

COS10011/60004 Creating Web Applications

Lecture 10 PHP and MySQL Part 1



Unit of Study Outline

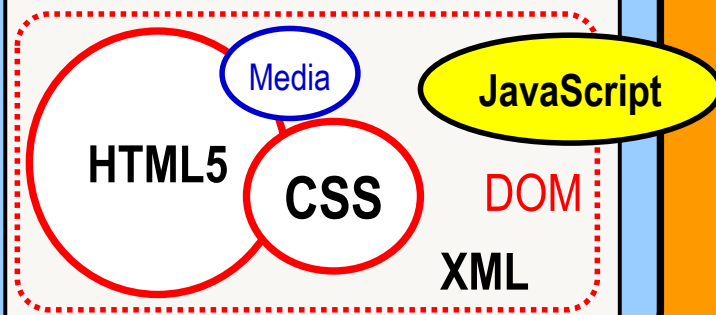
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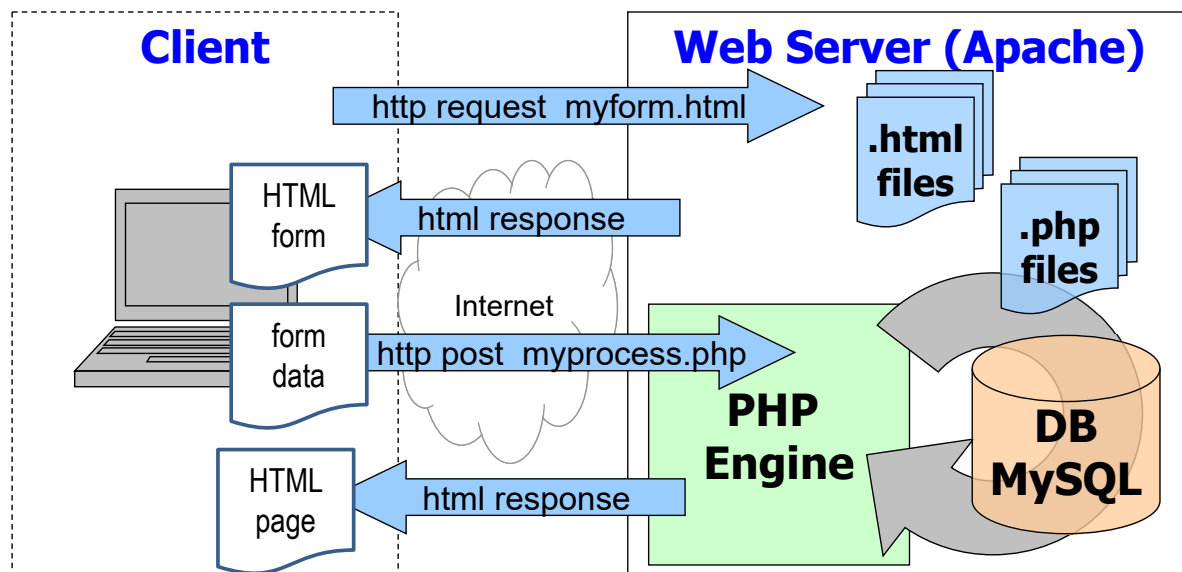
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MySQL

*Standards
Quality Assurance
Accessibility
Usability
Security*

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Apache/PHP/MySQL example



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Introduction to Databases



- **database** - an ordered collection of information from which a computer program can quickly access information
- **relational database** - stores data in **tables**
- **table** - a set of data expressed in terms of **records**, i.e. a row of a table
- **record** - a single complete set of related information made up of **fields**
- **field** - the individual category of information stored in a record

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Introduction to Databases (continued)



| Fields | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|------------|---------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Records | last_name | first_name | address | suburb | pcode | state |
| | Coffey | Billy | 648 Riversdale Road | Camberwell | 3124 | VIC |
| | Clemons | Frank | Becks Road | Drysdale | 3222 | VIC |
| | Dougherty | James | 188 Holmes Road | Moonee Ponds | 3039 | VIC |
| | Kirk | Jennifer | Kurnai Avenue | Reservoir | 3073 | VIC |
| | Wilson | Jose | Coalmine Road | Anglesea | 3230 | VIC |

employee information table

- A **relational database** stores information across **multiple** related tables

