

Cumulus 2.5 and AppleScript

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Introduction

This documentation is for people who are already familiar with the AppleScript scripting system from Apple. It describes how to control the Cumulus Network and Cumulus Client applications using AppleScript commands.

For writing a script you need the following:

- Apple Macintosh System 7.0 or greater
- Apple's Scripting System (AppleScript)
- An application that allows writing and executing scripts (e.g. Apple's "Script Editor")

This document describes the AppleScript vocabulary of Cumulus 2.5. Cumulus 2.5 is fully scriptable which means you can write and execute a script to do the things that Cumulus offers through its user interface.

The vocabulary defines objects and commands that extend the AppleScript language already defined by AppleScript and the installed scripting additions.

Some of the objects, properties and commands are defined only for the Cumulus Network (server) application and can not be used with Cumulus Client.

Cumulus supports most of the "Database AppleEvent Suite" defined by Apple. This suite consists of a description of objects and commands to control a database in general. Such a general database contains one or more tables. Each table contains rows (data records), columns (fields). The intersection of a row and a column is called a cell. It contains the actual value of the record at the corresponding field. All objects can be specified either by index or by name.

The Cumulus database contains two tables: the catalog table containing all visible data records and the keywords table containing all keywords. As a shortcut you can access the rows, columns and cells of the catalog table directly as elements of the database object.

All AppleScript names are written in `Courier`.

Object Classes

Cumulus supports object classes defined by Apple for the standard and the database suite. These object classes are generally used by various applications. These object classes are extended to support additional properties that are specific to Cumulus. This allows you to have direct access to this data instead of having to specify a second object class hierarchy for Cumulus objects.

Cumulus also defines some private object classes in the Cumulus suite.

Object Classes of the Standard Suite

Cumulus supports the following object classes defined by Apple in the Standard suite:

application: The application Cumulus. This object contains all other objects as elements or properties.

selection-object: The currently visible user selection. This object usually contains all the selected objects as its elements.

window: A window of Cumulus. Each window has a property **kind** to identify the type. A window that belongs to a database has a property **database** that references the database object. The record information window has also a property **row** that identifies the row inside the database that is displayed. The find window has a property **search query** which represents the displayed query as text.

application

Description

There is one object describing the application Cumulus itself. All other objects are specified as elements or properties of this object.

Plural Form

applications

Elements

database: An open image database. All open databases are ordered according to the order of their database window in Cumulus from front to back.

window: The windows of Cumulus.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

best type: The best type representing the application object is **record**. This record contains all properties of the application object.

default type: Same as **best type**.

class: The object class of the **application** object: **application**.

clipboard: The clipboard, currently not implemented.

frontmost: A boolean value indicating whether the application is the frontmost.

name: The name of the application. This is the same name as the name of the application file that was started.

selection: The current selection in the frontmost window, if any. This is the same as the selection property of the frontmost window. Please read the description of the selection in the window object below.

version: The version number of the application as a string.

user interaction: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should bring up dialogs while processing a command. Error message are always suppressed when Cumulus is controlled by a script but there are other possible dialogs that may appear.

cataloging options: An object of class **cataloging preferences** that contains the current settings made in the Cataloging Options dialog of Cumulus.

preferences: An object of class **application preferences** that contains all setting made in the Preferences dialog in Cumulus. See the **application preferences** object for further information.

selection-object

Description

This object represents the selection that is visible to the user. The actual objects that are selected are accessible as elements of the selection object. You can access the rows, columns and cells of the selection the same way you do with the table object.

Elements

cell: The cells currently selected. This can be cells of the catalog table or the keyword table depending of the window the selection has been made.

column: The columns currently selected. This can be columns of the catalog table or the keyword table depending of the window the selection has been made.

row: The rows currently selected. This can be rows of the catalog table or the keyword table depending of the window the selection has been made.

Properties:

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

contents: The contents of the selection. This is a list of row objects for all the objects that are currently selected.

best type: The best type representing the application object is **reference**. When getting the whole selection object Cumulus will return a list of object references to row objects.

class: The object class of the **selection-object**: **selection-object** .

default type: Same as **best type** .

window

Description

There is one object describing a window of Cumulus. Cumulus extends the definition by some properties that allow direct access to Cumulus specific window information. These properties mostly belong to windows of a certain kind and they are only available for those windows. Whenever you access these properties please make sure that the window is of the necessary kind by checking the property

Plural Form

windows

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

best type: The best type representing the window object is **record**. This record contains all properties of the window object.

bounds: The bounding rectangle of the window in screen coordinates. The bounds are returned as a list of four values in the order left, top, right, bottom.

class: The object class of the window object: **window**.

closeable: A boolean indicating whether the window can be closed.

default type: Same as **best type**.

floating: A boolean indicating whether the window is floating in front of all other windows.

index: The number of the window in the order front-to-back starting at 1 for the frontmost window.

modal: A boolean indicating whether the window is modal which means that it has to stay in front until it is closed.

name: The title of the window.

resizable: A boolean indicating whether the window can be resized.

selection: The selection the user made in this window. This is an object of the class **selection-object**. Cumulus supports rows of the catalog table to be selected in the catalog window and rows of the keyword table to be selected in the keyword window of a database. To select rows please use the **select** command.

titled: A boolean indicating whether the window has a title bar.

visible: A boolean indicating whether the window is visible. Cumulus allows access only to windows that are visible so this value is always true and can not be changed.

zoomable: A boolean indicating whether the window can be zoomed to fill the whole screen.

zoomed: A boolean indicating whether the window is already zoomed to fill the whole screen.

kind (database window/information window/find window/deliver window/preview window/keyword window/database setup window/cataloging options window): The kind of window. The following properties are available only for windows of the given kind. Please check this property before accessing the properties below.

view (administration view/text view/thumbnail view). The current view of the catalog window. This property is only available for windows of the **catalog window kind**.

view percentage: The current viewing ratio given as a percentage. This property is only available for windows of the **preview window kind**.

search query: The current query of the find window as a string. This string is of the same format as the export file of a search query. You can also use the value of this property in the

find command to perform a search using the search criteria currently visible in the find window of a database. This property is only available for windows of the find window kind.

database: The database where the window belongs to (if any). This property is available only for windows of the following kind: database window/information window/find window/keyword window/database setup window.

row: The row of the catalog table that is shown in this information window. This property is only available for windows of the information window kind.

