

Overview

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1. What is DdlUtils

In short, DdlUtils is both a library and a set of [Ant](#) tasks that allows the manipulation of schemas in a database. It allows to create and drop complete databases, and the creation, alteration and removal of tables.

Additionally, it provides an easy way to insert data that is specified in XML, into a database and the reverse, extracting data from a database into an XML file.

DdlUtils strives to be database independent. The schemas are specified in the database-agnostic Turbine XML format that is for instance also used by [Torque](#) and [OJB](#).

2. Where to start

There are basically two ways to use DdlUtils which are explained in these sections:

- Examples of how to use the **API** are shown [here](#). The Javadoc documentation for the API can be found [here](#).
- The **Ant tasks** are explained in detail in [this document](#).