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Understanding Relational Databases

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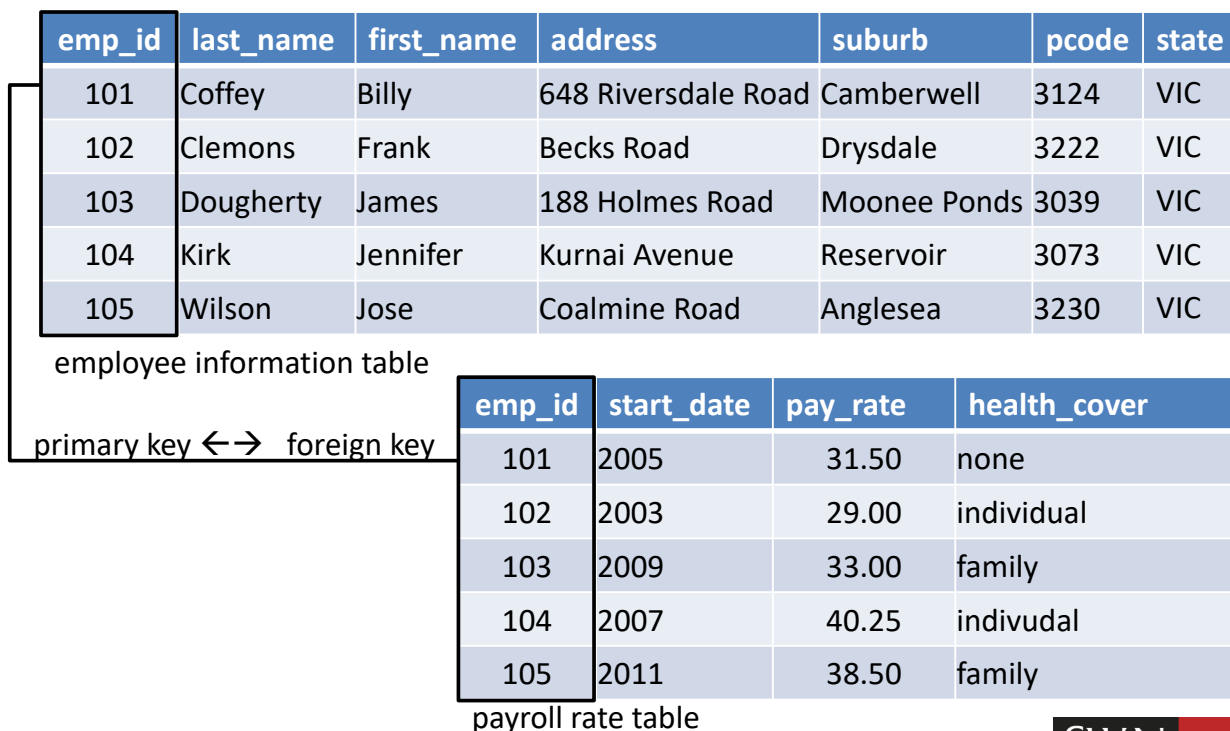


- **primary key** - a field that contains a *unique* identifier for each record in a primary table.
It is a type of index that identifies records in a database and makes retrievals and sorting faster
- **foreign key** - a field in a related table that refers to the *primary key* in a *primary table*
- **Primary** and **foreign** keys link records across multiple tables in a relational database

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One-to-One Relationships



One-to-one relationship

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One-to-One Relationships

- A **one-to-one** relationship exists between two tables when a related table contains exactly *one record* for *each record* in the primary table
- Information in the tables in a one-to-one relationship can be placed within a single table
- Creating a one-to-one relationship breaks information into multiple, logical sets
- The information in one of the tables can then be made confidential and accessible only to certain individuals

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One-to-Many Relationship (continued)

| emp_id | last_name | first_name | language | years |
|--------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------|
| 101 | Coffey | Billy | Java | 5 |
| 101 | Coffey | Billy | C | 7 |
| 102 | Clemons | Frank | C# | 8 |
| 102 | Clemons | Frank | Objective C | 2 |
| 102 | Clemons | Frank | Java | 3 |
| 103 | Dougherty | James | C | 2 |
| 103 | Dougherty | James | C# | 4 |
| 104 | Kirk | Jennifer | Objective C | 7 |
| 104 | Kirk | Jennifer | Java | 9 |
| 104 | Kirk | Jennifer | C | 4 |
| 105 | Wilson | Jose | C# | 6 |
| 105 | Wilson | Jose | Objective C | 3 |

