ]
}

<expression> ::=
  | <column_reference>
  | @ <parameter>
  | ?
  | COUNT( * | { [ DISTINCT ] <expression> } )
  | { AVG | MAX | MIN | SUM | COUNT } ( <expression> )
  | NULLIF ( <expression> , <expression> )
  | COALESCE ( <expression> , ... )
  | CASE <expression>
    WHEN { <expression> | <search_condition> } THEN { <expression> |
NULL } [ ... ]
    [ ELSE { <expression> | NULL } ]
    END
  | <literal>
  | <sql_function>
<search_condition> ::=
  {
    <expression> { } [ <expression> ]
  } [ { AND | OR } ... ]

```

Examples

1. Return all columns:

```
SELECT * FROM RSSFeed
```

2. Rename a column:

```
SELECT "Author" AS MY_Author FROM RSSFeed
```

3. Cast a column's data as a different data type:

```
SELECT CAST(AnnualRevenue AS VARCHAR) AS Str_AnnualRevenue FROM RSSFeed
```

4. Search data:

```
SELECT * FROM RSSFeed WHERE Title = 'US'
```

5. The RSS APIs support the following operators in the WHERE clause: .

```
SELECT * FROM RSSFeed WHERE Title = 'US';
```

SELECT INTO Statements

You can use the SELECT INTO statement to export formatted data to a file.

Data Export with an SQL Query

The following query exports data into a file formatted in comma-separated values (CSV):

```
boolean ret = stat.execute("SELECT Guid, Author INTO  
"csv://c:/RSSFeed.txt" FROM "RSSFeed" WHERE Title = 'US'");  
System.out.println(stat.getUpdateCount()+" rows affected");
```

You can specify other file formats in the URI. The following example exports tab-separated values:

```
Statement stat = conn.createStatement();  
boolean ret = stat.execute("SELECT * INTO "RSSFeed" IN  
'csv://filename=c:/RSSFeed.csv;delimiter=tab' FROM "RSSFeed" WHERE Title  
= 'US'");  
System.out.println(stat.getUpdateCount()+" rows affected");
```

EXECUTE Statements

To execute stored procedures, you can use EXECUTE or EXEC statements.

EXEC and EXECUTE assign stored procedure inputs, referenced by name, to values or parameter names.

Stored Procedure Syntax

To execute a stored procedure as an SQL statement, use the following syntax:

```
{ EXECUTE | EXEC } <stored_proc_name>
{
  [ @ ] <input_name> = <expression>
} [ , ... ]
<expression> ::=
  | @ <parameter>
  | ?
  | <literal>
```

Example Statements

Reference stored procedure inputs by name:

```
EXECUTE my_proc @second = 2, @first = 1, @third = 3;
```

Execute a parameterized stored procedure statement:

```
EXECUTE my_proc second = @p1, first = @p2, third = @p3;
```

PIVOT and UNPIVOT

PIVOT and **UNPIVOT** can be used to change a table-valued expression into another table.

PIVOT

PIVOT rotates a table-value expression by turning unique values from one column into multiple columns in the output. PIVOT can run aggregations where required on any column value.

PIVOT Syntax

```
"SELECT 'AverageCost' AS Cost_Sorted_By_Production_Days, [0], [1], [2],
[3], [4]
FROM
(
SELECT DaysToManufacture, StandardCost
FROM Production.Product
) AS SourceTable
PIVOT
(
AVG(StandardCost)
FOR DaysToManufacture IN ([0], [1], [2], [3], [4])
) AS PivotTable;"
```

UNPIVOT

UNPIVOT carries out nearly the opposite to PIVOT by rotating columns of a table-valued expressions into column values.

UNPIVOT Syntax

