
sphinxalchemy Documentation

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This package provides a dialect for SQLAlchemy for interfacing with [Sphinx](#) search engine via [SphinxQL](#). It allows reusing core SQLAlchemy parts to generate SphinxQL language constructs programmatically via `sphinxalchemy.sql` and to maintain a pool of connections to Sphinx via `sphinxalchemy.pool`.

Basic usage

You need sphinxalchemy to be installed to allow SQLAlchemy to pick up SphinxQL dialect classes. To install sphinxalchemy do:

```
% pip install sphinxalchemy
```

or if you like `easy_install` command better:

```
% easy_install sphinxalchemy
```

Now, as Sphinx uses MySQL protocol for interfacing via SphinxQL, you need to decide which one of supported by sphinxalchemy MySQL connectivity libraries to use – [MySQLdb](#) or [mysqlconnector-python](#). Install one of those and use:

```
sphinx+mysqldb://user@host:port
```

to connect to Sphinx using MySQLdb or:

```
sphinx+mysqlconnector://user@host:port
```

to use mysqlconnector-python. You can now create engine using `sqlalchemy.create_engine()` function as usually:

```
from sqlalchemy import create_engine, MetaData

engine = create_engine("sphinx+mysqlconnector://user@host:port")
metadata = MetaData(bind=engine)
```

To define indexes (analogs of tables in relational databases) you should use `sphinxalchemy.schema` module:

```
from sphinxalchemy.schema import Index, Attribute, ArrayAttribute

documents = Index("documents", metadata,
    Attribute("created"),
    ArrayAttribute("tag_ids"))
```

Now you can query your documents index:

```
results = engine.execute(
    documents.select()
        .match("We think in generalities, but we live in details")
        .where(documents.c.tag_ids.in_([42, 1])))
```

API reference

class `sphinxalchemy.schema.Index (*args, **kwargs)`

Sphinx index metadata

Accepted arguments are the same as `sqlalchemy.schema.Table` accepts.

class `sphinxalchemy.schema.Attribute (*args, **kwargs)`

Sphinx index scalar attribute metadata

Accepted arguments are the same as `sqlalchemy.schema.Column` accepts.

class `sphinxalchemy.schema.ArrayAttribute (*args, **kwargs)`

Sphinx index array attribute metadata

Accepted arguments are the same as `sqlalchemy.schema.Column` accepts.

class `sphinxalchemy.sphinxql.Select (columns, *args, **kwargs)`

SphinxQL SELECT construct.

See corresponding doc [section](#).

match (*query*)

Provide full text query for index

Sphinx uses [extended query syntax](#) in SphinxQL.

options (*args, **kwargs)

Provide options to execute query

Available options described [here](#).

class `sphinxalchemy.sphinxql.Replace (table, values=None, inline=False, bind=None, prefixes=None, returning=None, **kwargs)`

Represent an REPLACE construct.

The *Replace* object is created using the *replace()* function.

See also:

[Insert Expressions](#)

`sphinxalchemy.sphinxql.select (columns=None, whereclause=None, from_obj=[], **kwargs)`

Factory for creating *Select* constructs.

Ressembles `sqlalchemy.sql.expression.select()`.

`sphinxalchemy.sphinxql.replace (table, values=None, inline=False, **kwargs)`

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