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Migrations are a convenient way for you to alter your database in a structured and organized manner. You could edit fragments of SQL by hand but you would then be responsible for telling other developers that they need to go and run them. You would also have to keep track of which changes need to be run against the production machines next time you deploy.

The database table **migration** tracks which migrations have already been run so all you have to do is update your application files and call $this->migration->current() to work out which migrations should be run. The current version is found in **application/config/migration.php**.

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Each Migration is run in numeric order forward or backwards depending on the method taken. Two numbering styles are available:

* **Sequential:** each migration is numbered in sequence, starting with **001**. Each number must be three digits, and there must not be any gaps in the sequence. (This was the numbering scheme prior to CodeIgniter 3.0.)
* **Timestamp:** each migration is numbered using the timestamp when the migration was created, in **YYYYMMDDHHIISS** format (e.g. **20121031100537**). This helps prevent numbering conflicts when working in a team environment, and is the preferred scheme in CodeIgniter 3.0 and later.

The desired style may be selected using the $config['migration\_type'] setting in your *application/config/migration.php* file.

Regardless of which numbering style you choose to use, prefix your migration files with the migration number followed by an underscore and a descriptive name for the migration. For example:

* 001\_add\_blog.php (sequential numbering)
* 20121031100537\_add\_blog.php (timestamp numbering)

[**Create a Migration**](#1t3h5sf)[**¶**](#1fob9te)

This will be the first migration for a new site which has a blog. All migrations go in the **application/migrations/** directory and have names such as *20121031100537\_add\_blog.php*.

<?php  
  
defined('BASEPATH') OR exit('No direct script access allowed');  
  
class Migration\_Add\_blog extends CI\_Migration {  
  
 public function up()  
 {  
 $this->dbforge->add\_field(array(  
 'blog\_id' => array(  
 'type' => 'INT',  
 'constraint' => 5,  
 'unsigned' => TRUE,  
 'auto\_increment' => TRUE  
 ),  
 'blog\_title' => array(  
 'type' => 'VARCHAR',  
 'constraint' => '100',  
 ),  
 'blog\_description' => array(  
 'type' => 'TEXT',  
 'null' => TRUE,  
 ),  
 ));  
 $this->dbforge->add\_key('blog\_id', TRUE);  
 $this->dbforge->create\_table('blog');  
 }  
  
 public function down()  
 {  
 $this->dbforge->drop\_table('blog');  
 }  
}

Then in **application/config/migration.php** set $config['migration\_version'] = 20121031100537;.

[**Usage Example**](#4d34og8)[**¶**](#3znysh7)

In this example some simple code is placed in **application/controllers/Migrate.php** to update the schema.:

<?php  
  
class Migrate extends CI\_Controller  
{  
  
 public function index()  
 {  
 $this->load->library('migration');  
  
 if ($this->migration->current() === FALSE)  
 {  
 show\_error($this->migration->error\_string());  
 }  
 }  
  
}

[**Migration Preferences**](#2s8eyo1)[**¶**](#2et92p0)

The following is a table of all the config options for migrations.

| Preference | Default | Options | Description |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **migration\_enabled** | FALSE | TRUE / FALSE | Enable or disable migrations. |
| **migration\_path** | APPPATH.’migrations/’ | None | The path to your migrations folder. |
| **migration\_version** | 0 | None | The current version your database should use. |
| **migration\_table** | migrations | None | The table name for storing the schema version number. |
| **migration\_auto\_latest** | FALSE | TRUE / FALSE | Enable or disable automatically running migrations. |
| **migration\_type** | ‘timestamp’ | ‘timestamp’ / ‘sequential’ | The type of numeric identifier used to name migration files. |

[**Class Reference**](#17dp8vu)[**¶**](#tyjcwt)

*class* CI\_Migration[¶](#3rdcrjn) current()[¶](#26in1rg)

| Returns: | TRUE if no migrations are found, current version string on success, FALSE on failure |
| --- | --- |
| Return type: | mixed |

Migrates up to the current version (whatever is set for $config['migration\_version'] in *application/config/migration.php*).

error\_string()[¶](#lnxbz9)

| Returns: | Error messages |
| --- | --- |
| Return type: | string |

This returns a string of errors that were detected while performing a migration.

find\_migrations()[¶](#35nkun2)

| Returns: | An array of migration files |
| --- | --- |
| Return type: | array |

An array of migration filenames are returned that are found in the **migration\_path** property.

latest()[¶](#1ksv4uv)

| Returns: | Current version string on success, FALSE on failure |
| --- | --- |
| Return type: | mixed |

This works much the same way as current() but instead of looking for the $config['migration\_version'] the Migration class will use the very newest migration found in the filesystem.

version(*$target\_version*)[¶](#44sinio)

| Parameters: | * **$target\_version** (*mixed*) – Migration version to process |
| --- | --- |
| Returns: | TRUE if no migrations are found, current version string on success, FALSE on failure |
| Return type: | mixed |

Version can be used to roll back changes or step forwards programmatically to specific versions. It works just like current() but ignores $config['migration\_version'].

$this->migration->version(5);

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