```
"SELECT VendorID, Employee, Orders
FROM
(SELECT VendorID, Emp1, Emp2, Emp3, Emp4, Emp5
FROM pvt) p
UNPIVOT
(Orders FOR Employee IN
(Emp1, Emp2, Emp3, Emp4, Emp5)
)AS unpvt;"
```

For further information on PIVOT and UNPIVOT, see [FROM clause plus JOIN, APPLY, PIVOT \(Transact-SQL\)](#)

Data Model

Views

The RSS Adapter models RSS entities in relational Views, or read-only tables. The adapter dynamically obtains the schemas; reconnect to pick up any changes such as column names or data types.

Customizing the Dynamic Schemas

You can create custom schemas by either using the [GenerateSchemaFiles](#) connection property or calling the [CreateSchema](#) stored procedure.

Stored Procedures

Stored procedures are function-like interfaces that extend the functionality of the adapter beyond simple SELECT operations with RSS.

Stored procedures accept a list of parameters, perform their intended function, and then return, if applicable, any relevant response data from RSS, along with an indication of whether the procedure succeeded or failed.

RSS Adapter Stored Procedures

Name	Description
CreateSchema	Creates a schema file for the collection.

CreateSchema

Creates a schema file for the collection.

CreateSchema

Creates a local schema file (.rsd) from an existing table or view in the data model.

The schema file is created in the directory set in the Location connection property when this procedure is executed. You can edit the file to include or exclude columns, rename columns, or adjust column datatypes.

The adapter checks the Location to determine if the names of any .rsd files match a table or view in the data model. If there is a duplicate, the schema file will take precedence over the default instance of this table in the data model. If a schema file is present in Location that does not match an existing table or view, a new table or view entry is added to the data model of the adapter.

Input

Name	Type	Accepts Output Streams	Description
TableName	<i>String</i>	<i>False</i>	The name of the collection and also the name of the schema (RSD) file.
Format	<i>String</i>	<i>False</i>	The format of the feed. The allowed values are <i>RSS</i> , <i>ATOM</i> .
URI	<i>String</i>	<i>False</i>	The feed url.
WriteToFile	<i>String</i>	<i>False</i>	Whether to write to an output file or not. Defaults to true, must be set to false to write to FileStream or FileData.
FileName	<i>String</i>	<i>False</i>	The complete schema (RSD) file name of the generated schema.
FileStream	<i>String</i>	<i>True</i>	Stream to write the schema to. Only used if WriteToFile=false.

Result Set Columns

Name	Type	Description
Result	<i>String</i>	Returns Success or Failure.
FileData	<i>String</i>	The content of the schema encoded as base64. Only returned if WriteToFile=false and FileStream is not provided.

Connection String Options

The connection string properties are the various options that can be used to establish a connection. This section provides a complete list of the options you can configure in the connection string for this provider. Click the links for further details.

For more information on establishing a connection, see [Basic Tab](#).

SSL

Property	Description
SSLServerCert	The certificate to be accepted from the server when connecting using TLS/SSL.

Firewall

Property	Description
FirewallType	The protocol used by a proxy-based firewall.
FirewallServer	The name or IP address of a proxy-based firewall.
FirewallPort	The TCP port for a proxy-based firewall.
FirewallUser	The user name to use to authenticate with a proxy-based firewall.
FirewallPassword	A password used to authenticate to a proxy-based firewall.

Proxy

Property	Description
ProxyAutoDetect	This indicates whether to use the system proxy settings or not. This takes precedence over other proxy settings, so you'll need to set ProxyAutoDetect to FALSE in order use custom proxy settings.
ProxyServer	The hostname or IP address of a proxy to route HTTP traffic through.
ProxyPort	The TCP port the ProxyServer proxy is running on.
ProxyAuthScheme	The authentication type to use to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxyUser	A user name to be used to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxyPassword	A password to be used to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxySSLType	The SSL type to use when connecting to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxyExceptions	A semicolon separated list of destination hostnames or IPs that are exempt from connecting through the ProxyServer .

Logging

Property	Description
LogModules	Core modules to be included in the log file.

Schema

Property	Description

Location	A path to the directory that contains the schema files defining tables, views, and stored procedures.
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Authentication

Property	Description
AuthScheme	The scheme used for HTTP authentication. Accepted entries are NTLM, Basic, Digest, Negotiate and None.
AuthToken	The token used for authentication.
URI	The URI (Uniform Resource Identifier) of the feed.

