**To Backup the Database**

1. Once you are finished with your tables etc close the MySQL environment (quit)
2. Open a DOS prompt and execute the mysqldump command (63)
3. Check to make sure the sql file was created properly by opening it with **notepad**
4. Reopen the mysql environment
5. Drop all the tables
6. Once again quit out of the mysql environment
7. Delete the folder corresponding to the database from c:\xampp\mysql\data
8. Save the .sql file to your H drive

**How to reload the Database**

1. Copy the .sql file back to the C drive
2. Restart the Mysql environment
3. Recreate the database from the MySQL environment using the create command
4. Use the database
5. Open a DOS prompt and execute the mysql command (64)
6. Go back into the sql environment and check to make sure that the database has been populated