

# MySql CharSet and Collate

### Character Sets and Collations in General

A character set is a set of symbols and encodings. A collation is a set of rules for comparing characters in a character set.

## Specifying Character Sets and Collations

There are default settings for character sets and collations at four levels: server, database, table, and column.

### Server Character Set and Collation

Initially, the server character set and collation depend on the options that you use when you start MySQL Server.

```
Server defaults are usually:
   charset_name = utf8mb4
   collation_name = utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
```

#### Database Character Set and Collation

Every database has a database character set and a database collation.

```
CREATE DATABASE db_name
[[DEFAULT] CHARACTER SET charset_name]
[[DEFAULT] COLLATE collation_name]
```

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## **Collation Naming Conventions**

A collation name starts with the name of the character set with which it is associated, generally followed by one or more suffixes indicating other collation characteristic

Suffix	Meaning
_ai	Accent-insensitive
_as	Accent-sensitive
_ci	Case-insensitive
_cs	Case-sensitive
_ks	Kana-sensitive
_bin	Binary

#### SELECT

```
schema_name AS 'database',
default_character_set_name
         AS 'charset',
default_collation_name
         AS 'collation'
```

#### FROM

information\_schema.SCHEMATA
WHERE
schema name in ('hr','videoclub');

database	charset	collation
hr	utf8mb3	utf8mb3_general_ci
videoclub	utf8mb4	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci

## MySql Server Locale

## Locale language

The locale controls the language used to display day and month names and abbreviations. It's defined by the **lc\_time\_names** system variable.

Locale Value	Meaning
ca_ES	Catalan – Spain
en_GB	English - United Kingdom
en_US	English - United States
es_ES	Spanish - Spain
es_US	Spanish - United States
eu_ES	Basque - Spain

Some values examples.

```
SELECT
   @@lc time names as "locale";
locale
en US
SELECT
   DAYNAME(now()) as "dia",
   MONTHNAME (now()) as "mes";;
dia
                 mes
Saturday
                 November
SET lc time names = 'ca ES';
SELECT
   DAYNAME (now()) as "dia",
   MONTHNAME(now()) as "mes";;
dia
                 mes
                 Novembre
Dissabte
```