Object Classes of the Database Suite

Cumulus supports the following object classes defined by Apple in the Database suite:

cell: A field of a data record or keyword record. The most important property of it is its value.

column: One of the 30 data fields of a Cumulus database.

database: An image catalog. It contains two tables: catalog and keywords. As a shortcut it also contains the rows, columns and cells of the catalog table directly as elements.

row: A data record (catalog table) or keyword record (keywords table) of the database.

table: A table that consists of rows, columns and cells. You do not have to specify rows, columns and cells as elements of the catalog table because they are all also elements of the corresponding database object.

cell

Description

This object is the intersection of a row (record) and a column (field) in a table of a database. The purpose of a cell is to hold the value for the record field. Each cell object contains a fixed set of properties regardless of the table it can be found. Please read the section about the column object above for more information about the available columns in a Cumulus database.

Plural Form

cells

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

best type: The best data type for a cell object: **record**. This record contains all properties of the cell object.

class: The object class for this object: **cell**.

default type: The same as the default type of the column object the cell belongs to. See the chapter about the columns of the two table for more information.

formula: The formula stored in this cell. Cumulus does not support formulas.

lock: Cumulus does not support locking of cells and therefor always returns no lock.

name: The name of the cell. This is the same as the name of the corresponding column (see above).

protection:

repeat size: The number of values of this cell. Only cells of the column "Keywords" of the table "Catalog" can have up to 16383 values. Those cells return a list as their value.

value: The value of the cell. The data type of this value depends on the column the cell belongs to and is the type returned by the **default type** property.

column

Description

This object describes a single field in a table of a database. When getting a whole column object Cumulus returns by default a list of all cells of this column.

Plural Form

columns

Elements

cell: The cells for this column. They are numbered top to bottom as the rows are.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

access: Cumulus only allows read access to columns.

best type: The best data type for a column object: **record**. This record contains all properties of the column object.

class: The object class for column objects: **column**.

default type: The default type of the data returned when getting the whole column object. It depends on the table and column index. See the chapter about columns of the two tables below.

formula: The formula stored in the column. Cumulus does not store formulas.

lock: Cumulus does not support locking of columns and therefor always returns no lock.

name: The name of the column. This depends on the table that contains the column (see below).

nulls allowed: Indicates whether values of cells of this column can be left empty. Cumulus needs values in the following columns: "Alias", "Thumbnail", "Status", "Cannot Be Modified", "Cannot Be Deleted".

protection: Specifies whether the elements or formula property of the column can be changed. Cumulus allows changing of those values that are modifiable in the record information window of Cumulus.

repeating: Indicates whether it is a repeating column. Only values for the "Keywords" column can be repeated.

repeat size: The maximum number of values that can be stored in each cell of this column. Only the cell for the column "Keywords" can have up to 16383 values. All other cells only store single values.

unique value: Specifies whether the value of a cell of this column needs to be unique. Cumulus does not force unique values in cells.

Columns of the Catalog Table

The catalog table contains 30 columns representing the 30 fields of the record that Cumulus offers. Some of the columns contain information that can also be found in other columns. For example the "File Size" column contains a value that is the sum of the "File Resource Size" and the "File Data Size". The value of the column "Alias" is also splitted into its parts and those parts are available as values of the following columns: "File Server Zone Name", "File Server Name", "Volume Name", "Folder Names", "File Name". This allows reading and writing of the file name only without having to read and write the full alias.

The following table lists all columns of the catalog table:

	Name	Write Access	Data Type	Description
1	Image Name	•	string	The name of the image
2	File Type	•	string	The file type (4 characters) of the image file
3	Color Mode	•	constant	The color mode of the image ("Line Art", "Grayscale" or "Color Image")
4	Horizontal Resolution	•	real	The horizontal resolution of the image
5	Vertical Resolution	•	real	The vertical resolution of the image
6	Record Modification Date	•	date	Modification date of the record
7	File Creator Type	•	string	The signature of the software, that created the image file (4 characters)
8	File Creation Date	•	date	The creation date of the image file
9	File Modification Date	•	date	The modification date of the image file
10	File Data Size	•	integer	The data size of the image file in bytes
11	File Resource Size	•	integer	The resource size of the image file in bytes
12	Width	•	real	The width of the image given in inches
13	Height	•	real	The height of the image given in inches
14	Status	•	string	The status of the image
15	Cannot Be Modified	•	boolean	Record cannot be modified
16	Cannot Be Deleted	•	boolean	Record cannot be deleted
17	User	•	string	The person who cataloged the image
18	Record Creation Date	•	date	The date the record was created (the image was cataloged)
19	Software	•	string	The name of the software that created the image file
20	Thumbnail	•	picture	The thumbnail
21	Alias	•	alias	The reference to the original image file.
22	Notes	•	string	The notes attached to the record
23	Keywords	•	list of string	The list of keywords assigned to the record
24	Type Specific	•	string	The type-specific information as a hex string
25	File Server Name	•	string	The name of the file server if the original file was stored on an AppleShare compatible file server. The value of this column is derived from the value of the column "Alias". Setting the value of this column affects the value of the column "Alias".
26	File Server Zone Name	•	string	The name of AppleTalk zone for the file server if the original file was stored on an AppleShare compatible file server. The value of this column is derived from the value of the column "Alias". Setting the value of this column affects the value of the column "Alias".

