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# **ctypes-ejdb Documentation**

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### 1.1 Installation

You can install ctypes-ejdb with `pip`:

```
pip install ctypes-ejdb
```

The EJDB library should be installed to make database access possible. See [EJDB installation guide](#) for details.

Python 2.7 or 3.3+ is required.

### 1.2 Usage

This chapter describes how ctypes-ejdb can be used to manipulate an EJDB instance.

#### 1.2.1 Tutorial

Before we start, make sure you have both ctypes-ejdb and EJDB installed. See [Installation](#) for instructions. The following should run without an exception:

```
import ejdb
```

#### Getting a Database

When working with ctypes-ejdb, the first step is to create a *Database* instance to a new or existing database file.

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#### Todo

- Finish this tutorial.
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### 1.3 API References

exception `ejdb.CollectionDoesNotExist`

exception `ejdb.DatabaseError`

**exception** `ejdb.OperationalError`

**exception** `ejdb.TransactionError`

**class** `ejdb.Collection` (*database, wrapped*)

Representation of a collection inside a database.

You generally should not instantiate a collection directly. Call `Database.get_collection()` to get a collection inside a database instead.

**abort\_transaction** ()

Abort a transaction, discarding all un-committed operations.

**begin\_transaction** (*allow\_nested=False*)

Begin a transaction on this collection.

This can be used directly, with the user calling `commit_transaction()` or `abort_transaction()` later manually:

```
collection.begin_transaction()
try:
    ... # Do things.
except:
    collection.abort_transaction()
    raise
else:
    collection.commit_transaction()
```

Or as a context manager:

```
with collection.begin_transaction():
    ... # Do things.
```

In the latter usage, `abort_transaction()` will be called automatically when the block exits with an exception; if the block exits normally, `commit_transaction()` will be called.

**commit\_transaction** ()

Commit a transaction.

**count** (*\*queries, hints={}*)

Get the number of documents in this collection.

**Parameters** *hints* – A mapping of possible hints to the selection.

**create\_array\_index** (*path*)

**create\_index** (*path, index\_type*)

**create\_istring\_index** (*path*)

**create\_number\_index** (*path*)

**create\_string\_index** (*path*)

**delete\_many** (*\*queries, hints={}*)

Delete documents in the collection.

This is an optimized shortcut for `find({... , '$dropall': True})`. Use the formal syntax if you want to get the content of deleted documents.

**Parameters** *hints* – A mapping of possible hints to the selection.

**Returns** Count of documents deleted.

**delete\_one** (\*queries, hints={})

Delete a single document in the collection.

This is an optimized shortcut for `find_one({..., '$dropall': True})`. Use the formal syntax if you want to get the deleted document's content.

**Parameters** *hints* – A mapping of possible hints to the selection.

**Returns** A boolean specifying whether a document is deleted.

**drop** ()

**find** (\*queries, hints={})

Find documents in the collection.

**Parameters** *hints* – A mapping of possible hints to the selection.

**Returns** A `Cursor` instance corresponding to this query.

**find\_one** (\*queries, hints={})

Find a single document in the collection.

**Parameters** *hints* – A mapping of possible hints to the selection.

**Returns** A mapping for the document found, or `None` if no matching document exists.

**insert\_many** (documents)

Insert a list of documents.

**Returns** A list of `OIDs` of the inserted documents.

**insert\_one** (document)

Insert a single document.

**Returns** `OID` of the inserted document.

**is\_in\_transaction** ()

**optimize\_array\_index** (path)

**optimize\_index** (path, index\_type)

**optimize\_istring\_index** (path)

**optimize\_number\_index** (path)

**optimize\_string\_index** (path)

**rebuild\_array\_index** (path)

**rebuild\_index** (path, index\_type)

**rebuild\_istring\_index** (path)

**rebuild\_number\_index** (path)

**rebuild\_string\_index** (path)

**remove** (oid)

Remove the document matching the given `OID` from the collection.

This method is provided for compatibility with `ejdb-python`.

**remove\_array\_index** (path)

**remove\_index** (path, index\_type=None)

Remove index(es) on `path` from the collection.

The index of specified type on `path`, if given by `index_type`, will be removed. If `index_type` is `None`, all indexes on `path` will be removed.

