

PHP Data Objects Layer (PDO)

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What is PDO

- Common interface to any number of database systems.
- Written in C, so you know it's FAST!
- Designed to make use of all the PHP 5.1 features to simplify interface.

Why is it needed?

- Current state of affairs:
 - Many native database extensions that are similar but do not provide the same interface.
 - In most cases, very old code that does not even scratch the surface of what PHP can offer.
 - In many instances does not account for all the capabilities offered by the database.
 - Ex. SQLite, MySQL extensions

What Databases are Supported?

- At this time PDO offers the following drivers:
 - MySQL 3,4,5 (depends on client libs)
 - PostgreSQL
 - SQLite 2 & 3
 - ODBC
 - DB2
 - Oracle
 - Firebird
 - FreeTDS/Sybase/MSSQL

Installing PDO

- PDO is divided into two components
 - CORE (provides the interface)
 - DRIVERS (access to particular database)
 - Ex. pdo_mysql
- The CORE is enabled by default, drivers with the exception of pdo_sqlite are not.

Actual Install Steps

- PECL Way
 - `pecl install pdo_[driver_name]`
 - Update `php.ini` and add `extension=pdo_[driver_name].so` (or `.dll` on win32)
- Built into PHP
 - `./configure --with-pdo-[driver_name]`
- For Win32 dlls for each driver are available.

Using PDO

- As is the case with all database interfaces, the 1st step involves establishing a connection.

```
// MySQL connection
```

```
new PDO('mysql:host=localhost;dbname=testdb', $login,  
$passwd);
```

```
// PostgreSQL
```

```
new PDO('pgsql:host=localhost port=5432  
dbname=testdb user=john password=mypass');
```

```
// SQLite
```

```
new PDO('sqlite:/path/to/database_file');
```

What if the Connection Fails?

- As is the case with most native PHP objects, instantiation failure lead to an exception being thrown.

```
try {  
    $db = new PDO(...);  
} catch (PDOException $e) {  
    echo $e->getMessage();  
}
```

Persistent Connections

- Connecting to complex databases like Oracle is a slow process, it would be nice to re-use a previously opened connection.

```
$opt = array(PDO::ATTR_PERSISTENT => TRUE);  
try {  
    $db = new PDO("dsn", $l, $p, $opt);  
} catch (PDOException $e) {  
    echo $e->getMessage();  
}
```

DSN INI Tricks

- The DSN string can be an INI setting and you can “name” as many DSNs as you like.

```
ini_set("pdo.dsn.ilia", "sqlite::memory");  
try {  
    $db = new PDO("ilia");  
} catch (PDOException $e) {  
    echo $e->getMessage();  
}
```

Let's Run Some Queries

- Query execution in PDO can be done in two ways
 - Prepared Statements (recommended for speed & security)
 - Direct Execution

Direct Query Execution

- Queries that modify information need to be run via `exec()` method.

```
$db = new PDO("DSN");
```

```
$db->exec("INSERT INTO foo (id)  
VALUES('bar')");
```

```
$db->exec("UPDATE foo SET id='bar'");
```

- The return value is the number of rows affected by the operation or `FALSE` on error.

Direct Query Execution Cont.

- In some cases “change” queries may not affect any rows and will return 0, so type-sensitive compare is essential in avoiding false positives!

```
$res = $db->exec(“UPDATE foo SET id=‘bar’”);
```

```
if (!$res) // Wrong
```

```
if ($res !== FALSE) // Correct
```

Retrieving Error Information

- PDO Provides 2 methods of getting error information:
 - `errorCode()` – SQLSTATE error code
 - Ex. 42000 == Syntax Error
 - `errorInfo()` – Detailed error information
 - Ex.

```
array(  
    [0] => 42000,  
    [1] => 1064  
    [2] => You have an error in your SQL syntax; ...  
)
```

Better Error Handling

- It stands to reason that being an OO extension PDO would allow error handling via Exceptions.

```
$db->setAttribute(  
    PDO::ATTR_ERRMODE,  
    PDO::ERRMODE_EXCEPTION  
);
```

- Now any query failure will throw an Exception.