27	Volume Name	•	string	The name of the volume where the original image file can be found. The value of this column is derived from the value of the column "Alias". Setting the value of this column affects the value of the column "Alias".
28	Folder Names	•	list of string	The names of the folders (not including the volume name). The value of this column is derived from the value of the column "Alias". Setting the value of this column affects the value of the column "Alias".
29	File Name	•	string	The name of the original file. The value of this column is derived from the value of the column "Alias". Setting the value of this column affects the value of the column "Alias".
30	File Size		integer	The total size of the image file. The value of this column is calculated as the sum of the columns "File Resource Size" and "File Data Size".

Fig. 1 Columns of the Catalog Table

Columns of the Keywords Table

The keyword table contains all the keywords that are defined in the corresponding Cumulus database. The order of the rows is the same as the order in the keyword window of Cumulus so you can access the keyword rows by index to follow the order they are displayed in the window. The only difference is that the keyword table contains all keywords regardless whether they are currently visible or not.

	Name	Write Access	Data Type	Description
1	Name	•	string	The name of the keyword
2	Subkeywords	•	list of integer	A list of row IDs for all sub-keywords
3	Parent	•	integer	The row ID of the parent keyword's row
4	Collapsed	•	boolean	A boolean indicating that the sub-keywords are currently not visible in the keywords window
5	Level		integer	The level of this keyword, starting at 1 for the topmost keywords

Fig. 2 Columns of the Keywords Table

database

Description

This object describes an image database. An object of this class contains two tables as well as all rows, columns and cells of the first (catalog) table as elements. When specifying cells by index the cells are ordered row by row.

Elements

table: The table objects of the database. A Cumulus database has two tables: Table 1 is called "Catalog" and contains all records or images of the database. Table 2 is called

"Keywords" and contains all keywords (visible or not visible) of the database. As a shortcut you can omit specifying the catalog table and

row: The currently visible records of the database. These are actually the rows of the table index 1 named "Catalog".

column: The 24 data fields of the Cumulus image database. These are actually the columns of the table index 1 named "Catalog".

cell: The cells for all rows and all columns. These are actually the cells of the table index 1 named "Catalog".

keyword: Objects of the class `keyword` representing the top-level keywords in the database. Each of the keyword objects contains its sub-keywords as elements.

image status: Objects of the class `image status` representing the status list of the database.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

best type: The appropriate data type for objects of this class: `database`.

class: The class of this object: `database`.

default type: The default type if the whole object is returned: `record`. This record contains all properties of the database.

lock: The locking state of the database, always "Unlocked".

name: The name of the database.

catalog window: The database window of this database showing the contents of the catalog table.

sorting rows: A boolean indicating that Cumulus is still sorting the rows found. You cannot change the sorting of the catalog table while Cumulus is sorting.

remote database: A boolean indicating whether this database was opened as a remote database through a client-server connection. If the database is a remote database the property `database server` contains the machine specification where the Cumulus server application is running.

database server: The machine where the Cumulus server application is running. Only available for remote databases. Check the value of the property `remote database` prior to accessing this.

database file: This file specification is the database file if the database is not remote. Check the value of the property `remote database` before you access this property.

info (Cumulus Network only): An object of class `database info` containing information about the database file. This is only available for direct databases. Check the value of the property `remote database` before you access this property.

settings (Cumulus Network only): An object of class `database settings` containing the setup of the database file. This is only available for direct databases. Check the value of the property `remote database` before you access this property.

ROW

Description

This object describes a record of a table of a Cumulus database. A row of the catalog table represents a record entry in the Cumulus catalog whereas a row of the keywords table represents a keyword of the database.

For faster access and readability Cumulus adds properties corresponding to the cells of a row according to the table. The following contains elements and properties that are valid for rows of both tables. Please read the following chapters for additional properties.

Elements

cell: The cells of this row. Please read the chapter about the column object above for the numbering and values of the cells.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

name: The name of the image or keyword.

id: A unique number for this record returned as a string.

class: The object class for this object: row.

best type: The best data type for a row object: **record**. This record contains all properties of the row object.

access: According to the values of the cells "Cannot Be Modified" and "Cannot Be Deleted" Cumulus allows updating, changing, deleting or only reading of this record.

lock: Cumulus does not support locking of rows and therefor always returns no lock.

protection: Specifies whether the values of cells of this record can be modified. Cumulus returns "Read Only" or "Read/Write" value according to the value of the cell "Cannot Be Modified".

Additional Properties of Rows of the Catalog Table

For convenience Cumulus supports additional properties for rows of the catalog table that represent the cells of the row. Accessing properties of a row instead of cells makes your script shorter and easier to read. The properties are named exactly as the cells (and columns) they represent. See the column object for a complete list of all columns and their names. There are only the following exceptions: The property of the cell "Image Name" is called **name**. The property of the cell "Alias" is called **file reference**. Please read the chapter about the columns of the catalog table for more information.

file type: The file type (4 characters) of the image file

color mode: The color mode of the image (“Line Art”, “Grayscale” or “Color Image”)

horizontal resolution: The horizontal resolution of the image in dots per inch. If the image is resolution independent, the horizontal resolution is 0.

vertical resolution: The vertical resolution of the image in dots per inch. If the image is resolution independent, the vertical resolution is 0.

record modification date: Modification date of the record.

creator type: The signature of the software, that created the image file (string of 4 characters).

file creation date: The creation date of the image file.

file modification date: The modification date of the image file.

file data size: The data size of the image file in bytes.

file resource size: The resource size of the image file in bytes.

width: The width of the image given in the units specified in the application preferences. If the units are set to pixels and the image is resolution independent, the width is measured in inch.

height: The height of the image given in the units specified in the application preferences. If the units are set to pixels and the image is resolution independent, the height is measured in inch

status: The status of the image as a string.

cannot be modified: A boolean indicating whether the row is protected and can not be modified.