Feed

Property	Description
Format	The Format property specifies whether the data is in RSS or ATOM.

Miscellaneous

Property	Description
GenerateSchemaFiles	Indicates the user preference as to when schemas should be generated and saved.
MaxRows	Limits the number of rows returned rows when no aggregation or group by is used in the query. This helps avoid performance issues at design time.
Other	These hidden properties are used only in specific use cases.

Timeout	The value in seconds until the timeout error is thrown, canceling the operation.
UserDefinedViews	A filepath pointing to the JSON configuration file containing your custom views.

SSL

This section provides a complete list of the SSL properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
SSLServerCert	The certificate to be accepted from the server when connecting using TLS/SSL.

SSLServerCert

The certificate to be accepted from the server when connecting using TLS/SSL.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

If using a TLS/SSL connection, this property can be used to specify the TLS/SSL certificate to be accepted from the server. Any other certificate that is not trusted by the machine is rejected.

This property can take the following forms:

Description	Example
A full PEM Certificate (example shortened for brevity)	-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----- MIICHTCCAe4CAQAwDQYJKoZIhvd.....Qw == -----END CERTIFICATE-----
A path to a local file containing the certificate	C:\cert.cer
The public key (example shortened for brevity)	-----BEGIN RSA PUBLIC KEY----- MIGfMA0GCSq.....AQAB -----END RSA PUBLIC KEY-----
The MD5 Thumbprint (hex values can also be either space or colon separated)	ca1b8dda5a1529c58a1e9e09828d70e4
The SHA1 Thumbprint (hex values can also be either space or colon separated)	34a929226ae0819f2ec14b4a3d904f801c bb150d

If not specified, any certificate trusted by the machine is accepted.

Certificates are validated as trusted by the machine based on the System's trust store. The trust store used is the 'javax.net.ssl.trustStore' value specified for the system. If no value is specified for this property, Java's default trust store is used (for example, JAVA_HOME\lib\security\cacerts).

Use '*' to signify to accept all certificates. Note that this is not recommended due to security concerns.

Firewall

This section provides a complete list of the Firewall properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
FirewallType	The protocol used by a proxy-based firewall.
FirewallServer	The name or IP address of a proxy-based firewall.

FirewallPort	The TCP port for a proxy-based firewall.
FirewallUser	The user name to use to authenticate with a proxy-based firewall.
FirewallPassword	A password used to authenticate to a proxy-based firewall.

FirewallType

The protocol used by a proxy-based firewall.

Possible Values

NONE, TUNNEL, SOCKS4, SOCKS5

Data Type

string

Default Value

"NONE"

Remarks

This property specifies the protocol that the adapter will use to tunnel traffic through the [FirewallServer](#) proxy. Note that by default, the adapter connects to the system proxy; to disable this behavior and connect to one of the following proxy types, set [ProxyAutoDetect](#) to false.

Type	Default Port	Description
TUNNEL	80	When this is set, the adapter opens a connection to RSS and traffic flows back and forth through the proxy.
SOCKS4	1080	When this is set, the adapter sends data through the SOCKS 4 proxy specified by FirewallServer and FirewallPort and passes

		the FirewallUser value to the proxy, which determines if the connection request should be granted.
SOCKS5	1080	When this is set, the adapter sends data through the SOCKS 5 proxy specified by FirewallServer and FirewallPort . If your proxy requires authentication, set FirewallUser and FirewallPassword to credentials the proxy recognizes.

To connect to HTTP proxies, use [ProxyServer](#) and [ProxyPort](#). To authenticate to HTTP proxies, use [ProxyAuthScheme](#), [ProxyUser](#), and [ProxyPassword](#).

FirewallServer

The name or IP address of a proxy-based firewall.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

This property specifies the IP address, DNS name, or host name of a proxy allowing traversal of a firewall. The protocol is specified by [FirewallType](#): Use [FirewallServer](#) with this property to connect through SOCKS or do tunneling. Use [ProxyServer](#) to connect to an HTTP proxy.

Note that the adapter uses the system proxy by default. To use a different proxy, set [ProxyAutoDetect](#) to false.

FirewallPort

The TCP port for a proxy-based firewall.

Data Type

int

Default Value

0

Remarks

This specifies the TCP port for a proxy allowing traversal of a firewall. Use [FirewallServer](#) to specify the name or IP address. Specify the protocol with [FirewallType](#).

FirewallUser

The user name to use to authenticate with a proxy-based firewall.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