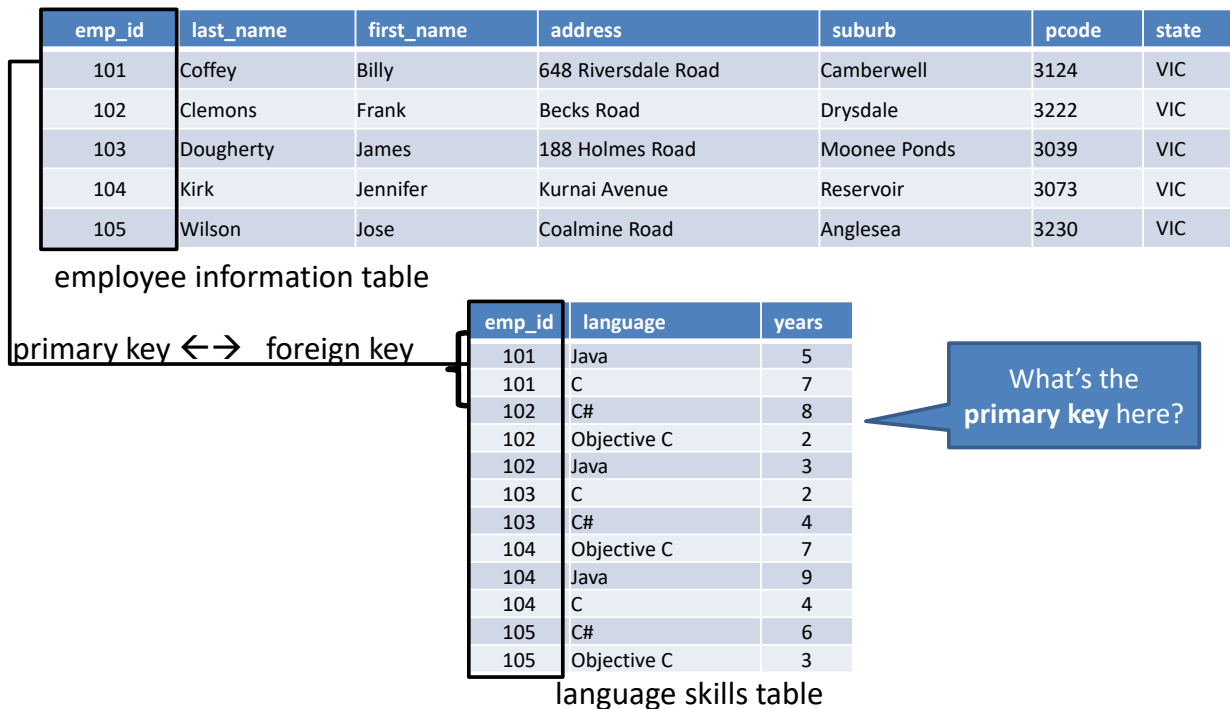
Language Skills table with **redundant** information

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One-to-Many Relationship



One-to-many relationship

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One-to-Many Relationship



- A **one-to-many** relationship exists in a relational database when *one record* in a primary table has *many related records* in a related table
- Breaking tables into multiple related tables to reduce redundant and duplicate information is called **normalization**
- *This provides a **more efficient**, less redundant, and **easier to maintain** method of storing data*

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Many-to-Many Relationship

| emp_id | last_name | first_name | address | suburb | pcode | state |
|--------|-----------|------------|---------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 101 | Coffey | Billy | 648 Riversdale Road | Camberwell | 3124 | VIC |
| 102 | Clemons | Frank | Becks Road | Drysdale | 3222 | VIC |
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employee information table

primary key \leftrightarrow foreign key

What's the
primary key here?