cannot be deleted: A boolean indicating whether the row is protected and can not be deleted.

user: The name of the person who cataloged the image.

record creation date: The date the record was created (the image was cataloged).

software: The name of the software that created the image file.

thumbnail: The thumbnail as a picture.

file reference: The reference to the original image file.

notes: The notes attached to the record.

keywords: The keywords assigned to the record as a list of strings.

type specific: The type-specific information as a hex string.

file server name: The name of the file server if the original file was stored on an AppleShare compatible file server. The value of this property is derived from the value of the **file reference** property. Setting the value of this property affects the value of the **file reference** property.

file server zone name: The name of AppleTalk zone for the file server if the original file was stored on an AppleShare compatible file server. The value of this property is derived from the value of the **file reference** property. Setting the value of this property affects the value of the **file reference** property.

volume name: The name of the volume where the original image file can be found. The value of this property is derived from the value of the **file reference** property. Setting the value of this property affects the value of the **file reference** property.

NOTE: If you have installed a Scripting Addition called “Set Volume” you can not use the term “set volume name to...” AppleScript will stop checking the script text with an error message because the term is already defined by the Scripting Addition. Please use the following instead: “set (volume name) to...”.

folder names: The names of the folders (not including the volume name). The value of this property is derived from the value of the **file reference** property. Setting the value of this property affects the value of the **file reference** property.

file name: The name of the original file. The value of this column is derived from the value of the **file reference** property. Setting the value of this property affects the value of the **file reference** property.

file size: The total size of the image file. The value of this property is calculated as the sum of the **file data size** and **file resource size** properties.

Additional Properties of Rows in the Keywords Table

For convenience Cumulus supports additional properties for rows of the keywords table that represent the cells of the row. Accessing properties of a row instead of cells makes your script shorter and easier to read. The properties are named exactly as the cells they represent. Please read the chapter about the columns of the keyword table for more information.

name: The name of the keyword.

subkeywords: A list of row IDs of all sub-keywords.

parent: The row ID of the parent keyword's row. A 0 indicates that this keyword is at top level.

collapsed: A boolean indicating that the sub-keywords are currently not visible in the keywords window

level: The level of this keyword, starting at 1 for the topmost keywords

table

Description

This object describes a table of a Cumulus database. Each Cumulus database contains two tables: table index 1 is named "Catalog" and contains all catalog records. Table index 2 named "Keywords" contains all the keywords of the database. You can access all elements of the catalog table object directly from the corresponding database object.

Elements

row: The records of the table.

column: The data fields of the table.

cell: The cells of all rows and all columns.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

access: Cumulus only allows read access to tables.

best type: The best data type for a table object: **record**. This record contains all properties of the table object.

class: The object class for this kind of objects: **table**.

default type: The same as **best type**.

kind: The kind of the table: **table**.

lock: Cumulus does not support locking of tables and therefor always returns no lock.

name: The name of the table. The first table is always called "Catalog", the second is always "Keywords".

selection: The currently selected rows of the corresponding table. This is the selection that the user made in either the catalog window (catalog table) or keyword window (keyword table).

Object Classes of the Cumulus Suite

application preferences: This object represents the settings found in the Preferences dialog of Cumulus.

cataloging preferences: This object represents the settings of the Cataloging Options window of Cumulus. You can read and write any of these preferences that affect the way Cumulus catalogs files.

database info (Cumulus Network only): This object contains information about the database file. It consists of the information that can be found in the administration view of the database window in Cumulus including the log entries.

database settings (Cumulus Network only): This object class represents the settings that can be made in the Database Setup window of Cumulus. It also includes the user permissions.

file filter: A file filter as it can be found in the Cataloging Options window. You can activate and deactivate those filters through AppleScript.

image status: An image status as it can be found in the status list of Cumulus.

keyword: A keyword of a database as it appears in the keyword window of Cumulus. Like the folder structure of the Finder Cumulus uses keywords that include sub-keywords as elements to represent the hierarchical structuring of keywords. You can also access the keywords through the keyword table of the database object.

log entry (Cumulus Network only): This object represents the log entry that can be seen in the administration view of the database window in Cumulus.

user permissions (Cumulus Network only): A user entry of the Database Setup window of Cumulus.

application preferences

Description

This object represents the settings that can be made using the Preferences dialog in Cumulus.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

open database view (administration view/text view/thumbnail view/as closed): an enumerated value indicating the view to use for opened databases.

open at startup: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should open the databases automatically that were open when the program was quit.

search method (fast search/extensive search): The method to use when resolving file references: **fast search** does a fast search including user interaction. **extensive search** performs a full-pathname search first, then searches for the file on all currently mounted volumes. If the file cannot be found Cumulus then tries the fast search method.

units (inch/centimeter/millimeter/point/pixel): The measuring unit used for displaying width and height of images.

window to open on double click (information window/preview window): The kind of window that should be opened when double-clicking a record in the catalog window.

cataloging preferences

Description

This object represents the settings that can be made in the Cataloging Options window in Cumulus. There is only one instance of this object accessible through the property `cataloging options` of the application object.

Elements

`file filter`: The installed file filters. You can activate and deactivate certain filters in this list.

Properties

`properties`: A record containing all properties of the given object.

`status`: The preset status.

`user`: The preset user name.

`notes`: The preset notes.

`keywords`: The preset keywords as a list of strings.

`include notes from image file`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should take notes stored in the image file to be cataloged.

`include keywords from image file`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should take keywords stored in the image file to be cataloged.

`open record window automatically`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should automatically open the record information window for each cataloged file.

`excluded files`: A list of aliases for the files that should not be cataloged.

`exclude damaged`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should add files to the exclude list if they crash when being cataloged.

`catalog duplicates`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should catalog files that are already cataloged in the corresponding database.

`resolve aliases`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should resolve alias files to catalog the referenced file. If not alias files will be ignored.

`copy file to collection folder`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should copy the file to be cataloged to the collection folder specified in the database setup when cataloging.