The [FirewallUser](#) and [FirewallPassword](#) properties are used to authenticate against the proxy specified in [FirewallServer](#) and [FirewallPort](#), following the authentication method specified in [FirewallType](#).

FirewallPassword

A password used to authenticate to a proxy-based firewall.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

This property is passed to the proxy specified by [FirewallServer](#) and [FirewallPort](#), following the authentication method specified by [FirewallType](#).

Proxy

This section provides a complete list of the Proxy properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
ProxyAutoDetect	This indicates whether to use the system proxy settings or not. This takes precedence over other proxy settings, so you'll need to set ProxyAutoDetect to FALSE in order use custom proxy settings.
ProxyServer	The hostname or IP address of a proxy to route HTTP traffic through.
ProxyPort	The TCP port the ProxyServer proxy is running on.
ProxyAuthScheme	The authentication type to use to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxyUser	A user name to be used to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxyPassword	A password to be used to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxySSLType	The SSL type to use when connecting to the ProxyServer proxy.
ProxyExceptions	A semicolon separated list of destination hostnames or IPs that are exempt from connecting through the ProxyServer .

ProxyAutoDetect

This indicates whether to use the system proxy settings or not. This takes precedence over other proxy settings, so you'll need to set ProxyAutoDetect to FALSE in order use custom proxy settings.

Data Type

bool

Default Value

true

Remarks

This takes precedence over other proxy settings, so you'll need to set ProxyAutoDetect to FALSE in order use custom proxy settings.

NOTE: When this property is set to True, the proxy used is determined as follows:

- A search from the JVM properties (**http.proxy**, **https.proxy**, **socksProxy**, etc.) is performed.
- In the case that the JVM properties don't exist, a search from **java.home/lib/net.properties** is performed.
- In the case that java.net.useSystemProxies is set to True, a search from **the SystemProxy** is performed.
- In Windows only, an attempt is made to retrieve these properties from the **Internet Options** in the **registry**.

To connect to an HTTP proxy, see [ProxyServer](#). For other proxies, such as SOCKS or tunneling, see [FirewallType](#).

ProxyServer

The hostname or IP address of a proxy to route HTTP traffic through.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

The hostname or IP address of a proxy to route HTTP traffic through. The adapter can use the HTTP, Windows (NTLM), or Kerberos authentication types to authenticate to an HTTP proxy.

If you need to connect through a SOCKS proxy or tunnel the connection, see [FirewallType](#).

By default, the adapter uses the system proxy. If you need to use another proxy, set [ProxyAutoDetect](#) to false.

ProxyPort

The TCP port the ProxyServer proxy is running on.

Data Type

int

Default Value

80

Remarks

The port the HTTP proxy is running on that you want to redirect HTTP traffic through. Specify the HTTP proxy in [ProxyServer](#). For other proxy types, see [FirewallType](#).

ProxyAuthScheme

The authentication type to use to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.

Possible Values

BASIC, DIGEST, NONE, NEGOTIATE, NTLM, PROPRIETARY

Data Type

string

Default Value

"BASIC"

Remarks

This value specifies the authentication type to use to authenticate to the HTTP proxy specified by [ProxyServer](#) and [ProxyPort](#).

Note that the adapter will use the system proxy settings by default, without further configuration needed; if you want to connect to another proxy, you will need to set [ProxyAutoDetect](#) to false, in addition to [ProxyServer](#) and [ProxyPort](#). To authenticate, set [ProxyAuthScheme](#) and set [ProxyUser](#) and [ProxyPassword](#), if needed.

The authentication type can be one of the following:

- **BASIC:** The adapter performs HTTP BASIC authentication.
- **DIGEST:** The adapter performs HTTP DIGEST authentication.
- **NEGOTIATE:** The adapter retrieves an NTLM or Kerberos token based on the applicable protocol for authentication.
- **PROPRIETARY:** The adapter does not generate an NTLM or Kerberos token. You must supply this token in the Authorization header of the HTTP request.

If you need to use another authentication type, such as SOCKS 5 authentication, see [FirewallType](#).

ProxyUser

A user name to be used to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

The [ProxyUser](#) and [ProxyPassword](#) options are used to connect and authenticate against the HTTP proxy specified in [ProxyServer](#).

You can select one of the available authentication types in [ProxyAuthScheme](#). If you are using HTTP authentication, set this to the user name of a user recognized by the HTTP proxy. If you are using Windows or Kerberos authentication, set this property to a user name in one of the following formats:

