

# Package ‘dcmodifydb’

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**Title** Modifying Rules on a DataBase

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**Description** Apply modification rules from R package 'dcmodify' to the database,  
prescribing and documenting deterministic data cleaning steps on records in a database.  
The rules are translated into SQL statements using R package 'dbplyr'.

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<code>dump_sql</code>	<i>Show generated sql</i>
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**Description**

Writes the generated sql to a file or command line. The script contains ALTER and UPDATE statements and can be used for documentation purposes.

**Usage**

```
dump_sql(x, table, con = NULL, file = stdout(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>dcmModifier::modifier()</code> object with rules to be written
<code>table</code>	either a <code>dplyr::tbl()</code> object or a character with table name
<code>con</code>	optional, when <code>table</code> is a character, a <code>dbi</code> connection.
<code>file</code>	to which the sql will be written.
<code>...</code>	not used

**Details**

Note that when this script is run on the database it will change the original table. This differs from the default behavior of `dcmModifier` which works on a (temporary) copy of the table.

Furthermore, it seems wise to wrap the generated SQL in a transaction when apply the SQL code on a database.

**Value**

character sql script with all statements.

**See Also**

Other sql translation: [modifier\\_to\\_sql\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# load modification rules and apply:
library(dcmModifier)

con <- DBI::dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), dbname=system.file("db/person.db", package="dcmModifier"))
person <- dplyr::tbl(con, "person")

rules <- modifier(.file = system.file("db/corrections.yml", package="dcmModifier"))
print(rules)

# show sql code generated from the rules.
dump_sql(rules, person)
```

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is_working_db	<i>Rule check on the database</i>
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## Description

Get an indication of which R statement can be executed on the SQL database. dcmodifydb translates R statements into SQL statement. This works for many scenario's but not all R statements can be translated into SQL. This function checks whether a modification rule can be executed on the database.

## Usage

```
is_working_db(m, tab, n = 2, warn = TRUE, sql_warn = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

m	modifier() object
tab	tbl object
n	number of records to use in this check
warn	generate warnings for non-working rules
sql_warn	generate warnings with sql code for non-working rules

## Value

logical with which statements are working

## Examples

```
person <- dbplyr::memdb_frame(age = 12, salary = 3000)

library(dcmodify)

correction_rules <- modifier( if (age < 16) salary = 0
                           , if (retired == TRUE) salary = 0
                           )

# second rule is not working, because retired is not available
is_working_db(correction_rules, person, warn = FALSE)

# show warnings (default)
is_working_db(correction_rules, person, warn = TRUE)

# show the sql statements that are not working
is_working_db(correction_rules, person, warn = FALSE, sql_warn = TRUE)
```

`modifier_to_sql`      *Utility function to extract SQL statements*

## Description

Extract UPDATE statements from modifier object as a list of SQL statements. A user should normally be using [modify\(\)](#) or [dump\\_sql\(\)](#), but this function may be useful.

## Usage

```
modifier_to_sql(x, table, con = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	dcmodify::modifier() object
<code>table</code>	table object
<code>con</code>	optional connection

## Value

list of sql UPDATE statements.

## See Also

Other sql translation: [dump\\_sql\(\)](#)

`modify,ANY,modifier-method`  
*Apply corrections/derivations to a db table*

## Description

Change records in a database table using modification rules specified in a [modifier\(\)](#) object. This is the main function of package dcmodifydb. For more information see the vignettes.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,modifier'
modify(
  dat,
  x,
  copy = NULL,
  transaction = !isTRUE(copy),
  ignore_nw = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

dat	<code>tbl_sql()</code> object, table in a SQL database
x	<code>dcmModify::modifier()</code> object.
copy	if TRUE (default), modify copy of table
transaction	if TRUE use one transaction for all modifications.
ignore_nw	if TRUE non-working rules are ignored
...	unused

## Details

The modification rules are translated into SQL update statements and executed on the table.

Note that

- by default the updates are executed on a copy of the table.
- the default for `transaction` is FALSE when `copy=TRUE` and TRUE when `copy=FALSE`
- when `transaction = TRUE` and a modification fails, all modifications are rolled back.

## Value

`tbl_sql()` object, referencing the modified table object.

## Examples

```
library(DBI)
library(dcmModify)
library(dcmModifydb)

# silly modification rules
m <- modifier( if (cyl == 6) gear <- 10
                , gear[cyl == 4] <- 0 # this R syntax works too :-
                , if (gear == 3) cyl <- 2
                )

# setting up a table in the database
con <- dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite())
dbWriteTable(con, "mtcars", mtcars[,c("cyl", "gear")])
tbl_mtcars <- dplyr::tbl(con, "mtcars")

# "Houston, we have a table"
head(tbl_mtcars)

# lets modify on a temporary copy of the table..
# this copy is only visible to the current connection
tbl_m <- modify(tbl_mtcars, m, copy=TRUE)

# and gear has changed...
head(tbl_m)
```

```
# If one certain about the changes, then you can overwrite the table with the changes
tbl_m <- modify(tbl_mtcars, m, copy=FALSE)

dbDisconnect(con)
```

person

*Person data, income and smoking habits*

## Description

A synthetic data set with person data with records to be corrected. The dataset has missing values

## Usage

person

## Format

A data frame with x rows and variables:

**income** monthly income, in US dollars  
**age** age of a person in year  
**gender** gender of a person  
**year** year of measurement  
**smokes** if a person smokes or not  
**cigarettes** how many cigarettes a person smokes ...

The dataset is also available as a sqlite database at `system.file("db/person.db", package="dcmodifydb")`

## Examples

```
# load modification rules and apply:
library(dcmodify)
rules <- modifier(.file = system.file("db/corrections.yml", package="dcmodifydb"))

con <- DBI::dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), dbname=system.file("db/person.db", package="dcmodifydb"))
person <- dplyr::tbl(con, "person")
print(person)

person2 <- modify(person, rules, copy=TRUE)
print(person2)
```

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