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Clear mysql command line history stored in ~/.mysql_history file

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Q. How do I clear the mysql command line history stored in ~/.mysql_history file?

A. mysql is a simple SQL shell. It supports interactive and non-interactive use.

On Unix and Linux, the mysql client writes a record of executed statements to a history file. By default, the history file is named .mysql_history and is created in your home directory. To specify a different file, set the value of the MYSQL_HISTFILE environment variable.

Task: CLEAR MYSQL COMMAND LINE HISTORY

Remove ~/.mysql_history by typing following command:

```
$ > ~/.mysql_history
```

If you do not want to maintain a history file, first remove .mysql_history if it exists, and then use either of the following techniques:

Set the MYSQL_HISTFILE variable to /dev/null. To cause this setting to take effect each time you log in, put the setting in one of your shell's startup files.

Create ~/.mysql_history as a symbolic link to /dev/null. You need run following command only once:

```
$ rm $HOME/.mysql_history  
$ ln -s /dev/null $HOME/.mysql_history
```

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