

Installing a Database

Introduction

In this assignment you are going to install a relational database server and client. Together the server and client implement a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS). We will then use the RDBMS to demonstrate some basic operations common when using a RDBMS. We'll create a database, connect to it, create a table, insert a couple of records, and retrieve them with various criteria.

Learning objectives

- Downloading and installing a database server and client
- Creating database schemas
- Creating database tables
- Inserting data into database tables
- Retrieving data from database tables
- Exporting data from a database

Downloading and Installing a Database Server and Client

Navigate to the **MySQL Community Downloads** website shown below

<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/>

Choose your operating system, e.g., **Microsoft Windows**, **macOS**, etc., and then follow instructions below for your particular OS

Installing MySQL Server and Workbench on Microsoft Windows

On **Microsoft Windows** install the **MySQL Community Server** as follows

1. In the **MySQL Community Downloads** screen, under **Select Operating System**, select **Microsoft Windows**
2. Under **Recommended Download**, click on the **MySQL Installer for Windows**
3. Next to the **Windows (x86, 32-bit), MSI Installer**, click the **Download** button
4. In the **Login Now** or **Sign Up** screen, click on **No thanks, just start my download**
5. If the browser asks What you want to do when installer is done downloading, select **Run**. Otherwise, run the MSI installer once it's done downloading
6. If the **User Account Control** window asks **Do you want to allow this app to make changes to your device?** answer **Yes**

In the **MySQL Installer** follow these steps

1. In the **Choosing a Setup Type** screen, select **Custom** and click **Next**

2. In the **Select Products and Features** screen, under **Available Products** expand **MySQL Servers**, and choose the latest server, e.g., **MySQL Server 8.0.22**, click the right arrow to add it to **Products/Features To Be Installed**
3. In the **Select Products and Features** screen, under **Available Products** expand **Applications** and then under **MySQL Workbench**, select the latest client, e.g., **MySQL Workbench 8.0**, click the right arrow to add it to **Products/Features To Be Installed**
4. After adding **MySQL Server** and **MySQL Workbench** to **Products/Features To Be Installed**, click **Next**
5. In the **Installation** screen, click **Execute**. Wait while the products are downloaded and installed
6. Once all product installation **Status** is **Complete**, click **Next**
7. In the **Product Configuration** screen, click **Next**

Configure **MySQL Community Server** as follows

1. In the **High Availability** screen, select **Standalone MySQL Server**, and click **Next**
2. In the **Type** and **Networking** screen, leave the defaults and click **Next**
3. In the **Authentication Method** screen, select **Use Strong Password Encryption for Authentication** and click **Next**
4. In the **Accounts and Roles** screen, enter a password for the root account. Let's all use the same password: **P@ssw0rd** so we don't forget. That's a capital "**P**" followed by an "@" (at character), the letters "**ssw**", followed by the number "**0**" (zero), followed by the letters "**rd**". If you forget the root password, you will need to reinstall the database server, so don't forget it!. Click **Next**
5. In the **Windows Service** screen, select the following checkboxes and then click **Next**
 - a. **Configure MySQL Server as a Windows Server**
 - b. **Start the MySQL Server at System Startup**
6. In the **Apply Configuration** screen click **Execute** and then **Finish**

Here's a video you can follow along: <https://youtu.be/2HQC94la6go>

Installing MySQL Server on macOS

On **macOS** install the **MySQL Community Server** as follows

1. In the **MySQL Community Downloads** screen, under **Select Operating System**, select **macOS**
2. Next to the **macOS 10.15 (x86, 64-bit), DMG Archive**, click the **Download** button
3. In the **Login Now** or **Sign Up** screen, click on **No thanks, just start my download**
4. Wait for the **DMG** installer to download into your **Downloads** folder

From your Downloads folder, double click the downloaded **DMG** archive to run it and follow these steps

1. In the **DMG** window, double click the **PKG** file to run the installer
2. If the installer tries to determine if the software can be installed, click on **Continue**
3. In the **Introduction** screen, click **Continue**
4. In the **License** screen, click **Continue** and then **Agree**
5. In the **Installation** screen, click **Install**
6. If **macOS** asks for your password, type it in to allow the installation to start, and click **Install Software**
7. In the **Configuration** screen, select **Use Strong Password Encryption** and click **Next**
8. Enter a password for the root user. Let's all use the same password: **P@ssw0rd** so we don't forget. That's a capital "**P**" followed by an "@" (at character), the letters "**ssw**", followed by the number "**0**" (zero), followed by the letters "**rd**". If you forget the root password, you will need to reinstall the database server, so don't forget it!. Click **Start MySQL Server once the installation is complete**. Click **Finish**

9. If **macOS** asks for your password again, type it in to complete the installation to start, and click OK
10. In the **Summary** screen, click **Close**

Starting and stopping the server from macOS **System Preferences**

1. To start and stop the server, go to **macOS System Preferences**, e.g., select **Apple Menu** at the top left, then **System Preferences**
2. In the **System Preferences** screen, scroll to the bottom and find the new **MySQL** icon
3. Double click the **MySQL** icon to open its preferences screen
4. In the **MySQL** preferences screen, in the **Instances** tab, notice the server can be stopped with the **Stop MySQL Server** button. Make sure the checkbox **Start MySQL when your computer starts up**, is checked

