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Using MySQL Text Interface (Cont.)

show columns from table; or describe table;

Display column information of a table.

```
mysql> show columns from books;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
title	char(128)	YES		NULL	
ISBN	char(20)	NO	PRI		

2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

source file;

Execute an SQL script file. Take a file name as an argument.

```
mysql> system cat t.sql
```

```
select * from books where title like '%Web%';
```

```
mysql> source t.sql;
```

title	ISBN	price
PHP for the World Wide Web	0321245652	14.29

1 rows in set (0.00 sec)

status;

Get status information from the server.

prompt new_prompt;

Change your mysql prompt.

```
mysql> prompt sql>;
```

```
PROMPT set to 'sql>'
```

```
sql>
```

system command;

Execute a system shell command.

```
mysql> system date;  
Thu Feb 19 22:00:12 CST 2015
```

quit; or exit;

Quit mysql.

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