**remove\_istring\_index** (*path*)

**remove\_number\_index** (*path*)

**remove\_string\_index** (*path*)

**save** (*\*documents, merge=False*)

Persist one or more documents in the collection.

If a saved document doesn't have a `_id` key, an automatically generated unused OID will be used. Otherwise the OID is set to the given document's `_id` field, possibly overwriting an existing document in the collection.

This method is provided for compatibility with `ejdb-python`.

**Parameters merge** – If evaluates to `True`, content of existing document with matching `_id` will be merged with the provided document's content.

**database**

The *Database* instance this collection belongs to.

**name**

Name of this collection.

**class** `ejdb.Database` (*path='', options=READ*)

Representation of an EJDB.

A *Database* instance can be created like this:

```
db = ejdb.Database(  
    path='path_to_db',  
    options=(ejdb.WRITE | ejdb.TRUNCATE),  
)
```

The database is opened immediately, unless the `path` argument evaluates to `False`. In such cases the user needs to set the path and manually call `open()` later.

**close()**

Close this EJDB.

**create\_collection** (*name, exist\_ok=False, \*\*options*)

Create a collection in this database with given options.

The newly-created collection is returned. If `exist_ok` is `True`, existing collection with the same name will be returned, otherwise an error will be raised.

Options only apply to newly-created collection. Existing collections will not be affected. Possible options include:

**Parameters**

- **large** – If `True`, the collection can be larger than 2 GB. Default is `False`.
- **compressed** – If `True`, the collection will be compressed with DEFLATE compression. Default is `False`.
- **records** – Expected records number in the collection. Default is 128000.
- **cachedrecords** – Maximum number of records cached in memory. Default is 0.

**drop\_collection** (*name, unlink=True*)

Drop a collection in this database.



Does nothing if a database with matching name does not exist.

#### Parameters

- **name** – Name of collection to drop.
- **unlink** – If `True`, removes all related index and collection files. Default is `True`.

**find**(*collection\_name*, \**queries*, *hints*={})

Shortcut to query a collection in the database.

The following usage:

```
db.find('people', {'name': 'TP'})
```

is semantically identical to:

```
collection = db.create_collection('people', exist_ok=True)
collection.find({'name': 'TP'})
```

**find\_one**(*collection\_name*, \**queries*, *hints*={})

Shortcut to query a collection in the database.

The following usage:

```
db.find_one('people', {'name': 'TP'})
```

is semantically identical to:

```
collection = db.create_collection('people', exist_ok=True)
collection.find_one({'name': 'TP'})
```

**get\_collection**(*name*)

Get the collection with name *name* inside this EJDB.

**has\_collection**(*name*)

Check whether this EJDB contains a collection named *name*.

**is\_open**()

Check whether this EJDB is currently open.

**open**()

Open this EJDB.

This can be used directly, with the user calling `close()` later manually:

```
db.open()
try:
    ... # Do things.
except:
    ... # Handle exceptions.
finally:
    db.close()
```

Or as a context manager:

```
with db.open():
    ... # Do things.
```

In the latter usage, `close()` will be called automatically when the block exits.

**save**(*collection\_name*, \**documents*, *merge*=`False`)

Shortcut to save to a collection in the database.

The following usage:

```
db.save({'people', {'name': 'TP'}})
```

is semantically identical to:

```
collection = db.create_collection('people', exist_ok=True)
collection.save({'name': 'TP'})
```

**collection\_names**

**collections**

**options**

Options for the EJDB.

This can be modified if the database instance is not opened.

**path**

Path to the EJDB.

This can be modified if the database instance is not opened.

**writable**

`ejdb.get_ejdb_version(*args, **kwargs)`

Get version of the underlying EJDB C library.

`ejdb.init(ejdb_path=None)`

`ejdb.is_valid_oid(*args, **kwargs)`

Check whether the given string can be used as an OID in EJDB.

The current OID format (as of 1.2.x) is a 24-character-long hex string.

## 1.4 Contributing

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given.