| emp_id | language | years |
|--------|----------|-------|
| 101 | 11 | 5 |
| 101 | 12 | 7 |
| 102 | 13 | 8 |
| 102 | 14 | 2 |
| 102 | 11 | 3 |
| 103 | 12 | 2 |
| 103 | 13 | 4 |
| 104 | 14 | 7 |
| 104 | 11 | 9 |
| 104 | 12 | 4 |
| 105 | 13 | 6 |
| 105 | 14 | 3 |

| lang_id | language |
|---------|-------------|
| 11 | Java |
| 12 | C |
| 13 | C# |
| 14 | Objective C |

language information table

foreign key \leftrightarrow primary key

**Many-to-many
relationship**

language skills table
(junction/associate)

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Many-to-Many Relationship

- A **many-to-many relationship** exists in a relational database when many records in one table are related to many records in another table
e.g. relationship between programmers and languages
- Must use a **junction** or **associative table** that creates a one-to-many relationship for each of the two tables in a many-to-many relationship. It contains *foreign keys* from the two tables.

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- A **database management system** (or DBMS) is an application or collection of applications used to access and manage a database
- A **schema** is the structure of a database including its tables, fields, and relationships
- A **relational database management system** (or RDBMS) stores data in a relational format

Functions of a DBMS



- The structuring and preservation of the database file
- Ensuring that data is stored correctly in a database's tables, regardless of the database format
- Querying capability
- Security

Querying Databases



- A **query** is a structured set of instructions and criteria for retrieving, adding, modifying, and deleting database information
- **Structured query language** (or SQL – often pronounced as sequel) is a standard data manipulation language used by most database management systems

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Getting Started with 'MySQL'

- "MySQL" is an open source database server, and it is fast and reliable.
Acquired by Oracle through the Sun Microsystems acquisition.
- "MariaDB" was developed in 2009 as an alternative open source database server to MySQL.
- There are several ways to interface with a MySQL / MariaDB database server:
 1. Using 'MySQL Monitor', a command-line program
 2. Using 'phpMyAdmin', a web interface program
 3. Using PHP database functions within PHP scripts
- Our "MySQL" database server is now "MariaDB":
feenix-mariadb.swin.edu.au

For more details see:

<https://feenix.swin.edu.au/help/index.php?page=MySQL%20%28MariaDB%29>



Logging in to 'MySQL' Monitor

- Our 'MySQL' / 'MariaDB' database server at **feenix-mariadb.swin.edu.au** is already set-up, and your account and database will already have been created.
See the MySQL Lab notes for more details.

If you want to set up MySQL locally on your own computer, you will need to initialize it, using the following command:

```
mysql -h host -u user -p  
mysql -u user -p
```

Two accounts would then be created:

1. **Anonymous user account** allows login without specifying a username or password (Note: security issue)
2. **Root account** (the primary administrative account for MySQL) is created without a password `mysql -u root`

Log out with the **exit** or **quit** commands

Logging in to MySQL Monitor (continued)



```
kmcinnes@ictstudev1:~$ login as: kmcinnes
For login help see https://feenix.swin.edu.au/help
kmcinnes@mercury.swin.edu.au's password:
Last login: Fri May 5 15:06:36 2017 from sessional5-pc.ict.swin.edu.au
Kickstarted on 2016-07-20
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Welcome to mercury.swin.edu.au

Please read important information about this host from here
https://feenix.swin.edu.au/help

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Your process limit is 45

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~/cos10011/www/htdocs => http://mercury.swin.edu.au/~cos10011/

[VM kmcinnes@ictstudev1 ~]$ mysql
Enter password:
Welcome to the MariaDB monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MariaDB connection id is 310752
Server version: 5.5.52-MariaDB MariaDB Server

Copyright (c) 2000, 2016, Oracle, MariaDB Corporation Ab and others.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

MariaDB [(none)]>
```