```
user@domain  
domain\user
```

ProxyPassword

A password to be used to authenticate to the ProxyServer proxy.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

This property is used to authenticate to an HTTP proxy server that supports NTLM (Windows), Kerberos, or HTTP authentication. To specify the HTTP proxy, you can set [ProxyServer](#) and [ProxyPort](#). To specify the authentication type, set [ProxyAuthScheme](#).

If you are using HTTP authentication, additionally set [ProxyUser](#) and [ProxyPassword](#) to HTTP proxy.

If you are using NTLM authentication, set [ProxyUser](#) and [ProxyPassword](#) to your Windows password. You may also need these to complete Kerberos authentication.

For SOCKS 5 authentication or tunneling, see [FirewallType](#).

By default, the adapter uses the system proxy. If you want to connect to another proxy, set [ProxyAutoDetect](#) to false.

ProxySSLType

The SSL type to use when connecting to the ProxyServer proxy.

Possible Values

AUTO, ALWAYS, NEVER, TUNNEL

Data Type

string

Default Value

"AUTO"

Remarks

This property determines when to use SSL for the connection to an HTTP proxy specified by [ProxyServer](#). This value can be AUTO, ALWAYS, NEVER, or TUNNEL. The applicable values are the following:

AUTO	Default setting. If the URL is an HTTPS URL, the adapter will use the TUNNEL option. If the URL is an HTTP URL, the component will use the NEVER option.
ALWAYS	The connection is always SSL enabled.
NEVER	The connection is not SSL enabled.
TUNNEL	The connection is through a tunneling proxy. The proxy server opens a connection to the remote host and traffic flows back and forth through the proxy.

ProxyExceptions

A semicolon separated list of destination hostnames or IPs that are exempt from connecting through the ProxyServer .

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

The [ProxyServer](#) is used for all addresses, except for addresses defined in this property. Use semicolons to separate entries.

Note that the adapter uses the system proxy settings by default, without further configuration needed; if you want to explicitly configure proxy exceptions for this connection, you need to set [ProxyAutoDetect](#) = false, and configure [ProxyServer](#) and [ProxyPort](#). To authenticate, set [ProxyAuthScheme](#) and set [ProxyUser](#) and [ProxyPassword](#), if needed.

Logging

This section provides a complete list of the Logging properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
LogModules	Core modules to be included in the log file.

LogModules

Core modules to be included in the log file.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

Only the modules specified (separated by ';') will be included in the log file. By default all modules are included.

See the [Logging](#) page for an overview.

Schema

This section provides a complete list of the Schema properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
Location	A path to the directory that contains the schema files defining tables, views, and stored procedures.

Location

A path to the directory that contains the schema files defining tables, views, and stored procedures.

Data Type

string

Default Value

"%APPDATA%\\CData\\RSS Data Provider\\Schema"

Remarks

The path to a directory which contains the schema files for the adapter (.rsd files for tables and views, .rsb files for stored procedures). The folder location can be a relative path from the location of the executable. The Location property is only needed if you want to customize definitions (for example, change a column name, ignore a column, and so on) or extend the data model with new tables, views, or stored procedures.

If left unspecified, the default location is "%APPDATA%\\CData\\RSS Data Provider\\Schema" with %**APPDATA**% being set to the user's configuration directory:

Platform	%APPDATA%
Windows	The value of the APPDATA environment variable
Mac	~/Library/Application Support
Linux	~/.config

Authentication

This section provides a complete list of the Authentication properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
AuthScheme	The scheme used for HTTP authentication. Accepted entries are NTLM, Basic, Digest, Negotiate and None.
AuthToken	The token used for authentication.
URI	The URI (Uniform Resource Identifier) of the feed.

AuthScheme

The scheme used for HTTP authentication. Accepted entries are NTLM, Basic, Digest, Negotiate and None.

Possible Values

None, Basic, Digest, NTLM, Negotiate

Data Type

string

Default Value

"None"

Remarks

The scheme used for HTTP authentication. Accepted entries are NTLM, Basic, Digest, Negotiate and None. None is the default option.

- NTLM: Set this to use your Windows credentials for authentication.
- Basic: Set this to use HTTP Basic authentication.
- Digest: Set this to use HTTP Digest authentication.
- Negotiate: If AuthScheme is set to Negotiate, the adapter will negotiate an authentication mechanism with the server. Set AuthScheme to Negotiate if you want to use Kerberos authentication.

AuthToken

The token used for authentication.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

An authToken is a unique secret identifier that can be used to identify the validity of an HTTP request. Several applications and servers use this mechanism to secure feeds. The authToken set in the connection will be posted with the HTTP server as the request variable '@authToken'.

URI

The URI (Uniform Resource Identifier) of the feed.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

This property specifies a URI for the RSS Feed resource location. This can be an http source or file.

Feed

