



# Using SQLite in ArcGIS Python Scripts

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The most widely deployed database engine worldwide.

Transactional SQL database.

Implements most of SQL92.

Requires no configuration.

Open source and in the public domain.



## It's Free!!!

Simple and easy to use

Small Footprint

Fast

Supports terabyte-sized databases

Self-contained and cross-platform

ACID Transactions (Atomic, Consistent, Isolated, and Durable)



- The [sqlite3 module](#) is a C library that provides a SQL interface compliant with the DB-API 2.0 specification.
- Written by Gerhard Häring
- Part of the Python Standard Library (version 2.5+)

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>>> help("modules")
```

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Please wait a moment while I gather a list of all available modules...
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_json               hashlib             socket              xml
_locale             heapq               sqlite3             xmllib
_lsprof             hmac                 sre                 xmlrpclib
_md5                hotshot             sre_compile         xxsubtype
```

- In a single \*.db file

```
>>> import sqlite3
>>> conn = sqlite3.connect(r"C:\Example.db")
>>> c = conn.cursor()
>>> c.execute('''CREATE TABLE states (name text, abbr text, pop integer)''')
```

- In memory

```
>>> import sqlite3
>>> conn = sqlite3.connect(":memory:")
>>> c = conn.cursor()
>>> c.execute('''CREATE TABLE states (name text, abbr text, pop integer)''')
```

- Write standard ANSI SQL

HELLO!

- Implements most of SQL92 ([A few limitations](#))

- **SELECT DISTINCT CLASS FROM GNIS\_LA\_2013**

A Basic Example

```
import sqlite3  
conn = sqlite3.connect(r"C:\GISNuts\Example.db")  
c = conn.cursor()  
c.execute("""SELECT DISTINCT CLASS FROM  
           GNIS_LA_2013""")  
lstunique = c.fetchall()  
conn.close()
```

### Example 2:

```
SELECT CLASS, Count(FEATURE_ID) FROM  
GNIS_LA_2013  
GROUP BY CLASS  
ORDER BY Count(FEATURE_ID) DESC
```

### Example 3:

```
SELECT FEATURE_CLASS, Count(FEATURE_ID) FROM  
GNIS_LA_2013  
GROUP BY FEATURE_CLASS  
ORDER BY Count(FEATURE_ID) DESC  
LIMIT 10
```




```
import sqlite3
conn = sqlite3.connect(r"C:\GISNuts\Example.db")
c = conn.cursor()
c.execute("""SELECT CLASS, Count(FEATURE_ID) FROM GNIS_LA_2013
           GROUP BY CLASS
           ORDER BY Count(FEATURE_ID) DESC""")
Istuniquecount = c.fetchall()
c.execute("""SELECT CLASS, Count(FEATURE_ID) FROM GNIS_LA_2013
           GROUP BY CLASS
           ORDER BY Count(FEATURE_ID) DESC
           LIMIT 10""")
Istuniquecount10 = c.fetchall()
conn.close()
```

**tbl1**

ID	FirstName	LastName	Address	ZipCode
1	John	Smith	123 Main Street	70459
2	Jane	Doe	1015 2nd Street	84256
3	Tina	Smart	456 Hwy 1	47825
4	Robert	Powers	634 Bolton Avenue	65278
5	Stephanie	Carlin	5683 Twin Bridges R	25486

**tbl2**

ID	FirstName	LastName	Address	ZipCode
3	Tina	Smart	456 Hwy 1	47825
4	Robert	Powers	634 Bolton Avenue	65278
5	John	Smith	123 Main Street	70459
6	Jane	Doe	1015 2nd Street	84246
7	Mark	Brown	432 1st Avenue	76489

 **SELECT** tbl1.ID, tbl2.ID

**FROM** tbl1, tbl2

**WHERE** ((tbl1.Address = tbl2.Address) AND (tbl1.LastName = tbl2.LastName) AND (tbl1.FirstName = tbl2.FirstName) AND (tbl1.ZipCode <> tbl2.ZipCode))

```
import sqlite3
```

```
conn = sqlite3.connect(r"C:\GISNuts\Example.db")
```

```
c = conn.cursor()
```

```
c.execute("""SELECT tbl1.ID1, tbl2.ID2 FROM tbl1, tbl2  
            WHERE ((tbl1.Address = tbl2.Address)  
                  AND (tbl1.LastName = tbl2.LastName)  
                  AND (tbl1.FirstName = tbl2.FirstName)  
                  AND (tbl1.ZipCode<>tbl2.ZipCode))""")
```

```
lstdiffzip = c.fetchall()
```

```
conn.close()
```

**TableToNumPyArray (in\_table, field\_names,  
{where\_clause}, {skip\_nulls}, {null\_value})**

**Notes:**

1) Integer, raster, and BLOB fields are not supported

2) Integer fields cannot contain nulls.

where\_clause rows can be skipped

null\_value value can be assigned to null values

3) Pull only the fields you need and delete arrays when finished with them to avoid memory errors

**FeatureClassToNumPyArray (in\_table, field\_names, {where\_clause}, spatial\_reference, {explode\_to\_points}, {skip\_nulls}, {null\_value})**

**Notes:**

Geometry fields are also not supported.

