

A brief introduction to MySQL

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History

MySQL is a relational database management system (RDBMS). It was created in 1995.

It is the second widely used (after SQLite, which is included in any Android and iOS device...)

SQL stands for “Structured Query Language”.

The “My” comes from the name of the co-founder daughter, My.

In 2008, Sun Microsystems bought MySQL for \$1 billion. In 2009 Oracle entered into an agreement to purchase Sun and to continue to enhance MySQL.

In January 2009, prior to Oracle's acquisition of Sun and MySQL, Monty Widenius started a GPL-only fork, MariaDB.

Usage

- MySQL is part of the LAMP package (Linux, Apache, MySQL, Perl/PHP/Python) which is widely used for web server creation. WAMP and MAMP are for Windows and Mac.
- It is used by a lot of big companies (Wikipedia, Google, Youtube, Reuters, ...)
- It supports various database engines (the underlying software component that a DBMS uses to create, read, update and delete (CRUD) data from a database), between others MyISAM (default until v5.5) and InnoDB (default since v5.6).

SQL

- The request language is SQL. Other RDBMS using SQL are Oracle, PostgreSQL, SQLite, Microsoft SQL server, Microsoft Access, between many others.
- Some small differences in syntax can exist between the RDBMS.
- ADQL is the Astronomical Database Query Language, used in Virtual Observatory, see:
<http://www.ivoa.net/documents/latest/ADQL.html>

Client and server

- Most of the users will only need to have a **client** access to a database, but not to manage themselves a database.
- It's similar to have an access to the web using a browser. Everybody does it, it's easy. Another story is having a server managing its own web pages.
- Almost every Linux distribution comes with MySQL or MariaDB installed.
- OSX: have to install from MySQL web page (<http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/>). Need to register to Oracle. Notice: for OSX 10.7, use the 10.6 version.

Connect to a db

To connect to the 3MdB database (as an example):

```
mysql -h 3mdb.astro.unam.mx 3MdB -u OVN_user -p
```

Enter password: *****

```
mysql>help
```

Basic commands

```
mysql> show tables; # list the tables available in the current base
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| Tables_in_3MdB |
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```
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Basic commands

```
mysql> describe `lines`; # `` are need as lines is a MySQL keyword
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
Nl	bigint(20)	NO	PRI	NULL	auto_increment
label	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
id	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	
lambda	double	YES		NULL	
name	varchar(40)	NO		NULL	
used	int(2)	YES		1	

```
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```


Basic commands

SELECT is the command to obtain a result from a query.

```
mysql> select count(*) from tab; # number of elements
```

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| count(*) |  
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|    665491 |  
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```

```
mysql> select min(N) from tab; # arithmetic operations are available
```

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| min(N) |  
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| 1743958 |  
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```

Aliases and limit

```
mysql> SELECT min(N) AS MIN, max(N) AS MAX FROM tab;
```

MIN	MAX
1743958	2500069

```
mysql> SELECT id, lambda, name FROM `lines` LIMIT 10;
```

id	lambda	name
Bac	3646	BalmHead
cout	3646	OutwardBalmPeak
ceref	3646	ReflectedBalmPeak
H 1	4861	H I 4861
TOTL	4861	H I 4861
H 1	6563	H I 6563
H 1	4340	H I 4340
H 1	4102	H I 4102
H 1	3970	H I 3970
H 1	3835	H I 3835

Where

```
mysql> SELECT name FROM `lines` WHERE lambda > 5000 AND lambda < 6000;
```

name
He I 5876
He I 5876 Bcase
[N I] 5198
[N I] 5200
[N II] 5755
N II 5755 rec
N II 5679 totl
[O I] 5577
[O III] 5007
[Cl III] 5538
[Cl III] 5518
[Ar III] 5192
[Fe III] 5271
[Fe VI] 5177
[Fe VII] 5721
[Fe VII] 5277

Where and order

```
mysql> SELECT count(*) from `lines` WHERE lambda > 5000 AND lambda < 6000;
```

count(*)
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```
mysql> SELECT name from `lines` WHERE lambda > 5000 AND lambda < 6000 ORDER BY lambda;
```

name
[O III] 5007
[Fe VI] 5177
[Ar III] 5192
[N I] 5198
[N I] 5200
[Fe III] 5271
[Fe VII] 5277
[Cl III] 5518
[Cl III] 5538
[O I] 5577
N II 5679 totl
[Fe VII] 5721
N II 5755 rec
[N II] 5755
He I 5876 Bcase
He I 5876

Count and group

```
mysql> SELECT ref, count(*) AS number FROM tab GROUP BY  
ref ORDER by number;
```

ref	number
HII_CHIm	7854
CALIFA	28080
DIG_HR	41327
PNe_2014_c13	45280
PNe_2014	542950

Join tables

In some databases, the data are disseminated in multiple tables.

Keys are used to associate entries from one table with entries from another table.

Ex: N in `tab` and N in `teion` are referring to the same model.