`show progress bar`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should count all the files to be cataloged prior to cataloging them. This may take longer but allows Cumulus to show a progress bar instead of just a changing name during the cataloging process.

`line art quality`: The thumbnail quality for line art images: `normal quality` or `high quality`.

`grayscale quality`: The thumbnail quality for grayscale images: `normal quality` or `high quality`.

`color quality`: The thumbnail quality for color images: `normal quality` or `high quality`.

`thumbnail source`: The source for creating the thumbnail: `stored thumbnail` or `entire image`.

`optimizing thumbnails`: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should automatically optimize the thumbnail of the cataloged image file.

database info (Cumulus Network only)

Description

This object stores the information that can be found in the administration view of the database window in Cumulus. Therefore this object can only be accessed as a property of the database object using the Cumulus Network application. All the properties are read-only.

Elements

log entry: The log entries visible in the administration view of the database window in Cumulus. Only the memory-resident log is available. Because Cumulus stores the log in a text file you can read a log file by using a scriptable text editor. The log entries are ordered in a way that the oldest entry has index 1. Please note that the maximum number of entries is limited by the database settings. If the limit is reached the whole list is scrolled and the oldest entry is removed so the index of each entry changes. Log entries can only be accessed by indexed access.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

records deleted: The number of records that have been deleted and can be recovered by sending the **recover records** command.

memory free: The number of free bytes in this database. You can reclaim them by sending the **compress** command.

disk space available: The number of bytes free on the disk where the database file is stored.

memory available: The number of free bytes in Cumulus' memory partition.

memory required: The amount of memory that is required to operate on the database. This is the size of the largest index. If this value is larger than the value of the **memory available** property Cumulus may not be able to operate successfully.

memory recommended: The amount of memory that is recommended to operate on the database. This is the total size of all the indexes. Keeping them in memory speeds up searching and scrolling.

database settings (Cumulus Network only)

Description

This object represents the settings that can be made in the Database Setup dialog of Cumulus Network. This object is accessible through the **settings** property of the database object.

Elements

user permissions: the users with the corresponding access permissions for this database. These permissions are only used by Cumulus if the **restricted permissions** property is on.

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

update database file immediately: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should flush the cached information immediately to the database file.

keep deleted: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should keep record that are deleted for later recovery.

logging: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should keep a log of all activities that have changed the database.

log length: The number of entries stored in the memory-resident log. This is the maximum number of objects of class **log entry** that are available as elements of the **database info** object.

save log to file: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should save the log also to a file. The property `log file` has to contain a valid file specification before you can set this property to `true`.

log file: The file specification of the text file where Cumulus should write the log to. This is only used when the property `save log to file` is `true`.

flush log constantly: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should update the log file immediately after a new log entry has been added to the memory-resident log. If not Cumulus will only update the log file when closing the database or when the memory-resident log is full.

collection folder usage: An enumerator indicating how Cumulus should use the collection folder specified in the property `collection folder`: `never` means it is not used, `always` means that every file is copied to the folder when it is cataloged, `optional` means that the user can choose with the cataloging option whether he wants to use the collection folder or not. You have to set the property `collection folder` to a valid folder before setting this property to a value other than `never`.

collection folder: An alias specifying a folder to use as the collection folder. see the description of the `collection folder usage` property above.

has password: A boolean indicating that the database has a password for write access. The actual password can not be accessed. This property is read-only.

restricted permissions: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should restrict client access to the database by using the permissions specified in the `user permissions` objects.

allow sharing: A boolean indicating whether Cumulus should present this database on the network to allow clients to connect to it.

file filter

Description

This object represent a file filter installed in the running Cumulus program. You can access these objects as elements of the cataloging preferences object.

Plural Form

`file filters`

Properties

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

name: The internal name of the file filter as it appears in the file filter list of the Cataloging Options dialog in Cumulus.

file type: The file type that this file filter supports.

active: A boolean indicating whether this file filter is currently active.

image status

Description

This object represents a single image status of the status list of a database. These objects can be accessed as elements of the database object.

Elements

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

best type: The best data type representing a image status object: **record**. This record contains all properties of the image status object.

class: The class for image status objects: **image status**.

default type: When getting a whole image status object Cumulus returns its name so the default type for objects of this class is **string**.

id: The unique ID of this image status.

name: The name of the image status . This is the default value of the object.

keyword

Description

This object represents a keyword. Because the keywords are organized hierarchical each keyword may contain other keywords (sub-keywords). In this sense the keyword object is similar to the folder object the Finder. The topmost keywords are accessible as elements of the corresponding database where the sub-keywords can be accessed as elements of their respective parent keyword. If you want to access all keywords regardless of the hierarchical structure you can do so by accessing the rows of the keyword table of the database.

When getting a whole keyword object Cumulus returns by default its name.

Elements

properties: A record containing all properties of the given object.

best type: The best data type representing a keyword object: **record**. This record contains all properties of the keyword object.

class: The class for keyword objects: **keyword**.

default type: When getting a whole keyword object Cumulus returns its name so the default type for objects of this class is **string**.

id: The unique ID of this keyword. This ID is the same as the ID of the corresponding row in the keywords table.

name: The name of the keyword. This is the default value of the object.

collapsed: A boolean indicating whether this keyword hides its sub-keywords.

level: The level of this keyword in the hierarchy starting with 1 for the topmost keywords.

log entry (Cumulus Network only)

Description

This object represents a single entry in the memory-resident log of a Cumulus database. This is only available with the Cumulus Network application. Objects of this class can be accessed as elements of the `database info` object and are read-only.

Plural Form

`log entries`

Properties

`properties`: A record containing all properties of the given object.

`name`: The name of the user

`log date`: The date the action occurred

`log action`: The kind of action that happened

`log object`: An additional name of the object that was involved.

user permissions (Cumulus Network only)

Description

This object specifies the access permissions for a client that is connecting to the database over a network. This object can be found as elements of the `database settings` object.