mysql - case sensitive

Prompt here is MariaDB>
often mysql>

Typical MySQL Monitor on a mercury server

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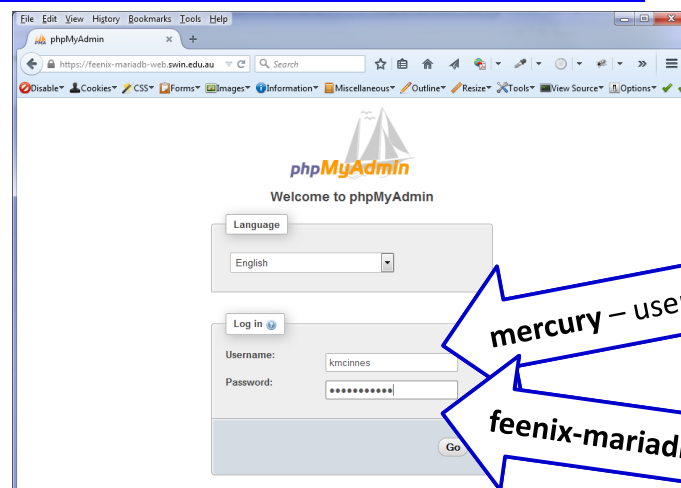


Using phpMyAdmin



- Web User Interface to MySQL / MariaDB
- Log in to **phpMyAdmin** with your MariaDB username and MariaDB password

<http://feenix-mariadb-web.swin.edu.au>



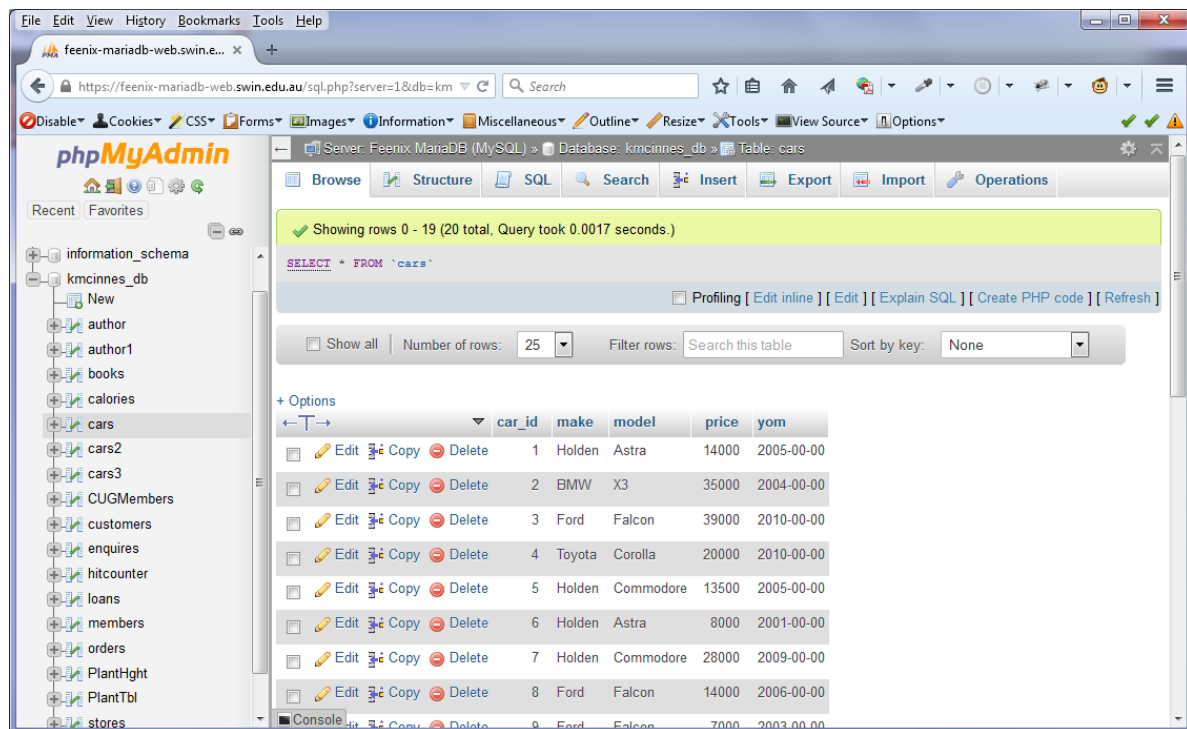
mercury - user name

feenix-mariadb - password

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Using phpMyAdmin



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SQL Command Basics



The four important basic SQL commands for managing databases and tables:

- `SHOW DATABASES` statement to view the databases that are available
- `USE:` **select** a database to use
- `CREATE:` add a new **database** or add **table** to the existing database
- `DROP:` delete a **database** or delete **table** from database

