

Useful commands in MySQL command Line Client

Command	Description
<code>SHOW DATABASES;</code>	<p><code>SHOW DATABASES</code> lists the databases on the MySQL server host.</p> <p>You see only those databases for which you have some kind of privilege, unless you have the global <code>SHOW DATABASES</code> privilege.</p> <p>URL: http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.6/en/show-databases.html</p>
<code>SHOW TABLES;</code>	<p><code>SHOW TABLES</code> lists the non-TEMPORARY tables in a given database.</p> <p>URL: http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.6/en/show-tables.html</p>
<code>USE db_name;</code>	<p>The <code>USE db_name</code> statement tells MySQL to use the <code>db_name</code> database as the default (current) database for subsequent statements. The database remains the default until the end of the session or another <code>USE</code> statement is issued:</p> <p><code>USE db1;</code></p> <p><code>SELECT COUNT(*) FROM mytable; # selects from db1.mytable</code></p> <p><code>USE db2;</code></p> <p><code>SELECT COUNT(*) FROM mytable; # selects from db2.mytable</code></p> <p>URL: http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.6/en/use.html</p>

SELECT DATABASE();	Display at any time which database is currently selected.
help;	Display a help message
help contents;	mysql Server-Side Help URL: http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.6/en/mysql-server-side-help.html
mysql> source filename; or mysql> \. filename	Run the SQL statements in batch mode. (copy the file path in filename as well)
SHOW [FULL] COLUMNS FROM tbl_name [FROM db_name]	Displays information about the columns in a given table