Direct Execution Cont.

- When executing queries that retrieve information the `query()` method needs to be used.

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM foo");  
// $res == PDOStatement Object
```

- On error `FALSE` is returned

Fetch Query Results

- Perhaps one of the biggest features of PDO is its flexibility when it comes to how data is to be fetched.
 - Array (Numeric or Associated Indexes)
 - Strings (for single column result sets)
 - Objects (stdClass, object of given class or into an existing object)
 - Callback function
 - Lazy fetching
 - Iterators
 - And more!

Array Fetching

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM foo");  
while ($row = $res->fetch(PDO::FETCH_NUM)){  
    // $row == array with numeric keys  
}
```

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM foo");  
while ($row = $res->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)){  
    // $row == array with associated (string) keys  
}
```

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM foo");  
while ($row = $res->fetch(PDO::FETCH_BOTH)){  
    // $row == array with associated & numeric keys  
}
```

Fetch as String

- Many applications need to fetch data contained within just a single column.

```
$u = $db->query("SELECT users WHERE  
login='login' AND password='password'");
```

```
// fetch(PDO::FETCH_COLUMN)  
if ($u->fetchColumn()) { // returns a string  
    // login OK  
} else { /* authentication failure */ }
```

Fetch as Standard Object

- You can fetch a row as an instance of stdClass where column name == property name.

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM foo");
```

```
while ($obj = $res->fetch(PDO::FETCH_OBJ)) {  
    // $obj == instance of stdClass  
}
```

Fetch Into a Class

- PDO allows the result to be fetched into a class type of your choice.

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM foo");
$res->setFetchMode(
    PDO::FETCH_CLASS,
    "className",
    array('optional'='Constructor Params')
);
while ($obj = $res->fetch()) {
    // $obj == instance of className
}
```

Fetch Into a Class Cont.

- PDO allows the query result to be used to determine the destination class.

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM foo");  
$res->setFetchMode(  
    PDO::FETCH_CLASS |  
    PDO::FETCH_CLASSTYPE  
);  
while ($obj = $res->fetch()) {  
    // $obj == instance of class whose name is  
    // found in the value of the 1st column  
}
```

Fetch Into an Object

- PDO even allows retrieval of data into an existing object.

```
$u = new userObject;
```

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM users");
```

```
$res->setFetchMode(PDO::FETCH_INTO, $u);
```

```
while ($res->fetch()) {
```

```
    // will re-populate $u with row values
```

```
}
```

Result Iteration

- PDOStatement implements Iterator interface, which allows for a method-less result iteration.

```
$res = $db->query(
    "SELECT * FROM users",
    PDO::FETCH_ASSOC
);
foreach ($res as $row) {
    // $row == associated array representing
    // the row's values.
}
```

Lazy Fetching

- *Lazy* fetches returns a result in a form object, but holds off of populating properties until they are actually used.

```
$res = $db->query(
    "SELECT * FROM users",
    PDO::FETCH_LAZY
);
foreach ($res as $row) {
    echo $row['name']; // only fetch name column
}
```

fetchAll()

- The `fetchAll()` allows retrieval of all results from a query right away. (handy for templates)

```
$qry = "SELECT * FROM users";  
$res = $db->query($qry)->fetchAll(  
    PDO::FETCH_ASSOC  
);
```

```
// $res == array of all result rows, where each row  
// is an associated array.
```

- Can be quite memory intensive for large results sets!

Callback Function

- PDO also provides a fetch mode where each result is processed via a callback function.

```
function draw_message($subject,$email) { ... }
```

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM msg");
```

```
$res->fetchAll(  
    PDO::FETCH_FUNC,  
    "draw_message"
```

```
);
```

Direct Query Problems

- Query needs to be interpreted on each execution can be quite waste for frequently repeated queries.
- Security issues, un-escaped user input can contain special elements leading to SQL injection.

Escaping in PDO

- Escaping of special characters in PDO is handled via the `quote()` method.