Geometry properties can be added to the array using tokens:

SHAPE@XY	The feature's centroid x,y coordinates
SHAPE@TRUECENTROID	The feature's true centroid x,y coordinates
SHAPE@X	The feature's x-coordinate
SHAPE@Y	The feature's y-coordinate
SHAPE@Z	The feature's z-coordinate
SHAPE@M	The feature's m-value
SHAPE@AREA	The feature's area
SHAPE@LENGTH	The feature's length

```
import arcpy, sqlite3
conn = sqlite3.connect(r":memory:")
c = conn.cursor()
tbl = r"C:\GISNuts\GISNuts.gdb\GNIS_LA_2013"
array = arcpy.da.TableToNumPyArray(tbl, ["CLASS"])
c.execute("Create table GNIS (Class text)")
c.executemany("Insert into GNIS values (?)", array)
conn.commit()
del array
c.execute("SELECT DISTINCT Class from GNIS")
lstunique = c.fetchall()
conn.close()
```

```
import arcpy, sqlite3
conn = sqlite3.connect(r":memory:")
c = conn.cursor()
fc = r"C:\GISNuts\GISNuts.gdb\GNIS_LA_2013"
array = arcpy.da.FeatureClassToNumPyArray(fc, ["SHAPE@X",
        "SHAPE@Y"], "PRIM_LAT_DEC" <> 0)
c.execute("Create table GNISCoords (X real, Y real)")
c.executemany("Insert into GNISCoords values (?, ?)", array)
conn.commit()
del array
c.execute("SELECT Max(X), Min(X), Max(Y), Min(Y) from
        GNISCoords")
bndbox = c.fetchall()
conn.close()
```

- NumPy arrays can not store dates
- SQLite does not have a Date field type
- Dates and times are stored as TEXT, REAL, or INTEGER values in SQLite:
  - **TEXT** as ISO8601 strings ("YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.SSS")
  - **REAL** as Julian day numbers, the number of days since noon in Greenwich on November 24, 4714 B.C. according to the proleptic Gregorian calendar.
  - **INTEGER** as Unix Time, the number of seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC



```
import arcpy, sqlite3

conn = sqlite3.connect(r":memory:")
c = conn.cursor()

fc = r"C:\GISNuts\GISNuts.gdb\GNIS_LA_2013"

c.execute("Create table GNISEdits (County text, FeatureID integer, DateCreated text, DateEdited text)")

fields = ["COUNTY_NAME", "FEATURE_ID", "DATE_CREATED", "DATE_EDITED"]
whereclause = "'DATE_CREATED' > date '08/28/2005' or 'DATE_EDITED' > date '08/28/2005'"

with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(fc, fields, whereclause) as cursor:
    for row in cursor:
        c.execute("Insert into GNISEdits values (?, ?, ?, ?)", row)
        conn.commit()

c.execute("""SELECT County, Count(FeatureID ), Max(DateCreated), Max(DateEdited) from GNISEdits
          GROUP BY County
          ORDER BY Count(FEATUREID) DESC;""")

editcount = c.fetchall()
conn.close()
```

*There's always another way . . . There's always a better way . . . If I had more time, I would have written less code. (Thomas Edison + Mark Twain)*

```
SELECT CLASS, Count(FEATURE_ID) FROM GNIS_LA_2013  
GROUP BY CLASS  
ORDER BY Count(FEATURE_ID) DESC
```

**Other Options for the Above Query:**

- 1) ArcGIS Statistics Tool**
- 2) Manipulate Numpy Array**
- 3) Search Cursor and Loop with Dictionary**

```
import arcpy

arcpy.env.overwriteOutput = 1

arcpy.env.workspace = r"C:\GISNuts\GISNuts.gdb"

fc = "GNIS_LA_2013"

outtbl = "ClassSummary"

arcpy.Statistics_analysis(fc,outtbl,"FEATURE_ID COUNT","CLASS")

uniquelistcountarry = arcpy.da.TableToNumPyArray(outtbl, ["CLASS",
"Frequency"])

uniquelistcountarry.sort(order = 'Frequency')

uniquelistcount = uniquelistcountarry.tolist()

uniquelistcount.reverse()
```

```
import arcpy
```

```
fc = r"C:\GISNuts\GISNuts.gdb\GNIS_LA_2013"
```

```
GNISArray = arcpy.da.TableToNumPyArray(fc, ["CLASS", "Feature_ID"])
```

```
uniqueclasses = list(set(GNISArray['CLASS']))
```

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uniquelist = []
```

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for value in uniqueclasses: uniquelist += [(value,  
len(GNISArray[GNISArray['CLASS'] == value]))]
```

```
del GNISArray
```

```
uniquelist.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse = True)
```

```
import arcpy

fc = r"C:\GISNuts\GISNuts.gdb\GNIS_LA_2013"

classdict = {}

with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(fc, "Class") as cursor:
    for row in cursor:
        if classdict.has_key(row[0]):
            value = classdict[row[0]] + 1
            classdict[row[0]] = value
        else: classdict[row[0]] = 1

uniquelist = classdict.items()

uniquelist.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse = True)
```

# Questions?

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