You are only given **one** database on MySQL.
You can't create or drop your database

Selecting Databases (continued)



```
kmcinnes@ictstudev1:~  
MariaDB [(none)]> show databases;  
+-----+  
| Database |  
+-----+  
| information_schema |  
| kmcinnes_db |  
+-----+  
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)  
  
MariaDB [(none)]> use kmcinnes_db;  
Reading table information for completion of table and column names  
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A  
  
Database changed  
MariaDB [kmcinnes_db]> select * from cars;  
+-----+  
| car_id | make | model | price | yom |  
+-----+  
| 1 | Holden | Astra | 14000 | 2005-00-00 |  
| 2 | BMW | X3 | 35000 | 2004-00-00 |  
| 3 | Ford | Falcon | 39000 | 2010-00-00 |  
| 4 | Toyota | Corolla | 20000 | 2010-00-00 |  
| 5 | Holden | Commodore | 13500 | 2005-00-00 |  
| 6 | Holden | Astra | 8000 | 2001-00-00 |  
| 7 | Holden | Commodore | 28000 | 2009-00-00 |  
| 8 | Ford | Falcon | 14000 | 2006-00-00 |  
| 9 | Ford | Falcon | 7000 | 2003-00-00 |  
+-----+
```

Note “,”

MySQL Monitor after selecting a database

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SQL Command Basics



The four important basic SQL commands for *managing records*:

Need to USE database first.

- SELECT: **ask** for data
- INSERT: **add** new data
- UPDATE: **modify** existing data
- DELETE: **remove** existing data

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Structured Query Language (SQL)



Common SQL keywords

| Keyword | Description |
|----------|---|
| INSERT | Inserts a new row into a table |
| UPDATE | Updates field value in a record |
| DELETE | Deletes a row from the table |
| SELECT | Retrieves records from table(s) |
| INTO | Specifies the table into which to insert the record(s) |
| FROM | Specifies the table(s) from which to retrieve or delete record(s) |
| WHERE | Specifies the condition that must be met |
| ORDER BY | Sorts the records retrieved (does not affect the table) |

e.g. **SELECT * FROM employees**

SQL queries using MySQL Monitor



- At the `mysql>` command prompt terminate the command with a semicolon

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM cars;
```

- Without a semicolon, the MySQL Monitor enters a multiple-line command and changes the prompt to `->`

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM cars
-> WHERE make = "Holden";
```

- Note that the SQL **keywords** entered in the MySQL Monitor are **not** case sensitive

Understanding MySQL Identifiers



Identifiers for databases, tables, fields, indexes, and aliases

- The **case sensitivity** of database and table **identifiers** depends on the operating system
 - Not case sensitive on Windows platforms
 - Case sensitive on UNIX/Linux systems
- MySQL stores each database in a directory of the same name as the database identifier
- Field and index identifiers are case insensitive on all platforms *... but try and be consistent* 😊

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Getting Help with MySQL Commands



mysql> help;

```
cchua@mercury:~
mysql> help

For information about MySQL products and services, visit:
  http://www.mysql.com/
For developer information, including the MySQL Reference Manual, visit:
  http://dev.mysql.com/
To buy MySQL Enterprise support, training, or other products, visit:
  https://shop.mysql.com/

List of all MySQL commands:
Note that all text commands must be first on line and end with ';'
?          (\?) Synonym for 'help'.
clear      (\c) Clear the current input statement.
connect    (\r) Reconnect to the server. Optional arguments are db and host.
delimiter  (\d) Set statement delimiter.
edit       (\e) Edit command with $EDITOR.
ego        (\G) Send command to mysql server, display result vertically.
exit       (\q) Exit mysql. Same as quit.
go         (\g) Send command to mysql server.
help       (\h) Display this help.
nopager    (\n) Disable pager, print to stdout.
notee      (\t) Don't write into outfile.
pager      (\P) Set PAGER [to_pager]. Print the query results via PAGER.
print      (\p) Print current command.
prompt     (\R) Change your mysql prompt.
quit       (\q) Quit mysql.
rehash     (\#) Rebuild completion hash.
source     (\.) Execute an SQL script file. Takes a file name as an argument.
status     (\s) Get status information from the server.
system     (\!) Execute a system shell command.
tee        (\T) Set outfile [to_outfile]. Append everything into given outfile.
use        (\u) Use another database. Takes database name as argument.
charset    (\C) Switch to another charset. Might be needed for processing binlog
with multi-byte charsets.
warnings   (\W) Show warnings after every statement.
nowarning  (\w) Don't show warnings after every statement.

For server side help, type 'help contents'

mysql>
```