Properties

`properties`: A record containing all properties of the given object.

`name`: The name of the client user as it appears in the Users & Groups Control Panel.

`open database`: A boolean indicating whether the user is given the right to open this database.

`modify keywords`: A boolean indicating whether the user is given the right to change the keywords in this database.

`modify status`: A boolean indicating whether the user is given the right to change the status list of this database.

`modify records`: A boolean indicating whether the user is given the right to change the records of this database.

`transfer files`: A boolean indicating whether the user is given the right to transfer files from the Cumulus server to the client computer through the client-server connection.

Commands

Cumulus supports a variety of commands that can sometimes be used on different kind of objects.

The commands are separated into different sets (called "Suites") to build groups that can be used by many different applications. Cumulus supports commands from the predefined "Required Suite", "Standard Suite", and "Database Suite". It also supports commands specific to Cumulus that allow maintenance and retrieval of Cumulus databases.

Commands of the Standard Suite

The "Standard Suite" is a set of commands defined by Apple that should be supported by most applications. These are general commands for manipulating data directly and some standard behavior of applications.

close

Parameters

reference: the window or database object to close

saving *yes/no/ask* (optional): an enumerated value determining the way the closing is handled. The default is "ask".

Description

Close the given database or window. Closing a database implies closing of all related windows (except preview windows). The savings option is used for each of the related closings. When specifying a **savings** option the user may be asked whether he wants changed to be saved. This option only has effect when closing a record information window.

Example

```
close front database saving yes
```

See Also

open

count

Parameters

reference: the container object whose elements should be counted

each *type class*: the type class of elements to count in the container object

Description

Count the number of elements of the given class inside the given container object.

Result

integer: the number of elements

Example

```
count each database
```

Count the number of open databases.

```
set numRecords to count each row of table "Catalog" of front database
```

Set a variable to the number of records currently shown in the frontmost database

```
count keywords of first row of selection
```

Return the number of keywords assigned to the first selected record.

See Also

exists

data size

Parameters

reference: the object to get the size

as type class (optional): The desired type for the data.

Returns

integer: the number of bytes of the data

Description

Get the data size of an object. This is similar to getting the data but only measures the size that would be returned by a corresponding get command.

Example

data size of name of front database

Returns the number of bytes (characters) of the database name.

See Also

get

delete

Parameters

reference: the object to delete. This can be any object of the following classes: row, keyword, image status, user permissions. It can also be the selection - either in a given window or in the application.

Description

Permanently delete the given objects. Deleting the selection deletes each elements (row) contained in the selection.

Example

delete user permissions "Mike Ruthless" **of** settings **of** front database

See Also

make, count

duplicate

Parameters

reference: the object to duplicate. Cumulus supports duplication of rows and keywords.
to location reference: the destination location for the object.

Returns

reference: The reference of the object after it has been duplicated.

Description

Duplicate the given objects to the new location. This is very similar to the move command except that the original object is preserved. Using this command you can copy rows, keyword objects or user permissions from one database to the other.

Cumulus can duplicate keyword objects to another location in the keyword list of any database. When moving keywords to another database the keywords are added to the database at the given location.

You can also duplicate rows of any table to any other table of the same kind. When duplicating keyword table rows you can determine the location where the keywords are inserted.

Example

```
duplicate every keyword of database 1 to end of database 2  
Copy all keywords of one database to the other database.
```

See Also

make, move

exists

Parameters

reference: the object specifier of the object in question

Returns

boolean: true if the object exists, false if not

Description

Test whether the given reference is a valid reference of an existing object.

Example

```
if (exists row 1 of selection) then  
    delete row 1 of selection  
end if  
Delete the first row of the selection if any is selected
```

See Also

count

get

Parameters

reference: the object to get

as type class (optional): The desired type for the returned data.

Returns

anything: the data of the object in the desired type

Description

Get the data of the given object. You can optionally specify the type class for the returned data. Each object (described above) has a default type and a best type to return its data. The best type is the type class that contains the most information about the object. The default type is the data type that is returned if you do not specify an **as** option.

AppleScript automatically issues a **get** command whenever you use the object instead of a direct value in your script.

Example

```
get file reference of row 1 of front database as string
```

Return the file reference of the first row as a full pathname.

```
set dbName to name of front database
```

Get the name of the front database and set a local variable to it. This is equivalent to the following script:

```
set dbName to (get name of front database)
```

See Also

set

make

Parameters

new type class: the class of element to create. Cumulus supports to create elements of the following classes: row, keyword, image status, user permissions

at location reference: The location at which to insert the new element

with data anything (optional): the initial data for the new element

with properties record (optional): the initial properties for the new element

Returns

reference: A reference to the newly created object

Description

Create a new element of the given class in the given container object. You can supply initial data or properties with the command.

The **at** parameter specifies the location and the container object at which to create the new element.

When creating a new row in a catalog table the location is ignored and only the container object (either a database or a table object) is used.

When creating a new row in the keyword table the location is also ignored and the container is the keyword table of a database.

When creating a new keyword the location is also ignored and the container object is either the database or the parent keyword.

Example

```
make new row at end of front database with properties {file reference: alias  
"Macintosh HD:image file", notes: "Comments on the image file"}
```

Creates a new catalog entry setting some of the record values. The other values are initialized by Cumulus.

```
make new keyword at end of keyword "Animal" of front database with data "Mouse"
```

This creates a new sub-keyword of the topmost keyword called "Animal" giving the name "Mouse"

```
make new user permissions at after user permissions "Edward" of settings of front  
database with data "Francis"
```

This adds a new user to the user list and places it at a special position.

See Also

delete, count

move

Parameters

reference: the object to move. Cumulus supports moving rows and keywords.

to location reference: the destination location for the object.

Returns

reference: The reference of the object after it has been moved.

