Introductory MySQL Commands

Principles of Databases (CS 365)

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- Use UTF-8 character sets whenever possible

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- In Windows `my.cnf` may be called `my.ini` and could be in one of many places. Read the official documentation from `dev.mysql.com` at https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/option-files.html

Logging in

The following command says, “Log in to MySQL as user (`-u`) root and tell the CLI to request my password (`-p`).

```
mysql -u root -p
```

Logging in

You can also close the space between `-u` and root, as follows:

```
mysql -uroot -p
```

Logging in

You can also append the password to the `-p` option. (No space character.) For example, if my password were `password`, I could log in as follows:

```
mysql -u root -ppassword
```

or

```
mysql -uroot -ppassword
```

Logging in

Appending the password to the `-p` option is insecure, as the password would sit as a plain text entry in your CLI's history file.

In `bash`, for example, you'd find the password in `.bash_history`. You could clear it (and the rest of your history) with the `-c` flag to the `history` command:

```
history -c
```

Logging in

The more secure option is to have MySQL request your password via your CLI.

```
mysql -u root -p
```

Exiting MySQL

Similar to exiting your CLI, exiting MySQL is simply...

```
EXIT
```

Warnings

If an error is generated, you can see the latest warning with

```
SHOW WARNINGS;
```

Checking the Status of the Database

You can view some important information, such as current user and database, IP address, and character set configurations, using the `STATUS` command:

```
STATUS
```

Creating a Database

Let's create a database called `users` with a default and collation character set of UTF-8.

```
CREATE DATABASE `users` DEFAULT CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_bin;
```

Note: This doesn't place focus on the new database; it simply creates it.

Creating a Database | Placing Focus

To work with a database, you need to focus on it by using the USE command. Let's focus on the `users` database:

```
USE users
```

If you now run `STATUS`, you'll see, `Current database: users` below `Connection id`.

Add a User to the Database with a Password

Let's create a user called `the-user` whose password is `the-password`.

```
CREATE USER 'the-user'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'the-Passw0rd!';
```

Provide a User Access to the Database

Let's now grant `the-user` *all* privileges to *all* the tables under the `users` database

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON users.* to 'the-user'@'localhost';
```

Logging into the Database with the New User

Exit the database (`exit`), then log back in as the new user:

```
mysql -u the-user -p
```

Show Databases

You can see the databases to which you have access with the SHOW command:

```
SHOW DATABASES;
```

Create a Table

```
CREATE TABLE students (
  first_name VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
  last_name VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL
);
```

Note: Both are set to `NOT NULL`, meaning that an entry into the `students` table can only happen when both values are present. What happens when you try to defeat the `NOT NULL` rule?

Show Tables

Show the tables in the current database:

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

Flush the Contents of a Table

To empty the contents of a table is to flush them. Flushing means that MySQL will drop the tables, then recreate them without any entries.

```
TRUNCATE TABLE students;
```

Drop/Delete a Table

Let's delete the `students` table.

```
DROP TABLE students;
```

Note: This isn't the same as `TRUNCATE`, which flushes the tuples in the table, but doesn't delete the table.

Insert a Single Record in a Table (CREATE)

```
INSERT INTO students
  (first_name, last_name)
VALUES
  ("Fred", 'Flinstone');
```

Note: I can wrap values in inch marks (") or foot marks ('), as long as they're balanced.

Insert Multiple Records into a Table (CREATE)

```
INSERT INTO students
  (first_name, last_name)
VALUES
  ('Edward', 'Bobward'),
  ('Ed', 'Bob'),
  ('Frank', 'Enstein'),
  ('Johnny', 'Rotten');
```

Read All Records from a Table (READ)

```
SELECT * FROM students;
```

Read All Records from a Table with a Matching Clause (READ)

Let’s get all students whose first name is Frank.

```
SELECT * FROM students WHERE first_name = "Frank";
```

Read All Records from a Table that Start with a String (READ)

Let’s get all students whose first name starts with “ed”.

```
SELECT * FROM students WHERE first_name LIKE "Ed%";
```

or for a more case-insensitive search:

```
SELECT * FROM students WHERE UPPER(first_name) LIKE UPPER("ed%");
```

Read All Records from a Table that End with a String (READ)

```
SELECT * FROM students WHERE last_name LIKE "%Bob";
```

Or, for a more case-insensitive search:

```
SELECT * FROM students WHERE UPPER(last_name) LIKE UPPER("%bob");
```

Read All Records from a Table's Column (READ)

Let's get all `first_names` from the `students` table.

```
SELECT first_name FROM students;
```

Read All Records from a Table's Column (READ)

Or `last_names`.

```
SELECT last_name FROM students;
```

Read All Records from a Table in Reverse Order (READ)

```
SELECT last_name, first_name FROM students;
```

Describe the Fields/Columns in a Table

There are at least 3 different ways to describe the structure of a table.

```
SHOW COLUMNS FROM students;
DESC students;
DESCRIBE students;
```

Update (UPDATE)

Let’s change Frank’s first name to Albert:

```
UPDATE students SET first_name="Albert" WHERE first_name="Frank";
```

Remove (DELETE)

Let’s remove Johnny, who’s no longer a student:

```
DELETE FROM students WHERE first_name="Johnny";
```

Remove a Database and Its Users

There are multiple ways to delete a database. The most common and modern way is...

```
DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS users;
```

or

```
DROP DATABASE users;
```

Remove a Database and Its Users

SCHEMA is synonymous with DATABASE. Thus, you could also say...

```
DROP SCHEMA IF EXISTS users;
```

or

```
DROP SCHEMA users;
```

Remove a Database and Its Users

We'll now need to remove the user — whose username is `the-user` — from MySQL.

```
DROP USER IF EXISTS 'the-user'@'localhost';
```

Stand up a Database in Two Commands

Log in to MySQL...

```
mysql -u root -p
```

...then load `setup.sql`:

```
source setup.sql
```

Stand up a Database in Two Commands

You can also stand up the database in one command:

```
mysql -u root -p < setup.sql
```

The DELETE Statement

Remove all rows from a table.

```
DELETE FROM track;
```

The DELETE Statement

Let’s delete Every Country’s Sun

```
DELETE FROM album WHERE album_name = "Every Country’s Sun";
```

or

```
DELETE FROM album
WHERE (artist_id = 5 AND album_id = 2);
```

The latter makes use of the keys that we used to design the database. As such, it is more secure.

The DELETE Statement

Let's delete *all* albums with an `album_id` of 1.

```
DELETE FROM ALBUM WHERE album_id = 1;
```

The DELETE Statement

Let's delete an artist, their album(s), and those albums' tracks. First, let's choose a band, Melvins.

```
SELECT artist_id, artist_name, album_name
FROM artist INNER JOIN album
USING (artist_id)
WHERE artist_name = "Melvins";
```

The DELETE Statement

Now we can delete everything related to The Melvins.

```
DELETE FROM artist, album, track USING artist, album, track
WHERE artist.artist_id = 4 AND
artist.artist_id = album.artist_id AND
artist.artist_id = track.artist_id AND
album.album_id = track.album_id;
```

Compare with…

```
DELETE FROM artist, album, track USING artist, album, track
WHERE artist.artist_id = 4 AND
artist.artist_id = album.artist_id AND
artist.artist_id = track.artist_id;
```

The DELETE Statement

And, we can now verify:

```
SELECT track_name
FROM track
WHERE artist_id = 4;
```