

NAME

DROP_ACCESS_METHOD – remove an access method

SYNOPSIS

DROP ACCESS METHOD [IF EXISTS] *name* [CASCADE | RESTRICT]

DESCRIPTION

DROP ACCESS METHOD removes an existing access method. Only superusers can drop access methods.

PARAMETERS**IF EXISTS**

Do not throw an error if the access method does not exist. A notice is issued in this case.

name

The name of an existing access method.

CASCADE

Automatically drop objects that depend on the access method (such as operator classes, operator families, and indexes), and in turn all objects that depend on those objects (see Section 5.15).

RESTRICT

Refuse to drop the access method if any objects depend on it. This is the default.

EXAMPLES

Drop the access method heptree:

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DROP ACCESS METHOD heptree;
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COMPATIBILITY

DROP ACCESS METHOD is a PostgreSQL extension.

SEE ALSO

CREATE ACCESS METHOD (**CREATE_ACCESS_METHOD(7)**)