Installing MySQL Workbench on macOS

MySQL Workbench is a client software that provides a user interface to easily interact with the MySQL database server. Download the software from

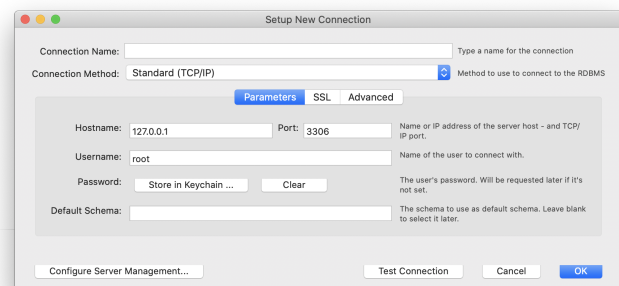
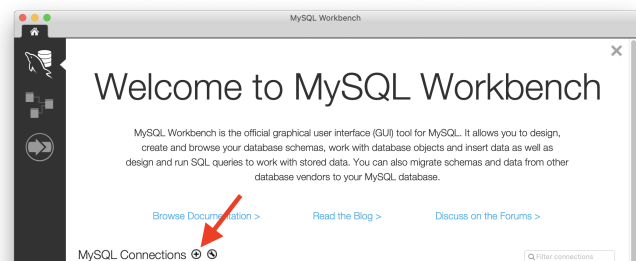
<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/workbench/>

Select Operating System as **macOS** and click the **Download** button. Skip the **Login** and **Sign Up** if you want by clicking the **No thanks, just start my download** link. Once the download completes, open the downloaded DMG file, execute the package file, and follow the installation instructions

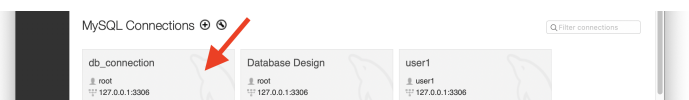
Creating a Database Connection

Make sure the **MySQL Community Server** is up and running as described earlier. Also start the **MySQL Workbench** and create a connection as follows:

1. From the **Welcome** screen, click on the plus button next to **MySQL Connections**
2. In the **Setup New Connection** screen, give the connection a name, e.g., **db_connection**
3. For the **Hostname** you can leave the default **127.0.0.1** or you can replace it with **localhost**. Both refer to the computer you are currently working on
4. For the **Port**, leave the default **3306**. That's the default port the server will be listening at
5. For **Username**, use the default **root**
6. For **Password**, use the password you created when installing the server
7. Click on **Test Connection** to test the connection
8. Click on **OK** to create the connection



To connect to the database server, click on the new connection, e.g., **db_connection**. Next time you want to connect to the database, you can use the same connection.



Creating a Schema

Now let's create a schema for this course.

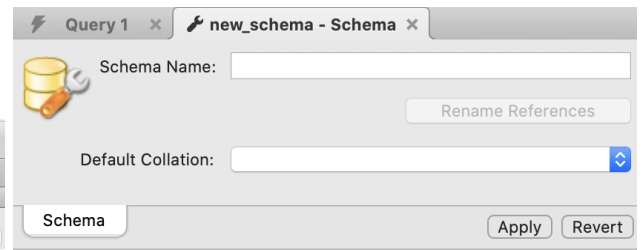
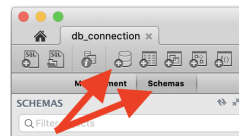
Make sure your **MySQL Community Server** is running and you are connected from the **MySQL Workbench** database client.

To create the schema click the **Schemas** tab and then the **Create a new schema** icon

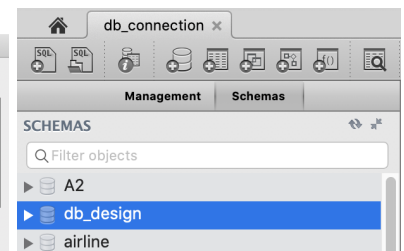
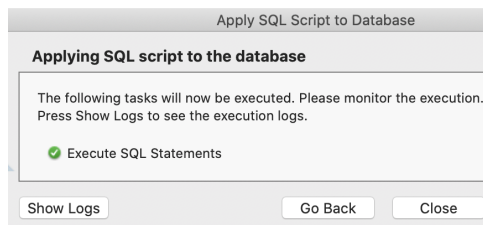
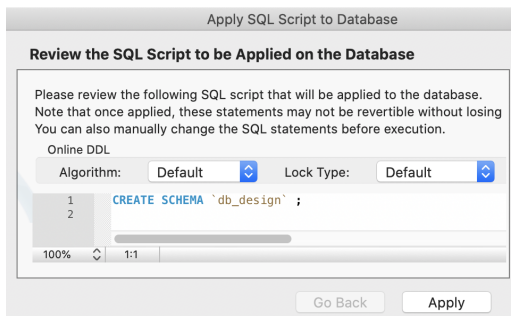
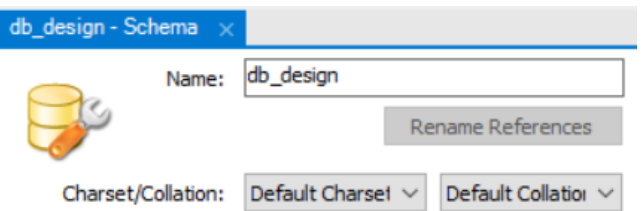
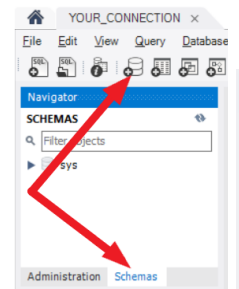
In the **new_schema** screen, type **db_design** in the **Schema Name** field then click on **Apply**. This is the name of the new schema we're going to use throughout the semester