Description

Move the given objects to the new location. Move is very similar to the duplicate command except that the original object is deleted.

Cumulus can move keyword objects to another location in the keyword list of any database. When moving keywords to another database the keywords are added to the database at the given location just like Drag&Drop works.

You can also move rows of any table to any other table of the same kind. When moving keyword table rows you can determine the location where the keywords are inserted.

Example

```
tell front database
  move keyword "Mouse" of keyword "Animal" to end of keyword "Mammal" of
  keyword "Animal"
end tell
```

See Also

make, duplicate, delete

open

Parameters

alias: an alias to a database file to be opened or to a file or folder to be cataloged.

with password string (optional): The password for write access to a database file. If you do not specify the password and the database requires such a password you will be asked to type it in. If you have turned off user interaction the database is opened as read-only.

Description

This command is identical to the user action of dragging and dropping a file or folder to the Cumulus application icon in the Finder. If the file is a database file it is opened (Cumulus Network only). Otherwise the file or folder is cataloged to the frontmost database.

Example

```
open alias "Macintosh HD:Cumulus:Image Database"
```

See Also

catalog, open remote database

print

Parameters

Description

Example

See Also

quit

Parameters

saving *yes/no/ask* (optional): an enumerated value determining the way the closing of windows is handled. The default is "ask".

Description

Quit the application. You can specify whether you want to save any changes made to any of the open record information windows.

Example

```
quit saving yes
```

Quits Cumulus saving each window contents without asking.

See Also

close

save

Parameters

Description

Example

See Also

set

Parameters

reference: The object to change

to anything: the new value

Description

Set the given object to the given value.

Example

```
set file server zone name of every row of selection to "EtherZone"
```

Changes the file server zone name only for the selected catalog entries.

See Also

get

Commands of the Database Suite

The commands of the "Database Suite" are defined by Apple and apply to all database oriented programs. This is an extension of the "Table Suite" to allow multiple tables per database. Cumulus does support only the `sort` command to set the sorting of the records in the catalog table.

sort

Parameters

`table`: The catalog table to sort.

`by column`: The column of the catalog table be used for sorting

Description

Set the sorting of the catalog window to one of the columns. You can specify one of the following columns for sorting: "Image Name", "File Type", "Color Mode", "Horizontal Resolution", "Vertical Resolution", "Record Modification Date".

The meaning of this command differs from the definition made for the Database Suite. After a search Cumulus sorts all found records in the background and enables the sorting buttons in the catalog window as soon as this is done. You can check the `sorting rows` property of the database to see whether Cumulus is still sorting the records. If you call the `sort` command without checking the property Cumulus will wait until all record have been processed.

Example

```
tell first database
  repeat while sorting rows
    end repeat
  sort table "Catalog" by column "Image Name"
end tell
```

Set the sorting of the frontmost database to "Image Name". By using a loop to wait until the sorting is complete you can cancel execution of the script.

Commands of the Cumulus Suite

The Cumulus Suite is defined by Canto to offer all commands that are not included in the standard suites defined by Apple.

backup (Cumulus Network only)

Parameters

`database`: the database to back up
`to file specification`: the file to write the backup copy to.

Description

Make a backup copy of the given database. The database is a direct database. This command will first disconnect any clients for this database. Previously deleted records are not stored in the backup copy.

Example

```
backup front database to file "Macintosh HD:DB backup file"
```

See Also

`compress`

check

Parameters

`reference`: the file reference of the rows to check.

Description

Check the given file references and update them accordingly. The parameter has to be the property `file reference` of any row of the catalog table.

Example

```
check file reference of every row of front window
```

See Also

`update`

choose remote database

Returns

`record`: A record structure containing the machine of the Cumulus server and the name of the database chosen.

Description

Bring up a dialog to choose a database that is shared by a Cumulus server somewhere in the AppleTalk network.

The result is a record that contains two members: `database server`: the machine where the server is located and `name`: the name of the database. This command brings Cumulus temporarily to front.

Example

```
set db to (choose remote database)  
open remote database (name of db) on (database server of db)
```

Bring up a browser dialog to choose a remote database and open the returned database specification.

compress (Cumulus Network only)

Parameters

database: the database to compress

Description

Compress the given database to minimize the file size. The database is a direct database. This command will first disconnect any clients for this database. All previously deleted records are permanently removed from the database and cannot be recovered anymore.

Example

```
compress front database
```

See Also

backup

copy image file

Parameters

row: the rows of the catalog table whose image files should be copied.

Description

Copy the image files referenced by the given catalog table rows to a new folder.

Example

```
copy image file row 1 3 to alias "Macintosh HD:new folder:"
```

See Also

move image file, check

catalog

Parameters

alias: the files to catalog, can be a list

to database: the database to add the files to

Returns

A list of row references for the rows created

Description

Catalog all files specified by the direct parameter to the given database. The alias can either point to a file, a folder or a disk. This command is similar to the `open` command but allows you to specify a database to catalog the files to.

Example

```
catalog alias "Macintosh HD:" to front database
```

See Also

open

export

Parameters

row: the rows to export. These can be either rows of the catalog or the keywords table.

to file specification: The file to write the export data to.

Description

Export the given rows to the file specified. Depending on the table of the rows it is either a catalog record or a keywords export.

Example

```
export every row of selection of front window
```

See Also

import

find

Parameters

row: The rows of a catalog table to find

matching string (optional): The find query to use.

in all records/shown records (optional): The source for the searching.

Returns

The number of records found

Description

Do a search in the catalog table and show only the rows found. There are different ways of specifying the search query. You can either restrict the rows by using the AppleScript "where" clause of AppleScript or you can specify a textual search query. The format of the textual query is the same as the export format for search queries.

Using the "where" clause of AppleScript is easy to type and read but has a fixed structure. Only the values to compare to are variable. If you intend to search using a variable number of conditions or variable comparison operators you should use the **matching** option and create the string on your own.

