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Introduction to SQL and MySQL

### What is SQL?

**SQL (Structured Query Language)** is a standard language used to manage and manipulate relational databases. It allows you to:

- Create and modify tables
- · Insert, update, delete, and retrieve data
- Manage user access and control permissions
- Perform complex queries, joins, aggregations, and transactions

SQL is the foundation for working with **Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS)** such as MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, and SQL Server.

# What is MySQL?

MySQL is a popular open-source RDBMS that uses SQL as its query language. It is:

- Free and open-source (also has an enterprise edition by Oracle)
- · Widely supported across operating systems and programming languages
- Known for its speed, reliability, and ease of use

MySQL stores data in **tables** and supports relationships between tables using **foreign keys**.

#### **Advantages of MySQL**

Feature	Benefit
<b>✓</b> Open Source	Free to use, with a strong community and plenty of learning resources
✓ Cross-Platform	Works on Windows, Linux, macOS
✓ Easy to Learn	Beginner-friendly with clear syntax and tools like MySQL Workbench
✓ High Performance	Optimized for read-heavy applications

<b>✓</b> Secure	Supports user roles, encryption, SSL, and more
Spring Boot Integration	Supported out of the box via Spring Data JPA, Hibernate
✓ Scalable	Works well for small apps to large-scale systems with replication and sharding

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Limitation	Explanation
X Limited SQL Compliance	Some advanced SQL features (e.g., full joins, window functions) may not behave identically to other RDBMS
X Write Performance in Large Scale	Not ideal for very write-heavy applications at massive scale (compared to NoSQL or newer RDBMS)
★ Lack of Built-In Features for Complex Analytics	Lacks features like materialized views, full data warehousing support
X Concurrency Bottlenecks	In some high-concurrency scenarios, locks can become a bottleneck
X Sharding and Clustering	Requires additional configuration and expertise for horizontal scaling

# **MySQL + Spring Boot**

Spring Boot integrates seamlessly with MySQL using:

- spring-boot-starter-data-jpa for ORM (Object Relational Mapping)
- Hibernate (default JPA provider)
- Auto-configuration of <code>DataSource</code> , <code>EntityManager</code> , and repositories

### **When to Use MySQL**

Use MySQL when:

• You need strong data consistency and relationships

- The data structure is well-defined and rarely changes
- · You want to use SQL for complex queries, joins, and transactions
- You're building traditional web apps, admin panels, or enterprise systems

#### Installation of MySQL

- In order to install MySQL use following Youtube link and follow steps -
  - Download and install MYSQL Command Line Client on Windows 11
- To check if it is properly installed, open "MySQL command Line client"
- Enter password and installed version will be visible on screen.

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Enter password: ****

Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 8

Server version: 8.0.35 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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

mysql>
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