```
$qry = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE  
login=".$db->quote($_POST['login'])."  
AND  
passwd=".$db->quote($_POST['pass']);
```

Prepared Statements

- Compile once, execute as many times as you want.
- Clear separation between structure and input, which prevents SQL injection.
- Often faster than `query()/exec()` even for single runs.

Prepared Statements in Action

```
$stmt = $db->prepare(  
    "SELECT * FROM users WHERE id=?"  
);
```

```
$stmt->execute(array($_GET['id']));
```

```
$stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
```

Bound Parameters

- Prepared statements parameters can be given names and bound to variables.

```
$stmt = $db->prepare(  
    "INSERT INTO users VALUES(:name,:pass,:mail)");
```

```
foreach (array('name','pass','mail') as $v)  
    $stmt->bindParam(":".$v,$v);
```

```
$fp = fopen("./users", "r");  
while (list($name,$pass,$mail) = fgetcsv($fp,4096)) {  
    $stmt->execute();  
}
```

Bound Result Columns

- Result columns can be bound to variables as well.

```
$qry = "SELECT :type, :data FROM images LIMIT 1";  
$stmt = $db->prepare($qry);
```

```
$stmt->bindColumn(':type',$type);  
$stmt->bindColumn(':type',STDOUT,PDO::PARAM_LOB);  
$stmt->execute(PDO::FETCH_BOUND);
```

```
header("Content-Type: ".$type);
```

Partial Data Retrieval

- In some instances you only want part of the data on the cursor. To properly end the cursor use the `closeCursor()` method.

```
$res = $db->query("SELECT * FROM users");  
foreach ($res as $v) {  
    if ($res['name'] == 'end') {  
        $res->closeCursor();  
        break;  
    }  
}
```

Transactions

- Nearly all PDO drivers talk with transactional DBs, so PDO provides handy methods for this purpose.

```
$db->beginTransaction();  
if ($db->exec($qry) === FALSE) {  
    $db->rollback();  
}  
$db->commit();
```

Metadata

- Like most native database interfaces PDO provides means of accessing query metadata.

```
$res = $db->query($qry);
```

```
$ncols = $res->columnCount();
```

```
for ($i=0; $i < $ncols; $i++) {
```

```
    $meta_data = $stmt->getColumnMeta($i);
```

```
}
```

getColumnMeta() Result

- `native_type` – PHP data type
- `driver:decl_type` - The data type of the column according to the database.
- `flags` – will return any flags particular to this column in a form of an array.
- `name` – the name of the column as returned by the database without any normalization.
- `len` – maximum length of a string column, may not always be available, will be set to -1 if it isn't.
- `precision` - The numeric precision of this column.
- `pdo_type` - The column type according to PDO as one of the `PDO_PARAM` constants.

lastInsertId()

- Many databases have unique identifier assigned to each newly inserted row. PDO provides access to this value via lastInsertId() method.

```
if ($db->exec("INSERT INTO ...")) {  
    $id = $db->lastInsertId();  
}
```

- Can take optional sequence name as parameter.
 - Useful for PostgreSQL

Connection Information

- Some connection information can be obtained via the `getAttribute()` PDO method.

```
$db->getAttribute(PDO::ATTR_SERVER_VERSION);
```

```
// Database Server Version
```

```
$db->getAttribute(PDO::ATTR_CLIENT_VERSION);
```

```
// Client Library Server Version
```

```
$db->getAttribute(PDO::ATTR_SERVER_INFO);
```

```
// Misc Server information
```

```
$db->getAttribute(PDO::ATTR_CONNECTION_STATUS);
```

```
// Connection Status
```

Extending PDO

```
class DB extends PDO
{
    function query($qry, $mode=NULL)
    {
        $res = parent::query($qry, $mode);
        if (!$res) {
            var_dump($qry, $this->errorInfo());
            return null;
        } else {
            return $res;
        }
    }
}
```

Questions