MySQL command help

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Accessing Databases with PHP



- There are three main options when considering connecting to a MySQL database server using PHP:
 - PHP's mysql Extension
 - PHP's mysqli Extension
 - PHP Data Objects (PDO)
- The mysqli extension features a dual interface, supporting both procedural (functions) and object-oriented interfaces.
- These notes and examples use the procedural interface.



<http://php.net/manual/en/mysqli.summary.php>

Hint: Separate file for your login info



Example

<?php

`$host = "feenix-mariadb.swin.edu.au";`

Edit the host name
when ported to a
production server

`$user = "s1234567";`

Your student id

`$pwd = "password";`

Initially ddmmy.
Change, but don't
use your SIMs
password

`$sql_db = "s1234567_db";`

ITS has created a
predefined
database for you

?>

Template 1 – for SQL* queries



- * Create and drop tables
- * Insert update and delete records

<?php

`require_once "settings.php";`

Step 1: Connect to
the database

`$conn = @mysqli_connect ($host,$user,$pwd,$sql_db);`

HUPD

`if ($conn) {`

Step 2: Create your SQL query

`$query = "replace with a valid SQL query";`

`$result = mysqli_query ($conn, $query);`

`if ($result) { ...}`

`else {...}`

Step 4:
Did it
work?

Step 3: Execute your SQL query

`mysqli_close ($conn);`

`} else echo "<p>Unable to connect to the db.</p>";`

?>

Step 5: Close connection



Connecting to MySQL

- Open a connection to a MySQL database server with the `mysqli_connect()` function
- The `mysqli_connect()` function returns a **positive integer** if it connects to the database successfully or `false` if it does not
- Assign the return value from the `mysqli_connect()` function to a variable that you can use to access the database in your script
- Example

```
$yourconn= mysqli_connect("feenix-mariadb.swin.edu.au",  
"s1234567", "yourMySQLpassword", "s1234567_db");
```



Connecting to MySQL (continued)

- The syntax for the `mysqli_connect()` function is:

```
$connection = mysqli_connect("host"  
[, "user", "password", "database"])
```

HUPD
 - The **host** argument specifies the host name where your MySQL/MariaDB database server is installed

e.g. `feenix-mariadb.swin.edu.au`
 - The **user** and **password** arguments specify a MySQL/MariaDB account name and password
e.g. `s1234567 yourMySQLpassword`
 - The **database** argument specifies a database
e.g. `s1234567_db`

Connecting and Selecting



- The `mysqli_connect` also allows one to connect and select the database in one step.

```
$dbConnect = mysqli_connect(  
    "feenix-mariadb.swin.edu.au",  
    "s1234567", "ddmmyy", "s1234567_db");
```

Your MySQL/MariaDB
password

Selecting a Database



We can `connect()` and `select_db()` in separate steps

- The statement for selecting a database with the MySQL Monitor is **`use database;`**
- The function for selecting a database with PHP is **`mysqli_select_db(connection, database)`**
- The function returns a value of **`true`** if it successfully selects a database or **`false`** if it does not



Executing SQL Statements

Database and Table queries:

The **mysqli_query()** function returns one of three values:

- For SQL statements that *do not* return results (**CREATE DATABASE** and **CREATE TABLE** statements) they return a value of **true** if the statement executes successfully
- For SQL statements that *do* return results (**SELECT** and **SHOW** statements) they return a **result pointer** that represents the query results
 - A **result pointer** is a special type of variable that refers to the currently selected row in a resultset
- For SQL statements that fail, **mysqli_query()** function returns a value of **false**, regardless of whether they return results

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Closing Connection

- Close a connection to a MySQL/MariaDB database server with the **mysqli_close()** function
mysqli_close(\$dbconnect);

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Next Week



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