The **find** command only supports the searches that can be made using the Find window of Cumulus. If your "where" clause is too complex to be translated to the internal query format Cumulus will return an error.

You can not combine the "where" clause query specification and the **matching** option in one **find** command.

Using the **in** option allows you to search in the records that are currently visible. This corresponds to the "Find Again" button in the Find window of Cumulus. The default is to search in all records.

Examples

To show all records of the database use the following command (this is equivalent to the "Find All" menu command in Cumulus):

```
find every row of front database
```

To perform the search specified by the Find window that is in front do the following (this is equivalent to pressing the "Find" button in the Find window in Cumulus):

```
find every row of database of front window matching search query of front window
```

To show all TIFF files where the image name starts with "Rose"

```
find every row of front database where file type is "TIFF" and name starts with "Rose"
```

You can also search for the same records by using the **matching** option below. Please note that the query format as text uses tab to separate the fields of the query and return to separate the conditions.

```
find every row of front database matching "file type" & tab & "is" & tab & "TIFF" & return & "and" & tab & "image name" & tab & "starts with" & tab & "Rose"
```

You can also write the string with the tab and return typed in but be careful not to add any tab at the beginning of the next line. When you type the return character the Script Editor automatically indents the following line using a tab.

```
find every row of front database matching "file type ->| is ->| TIFF
and ->| name ->| starts with ->| Rose"
```

The following example does the same in two commands using the **in** option:

```
find every row of front database where file type is "TIFF"
```

```
find every row of front database where name starts with "Rose" in shown records
```

See Also

count, get

import

Parameters

alias: the text file to read records or keywords from.

to table: the table where the records will be added to. The kind of table determines whether you want to import catalog records or keywords.

Return Value

row: a list of row references for the newly created rows.

Description

Import records or keywords from a text file. The text file must be of the format created by the **export** command. Use the table "Catalog" to import catalog records. Use the table "Keywords" to import keywords.

Example

To import previously exported records:

```
import alias "Macintosh HD:DB Export" to table "Catalog" of front database
```

To import previously exported keywords:

```
import alias "Macintosh HD:Keyword Export" to table "Keywords" of front database
```

See Also

`export`

move image file

Parameters

row: the rows of the catalog table whose image files should be moved.

Description

Move the image files referenced by the given catalog table rows to a new folder. Update the file references to point to the new location.

Example

```
move image file row 1 3 to alias "Macintosh HD:new folder:"
```

See Also

`copy image file`, `check`

open remote database

Parameters

`string`: The name of the database

`on machine`: the machine the Cumulus is running on. This is usually specified as machine "MachineName" of zone "ZoneName"

`with password string` (optional): The password for write access. If you do not specify the password and the database requires such a password you will be asked to type it in. If you have turned off user interaction the database is opened as read-only.

Description

Open a database that is shared by a Cumulus server in the network. You will have to type in your name and password to connect to the server machine.

Example

```
open remote database "Image Database" on machine "Mac" of zone "EtherZone"
```

Open the database named "Image Database" by connecting to the Cumulus server named "Mac" in the AppleTalk zone "EtherZone".

```
if remote database of first database then
    set mach to database server of first database
    set db to name of first database
end if
```

```
.
.
.
```

```
open remote database db on mach
```

Remember the remote database specification in local variables and open the same remote database later.

See Also

open remote database, database info **object**

optimize

Parameters

`reference`: the thumbnails of the rows to be optimized.

Description

Optimize the given thumbnails by increasing its contrast and adjusting the brightness. The parameter is the thumbnail property of the rows to optimize.

Example

```
optimize thumbnail of every row of selection
```

See Also

preview

Parameters

`row`: the rows of the catalog table whose preview will be opened.

Description

Open the preview window of the given rows of the catalog table. Bring the corresponding window to front if it is already open.

Example

```
preview every row of selection of front window
```

rotate

Parameters

`reference`: the thumbnails of the rows to be rotated.

Description

Rotate the given thumbnails by 90° clockwise. The parameter is the thumbnail property of the rows to rotate.

Example

```
rotate thumbnail of every row of selection of front window
```

rebuild (Cumulus Network only)

Parameters

`database`: the database to rebuild

Description

Rebuild all index information for the given database. The database is a direct database. This command will first disconnect any clients for this database.

Example

```
rebuild front database
```

See Also

backup

recover deleted records (Cumulus Network only)

Parameters

`database`: the database to act on

Description

Recover all deleted records of the given database and show them in the catalog window. To keep deleted records recoverable set the corresponding property of the `database settings` object.

Example

```
recover deleted records front database
```

See Also

backup

select

Parameters

reference: the objects to select.

Description

Select any set of objects in the front window. The front window must be a catalog or keyword window. The objects to select must be rows of the corresponding table or keyword objects for the keyword window.

Example

```
select every row of database of front window
```

See Also

selection object

show find window

Parameters

database: The database whose find window should be opened.

Returns

window: The find window.

Description

Open the find window of the given database and bring it to front.

Example

```
search query of (show find window front database)
```

Get the search query of the find window of the frontmost database

See Also

close

show information window

Parameters

row: The row of a catalog table to act on.

Result

window: The record information window opened.

Description

Open the record information window for the given rows of the catalog table. Bring the window to front if it is already open.

Example

```
show information window every row of selection
```

Opens the information window for each selected record.

See Also

close

show keywords window

Parameters

`database`: The database whose keywords window should be opened.

Returns

`window`: The keywords window.

Description

Open the keywords window of the given database and bring it to front.

Example

```
show keywords window of front database
```

See Also

`close`

update

Parameters

`row`: the rows of the catalog table to update

`force` `boolean` (optional): force an update of the record even if the file modification date has not changed.

Description

Update the given rows of the catalog table. This also updates the file reference stored in the record.

Example

```
update every row of selection of front window
```

See Also

`check`