

Practical-4

Aim Perform the following

- Altering a Table
- Dropping/ Truncating/ Renaming Tables
- Backing up/ Restoring a Database

Output :

- Altering a Table

ALTER command is used when you want to change a name of your table, any table field or if we want to add or delete an existing column in a table.

Syntax :

```
ALTER TABLE tablename
```

```
ADD (column- name datatype(size),....n);
```

- Dropping/ Truncating/ Renaming Tables

DROP command is used to drop a column from a created table. A DROP clause will not work if the column is the only one left in the

table.

Syntax :

```
ALTER TABLE tablename  
DROP (column- name);
```

RENAME command is used to rename a table.

Syntax :

```
ALTER TABLE tablename  
RENAME newtablename;
```

TRUNCATE command is used to delete all the rows from the table.

Syntax :

```
TRUNCATE TABLE tablename;  
DROP TABLE command is used to drop table.
```

Syntax :

```
DROP TABLE
```

tablename;

- Backing up/Restoring a Database

MYSQL Backup and Restore from command line.
This works for small sized databases very well as well as is a quick and easy way to backup and restore all local databases.

Syntax :

`mysqldump -u -p-all databases > dbfilename.sql`

Restore all database by logging into mysql with
`mysql -u -p`

SOURCE dbfilename.sql (if we are in the directory with dbfilename.sql or prepend path)

Next, Go to the Command Prompt.

Then change the directory to the following access the `mysqldump` utility-

`cd C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 5.1\bin`

After that run the `mysqldump.exe` using the following command :

`C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server`

`5.1\bin\MYSQLDUMP -u [username] -p [password]`

name]

If you supplied all the arguments properly, the program will connect to your current MySQL Server 5.1 and create a dump of your whole database in the directory you specified in your C:\directory.

There is no message that will indicate the dump has been completed, the text cursor will simply move to the next line.

Here, In the C drive - backup is the name of the folder and it contains the file "Companybackup.sql" namely. Company is the database name

Restore a Database :

Note : The following command will only write the data that is the .sql file.

This will not drop and create the database or truncate any of your other tables in your database. The command will script all the table data in the .sql file to your Company database. If you have a table name present in your Company database that matches a table name in the .sql

file, the table will be overwritten with the new data. Otherwise the script will create a new table and populate it with the new data.

Once again, open a windows command prompt.

Click Start → Run

Enter "cmd" into the dialog box and click the "OK" button.

Go to the directory that the mysql client utility is located.

```
cd C:\Program Files\MySQL Server 5.1\bin
```

Import the dump of your database or table.

Run the mysql.exe program using the following arguments.

```
Mysql -u[username] -p[password] [database name]
```

```
<C:\[foldername]\[filename].sql
```