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

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

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

mysql -uroot -p

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

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

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";

Pattern Matching

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%");

Pattern Matching

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");

Pattern Matching

Get all track names that start with "Do" followed by 9 characters, listed alphabetically:

```
SELECT *
FROM track
WHERE track_name LIKE 'Do____'
ORDER BY track_name;
```

The underscore (_) character is a placeholder for any character.

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

Remove all rows from a table.

DELETE FROM track;

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.

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

DELETE FROM ALBUM WHERE album_id = 1;

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";
```

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;
```

And, we can now verify:

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

Get all song titles, listed alphabetically:

```
SELECT * FROM track ORDER BY track_name;
```

The result is an alphabetical—or lexicographical—list of tuples in ascending order (**ASC**), which is the default. Thus, the previous command is equivalent to the following:

```
SELECT * FROM track
ORDER BY track name ASC;
```

You may also list the result in descending (DESC) order:

```
SELECT * FROM track
ORDER BY track_name DESC;
```

Get and rename both attributes from the music schema's **artist** table:

```
SELECT artist_id AS ID, artist_name AS Artist
FROM artist;
```

AS is optional in the renaming. You could also do:

```
SELECT artist_id ID, artist_name Artist
FROM artist;
```

If using multiple words in a string, you'll need to wrap the content in foot marks (' ').

SELECT artist_id AS 'Unique ID', artist_name AS Artist
FROM artist;

You may also use backticks (` `):

SELECT artist_id AS `Unique ID`, artist_name AS Artist
FROM artist;

The JOIN Statement

Get all artists and their albums. Note the different ways to do this.

```
SELECT artist_name AS Artist, album_name AS Album
FROM artist
JOIN album
WHERE (artist_artist_id = album.artist_id);
SELECT artist_name AS Artist, album_name AS Album
FROM artist
INNER JOIN album
USING (artist id);
```

The JOIN Statement

```
SELECT artist name AS Artist, album name AS Album
FROM artist
JOIN album
USING (artist id);
SELECT artist_name AS Artist, album_name AS Album
FROM artist
INNER JOIN album ON
(artist.artist_id = album.artist_id);
```

The JOIN Statement

```
SELECT artist_name AS Artist, album_name AS Album
FROM artist, album
WHERE (artist.artist_id = album.artist_id);
```

The default **block_encryption_mode** is **aes-128-ecb**, which does not require an initialization vector. We want the extra security attached to an initialization vector, so we need to set **block_encryption_mode** to **aes-256-cbc**.

First, let's check the current value of **block_encryption_mode**.

SHOW VARIABLES WHERE variable_name = "block_encryption_mode";

Or

SELECT @@global.block_encryption_mode;

Let's now set it:

SET block_encryption_mode = 'aes-256-cbc';

According to the AES_ENCRYPT documentation, we'll need a key to unlock the encryption. We're advised to do this with a user-defined variable, as follows:

```
SET @init_vector = RANDOM_BYTES(16);
```

Let's test it:

SELECT @init_vector;

Now log in to MySQL and run setup.sql from the enclosed aesencrypt-example folder:

source setup.sql;

View all the entries:

SELECT * FROM user;

And, finally, run the following to view the unciphered passwords:

SELECT CAST(AES_DECRYPT(password, @key_str, @init_vector) AS CHAR) AS 'Plain Text Password' FROM user;