Join tables

```
mysql> SELECT
      O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A as O3,
      N__2__6584A/H__1__4861A as N2,
      T_OXYGEN_VOL_2 as T_O3
FROM
      tab, teion
WHERE
      tab.N = teion.N
      AND
      tab.ref = 'PNe_2014' # need the tab.ref, as ref is also in teion
LIMIT
      10;
```

O3	N2	T_O3
0.0007500526046663605	4.066774515375886	7329.55042055
13.943986612997021	0.10823972778663463	13623.7705353
10.07287308055993	0.7346007859302494	14425.8946549
9.76004806591307	0.1620998406576782	13404.7666047
4.019042263670053	0.09012530155735114	8062.68788933
0.6178622832763104	4.310980124863453	8401.1907834
0.000020817175530847115	0.8547542220355914	5531.31483827
6.498702975397857	0.17132933193728384	8608.60687521
3.4389806379864574	11.445522984383846	11931.6793072
0.501324852257867	12.311852742730316	10782.7816288

Format the output

Using ROUND or FORMAT functions:

```
mysql> SELECT
      ROUND(O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A, 4) as O3,
      ROUND(N__2__6584A/H__1__4861A, 4) as N2,
      ROUND(T_OXYGEN_VOL_2,1) as T_O3
FROM
      tab,teion
WHERE
      tab.N=teion.N
      AND
      tab.ref = 'PNe_2014'
LIMIT
      10;
```

O3	N2	T_O3
0.0008	4.0668	7329.6
13.9440	0.1082	13623.8
10.0729	0.7346	14425.9
9.7600	0.1621	13404.8
4.0190	0.0901	8062.7
0.6179	4.3110	8401.2
0.0000	0.8548	5531.3
6.4987	0.1713	8608.6
3.4390	11.4455	11931.7
0.5013	12.3119	10782.8

Running requests

Put the request into a file (e.g. req1.sql) containing for example:

```
SELECT ROUND(O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A, 4) as O3, ROUND(N__2__6584A/  
H__1__4861A, 4) as N2, ROUND(T_OXYGEN_VOL_2,1) as T_O3 FROM  
tab,teion WHERE tab.N=teion.N AND tab.ref = 'HII_CHIm'
```

Notice that there is no LIMIT anymore (a lot of results). Run it from a terminal:

```
mysql -h 3mdb.astro.unam.mx 3MdB -u OVN_user -p < req1.sql >  
req1.res
```

The result is obtained in less than a second and store in req1.res. It contains 7855 lines, easy to read from python, starting like:

O3	N2	T_O3
0.4108	1.1447	5409.4
2.5814	0.1484	18626.0
0.0021	0.9481	3460.5
4.1895	0.0581	11935.3
0.0251	0.1854	5271.2
4.7034	0.0064	16001.7
2.6313	0.0036	18857.0
1.6673	0.6845	14112.8
1.6881	0.1417	6489.9
6.5569	0.3675	13707.0
...		

Special functions

- The reference manual is 3500 pages big!...
- I'll here describe a few number of functions, have a look at the online doc for more.

Strings

- Substring, reverse, ltrim, etc...
- like and %:

```
mysql> SELECT count(*), ref FROM tab WHERE  
ref LIKE 'PNe_2014%' GROUP BY ref;
```

count(*)	ref
542950	PNe_2014
45280	PNe_2014_c13

[http://www.tutorialspoint.com/mysql/mysql-string-functions.
htm](http://www.tutorialspoint.com/mysql/mysql-string-functions.htm)

Numeric functions

- Log10, avg, sqrt, pow, abs, sin, ...
- <http://www.tutorialspoint.com/mysql/mysql-numeric-functions.htm>

User defined variables

We define 2 variables (@maxo and @mino):

```
mysql> select @maxo:=log10(max(O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A)),  
@mino:=log10(min(O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A)) from tab where  
ref = 'HII_CHIm';
```

We can use the variables in any request:

```
mysql> select count(*) from tab where ref='HII_CHIm' and  
log10(O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A) > (@mino+1) and  
log10(O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A) < (@maxo-1);
```

count(*)
3509

Optimization

- EXPLAIN before SELECT.

```
mysql> EXPLAIN SELECT ROUND(O__3__5007A/H__1__4861A,  
4) as O3, ROUND(N__2__6584A/H__1__4861A, 4) as N2,  
ROUND(T_OXYGEN_VOL_2,1) as T_O3 FROM tab,teion WHERE  
tab.N=teion.N AND tab.ref = 'HII_CHIm' LIMIT 10;
```

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| id | select_type | table | type  | possible_keys | key      | key_len | ref      | rows | Extra |
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| 1  | SIMPLE      | tab   | ref   | PRIMARY,ref   | ref      | 122     | const    | 7802 | Using where |
| 1  | SIMPLE      | teion | eq_ref | PRIMARY       | PRIMARY  | 8       | 3MdB.tab.N | 1   | |
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```

Manage a database

- Have to install and run the server.
- PhpMyAdmin
- Easy import data from a file
- Next chapter...

Links

- <https://www.mariadbtutorial.com/>
- <http://www.mysqltutorial.org/>