This section provides a complete list of the Feed properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
Format	The Format property specifies whether the data is in RSS or ATOM.

Format

The Format property specifies whether the data is in RSS or ATOM.

Possible Values

RSS, ATOM

Data Type

string

Default Value

"RSS"

Remarks

This property can be used with the CreateSchema stored procedure or the Generate Schema File feature (Set GenerateSchemFiles to OnStart or OnUse)

Miscellaneous

This section provides a complete list of the Miscellaneous properties you can configure in the connection string for this provider.

Property	Description
GenerateSchemaFiles	Indicates the user preference as to when schemas should be generated and saved.
MaxRows	Limits the number of rows returned rows when no aggregation or group by is used in the query. This helps avoid performance issues at design time.
Other	These hidden properties are used only in specific use cases.
Timeout	The value in seconds until the timeout error is thrown, canceling

the operation.

UserDefinedViews

A filepath pointing to the JSON configuration file containing your custom views.

GenerateSchemaFiles

Indicates the user preference as to when schemas should be generated and saved.

Possible Values

Never, OnUse, OnStart, OnCreate

Data Type

string

Default Value

"Never"

Remarks

This property outputs schemas to .rsd files in the path specified by [Location](#).

Available settings are the following:

- Never: A schema file will never be generated.
- OnUse: A schema file will be generated the first time a table is referenced, provided the schema file for the table does not already exist.
- OnStart: A schema file will be generated at connection time for any tables that do not currently have a schema file.
- OnCreate: A schema file will be generated by when running a CREATE TABLE SQL query.

Note that if you want to regenerate a file, you will first need to delete it.

Generate Schemas with SQL

When you set GenerateSchemaFiles to **OnUse**, the adapter generates schemas as you execute SELECT queries. Schemas are generated for each table referenced in the query.

When you set GenerateSchemaFiles to **OnCreate**, schemas are only generated when a CREATE TABLE query is executed.

Generate Schemas on Connection

Another way to use this property is to obtain schemas for every table in your database when you connect. To do so, set GenerateSchemaFiles to **OnStart** and connect.

MaxRows

Limits the number of rows returned rows when no aggregation or group by is used in the query. This helps avoid performance issues at design time.

Data Type

int

Default Value

-1

Remarks

Limits the number of rows returned rows when no aggregation or group by is used in the query. This helps avoid performance issues at design time.

Other

These hidden properties are used only in specific use cases.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

The properties listed below are available for specific use cases. Normal driver use cases and functionality should not require these properties.

Specify multiple properties in a semicolon-separated list.

Integration and Formatting

DefaultColumnSize	Sets the default length of string fields when the data source does not provide column length in the metadata. The default value is 2000.
ConvertDateTimeToGMT	Determines whether to convert date-time values to GMT, instead of the local time of the machine.
RecordToFile=filename	Records the underlying socket data transfer to the specified file.

Timeout

The value in seconds until the timeout error is thrown, canceling the operation.

Data Type

int

Default Value

60

Remarks

If Timeout = 0, operations do not time out. The operations run until they complete successfully or until they encounter an error condition.

If Timeout expires and the operation is not yet complete, the adapter throws an exception.

UserDefinedViews

A filepath pointing to the JSON configuration file containing your custom views.

Data Type

string

Default Value

""

Remarks

User Defined Views are defined in a JSON-formatted configuration file called *UserDefinedViews.json*. The adapter automatically detects the views specified in this file.

You can also have multiple view definitions and control them using the UserDefinedViews connection property. When you use this property, only the specified views are seen by the adapter.

This User Defined View configuration file is formatted as follows:

- Each root element defines the name of a view.
- Each root element contains a child element, called **query**, which contains the custom SQL query for the view.

For example:

```
{
  "MyView": {
    "query": "SELECT * FROM RSSFeed WHERE MyColumn = 'value'"
  },
  "MyView2": {
    "query": "SELECT * FROM MyTable WHERE Id IN (1,2,3)"
  }
}
```

Use the UserDefinedViews connection property to specify the location of your JSON configuration file. For example:

```
"UserDefinedViews",  
"C:\\Users\\yourusername\\Desktop\\tmp\\UserDefinedViews.json"
```

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 - TDV Getting Started Guide
 - TDV User Guide
 - TDV Web UI User Guide
 - TDV Client Interfaces Guide
 - TDV Tutorial Guide
 - TDV Northbay Example
- **Administration**
 - TDV Installation and Upgrade Guide
 - TDV Administration Guide
 - TDV Active Cluster Guide
 - TDV Security Features Guide
- **Data Sources**

TDV Adapter Guides

TDV Data Source Toolkit Guide (Formerly Extensibility Guide)

- **References**

TDV Reference Guide

TDV Application Programming Interface Guide

- **Other**

TDV Business Directory Guide

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