You can contribute in many ways:

### 1.4.1 Types of Contributions

#### Report Bugs

Report bugs at <https://github.com/uranusjr/ctypes-ejdb/issues>.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

#### Fix Bugs

Look through the GitHub issues for bugs. Anything tagged with “bug” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

## Implement Features

Look through the GitHub issues for features. Anything tagged with “feature” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

## Write Documentation

ctypes-ejdb could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official ctypes-ejdb docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

## Submit Feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at <https://github.com/uranusjr/ctypes-ejdb/issues>.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

### 1.4.2 Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here’s how to set up ctypes-ejdb for local development.

1. Fork the ctypes-ejdb repo on GitHub.
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/ctypes-ejdb.git
```

3. Install your local copy into a virtualenv. Assuming you have virtualenvwrapper installed, this is how you set up your fork for local development:

```
$ mkvirtualenv ctypes-ejdb
$ cd ctypes-ejdb/
$ python setup.py develop
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you’re done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the tests, including testing other Python versions with tox:

```
$ flake8 ctypes-ejdb tests
$ python setup.py test
$ tox
```

To get flake8 and tox, just pip install them into your virtualenv.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

7. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

### 1.4.3 Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in README.rst.
3. The pull request should work for Python 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, and 3.4, and for PyPy. Check [https://travis-ci.org/uranusjr/ctypes-ejdb/pull\\_requests](https://travis-ci.org/uranusjr/ctypes-ejdb/pull_requests) and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

### 1.4.4 Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
$ py.test tests/test_api.py::test_get_ejdb_version
```

## 1.5 Credits

### 1.5.1 Contributors

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## 1.6 History

### 1.6.1 0.4.7 (2016-07-20)

- Fix crash when querying with invalid parameter names. This now raises an `CommandError`.
- Fix memory leak when calling `Collection.count`.
- Add API to query for a list of collection names in a database without needing to construct the collections themselves.
- Add API to check whether a database is writable.
- Add flag to disable coloring in CLI, and disable it on Windows by default.
- `ejdb.cli` now has a `--version` option.

### 1.6.2 0.4.6 (2015-10-06)

- Fix Python 2 compatibility regarding `ejdb.cfg` usage.
- Fix segmentation fault when trying to reuse collection instances retrieved from iterating through a database.
- `ejdb.cli` now creates a non-existent database if the path given does not exist.

- Add a more meaningful error message when the EJDB binary path is not configured properly.
- Fix documentation on `Collection.delete_one()` and `Collection.delete_many()`.

### 1.6.3 0.4.5 (2015-09-07)

- Fix `Collection.delete_one` and `Collection.delete_many`.

### 1.6.4 0.4.4 (2015-07-30)

- Fix query flag passing.

### 1.6.5 0.4.3 (2015-07-29)

- Move `exit()` fix in CLI.

### 1.6.6 0.4.2 (2015-07-29)

- Fix `exit()` call in CLI.

### 1.6.7 0.4.1 (2015-07-27)

- Fix missing `NOBLOCK` constant.

### 1.6.8 0.4 (2015-07-25)

- Move command line interface dependencies to extras. New installations now needs to run `pip install ctypes-ejdb[cli]` to install it. This is better for those who want only the core library.

### 1.6.9 0.3.3 (2015-07-24)

- Fix Python 2 compatibility.

### 1.6.10 0.3.2 (2015-07-07)

- Fix attribute lookup in `DatabaseError` construction.
- Add options to config EJDB path by `environ` or `.cfg` file.
- Make document repr look like a dict so it prints better.

### 1.6.11 0.3.1 (2015-07-03)

- Fixed context manager usage opening a Database.
- Fixed attribute error in `Collection.count`.
- Fixed document iterator slicing.
- Experimental CLI utility `ejdb.cli` based on Click and ptypython.

### 1.6.12 0.3 (2015-07-01)

- Make EJDB path configurable with `ejdb.init(path)`.

### 1.6.13 0.2.1 (2015-07-01)

- Add save shortcut on database.

### 1.6.14 0.2 (2015-07-01)

- Fix segmentation fault when converting BSON OID to string.
- Fix error message retrieval in `Database.close`.
- Tests now run on Windows.

### 1.6.15 0.1.1 (2015-06-30)

- Fix encoding error in `pip install`.

### 1.6.16 0.1.0 (2015-06-28)

- First release on PyPI.

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