In the **Apply SQL Script to Database**, review the SQL **CREATE SCHEMA** command and press **Apply** and then **Close**. This is the SQL command that will be sent to the server to create the schema. The new schema appears on the left side under the **Schemas** tab. Double click on the new schema to make it the default schema to work with from now on

macOS



Windows



Creating a Table with the MySQL Workbench Client User Interface

Let's create a table to hold information about **users** that might be using some application you are building. Each **user** might have a first name, last name, and a unique identifier (id) and represent it as:

users(id, fist_name, last_name)

To create a table follow these steps:

1. Double click on the schema to make it the default schema, e.g., double click on **db_design**
2. Expand the schema by clicking the triangle icon on the left of the schema so it shows the **Tables, Views**, etc.
3. Create a table in either two ways
 - a. Right click on **Tables** and select **Create Table**
 - b. **OR** click the **Create a new table** icon in the toolbar at the top

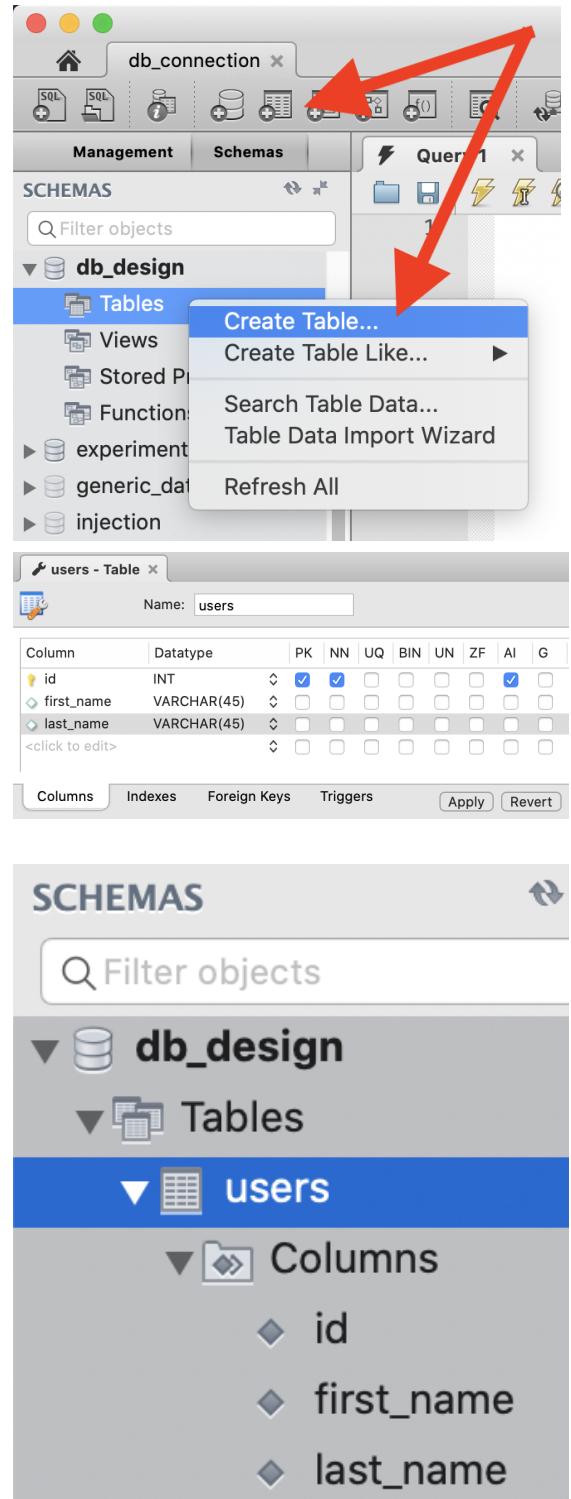
In the new table screen, e.g., **users**, configure the new table as follows:

1. In the **Name** field, type the name of the new table, e.g., **users**
2. Under the **Column** column, double click to add a new field
3. Add a field that uniquely identifies a user, e.g., **id**, select **INT** as it's **Datatype**, and select checkboxes: **PK** (Primary Key), **NN** (Not Null), and **AI** (Auto Increment). press **Enter**
4. Add another field to capture the first name of the user, e.g., **first_name**, and select **VARCHAR(45)** as it's **Datatype**. Press **Enter**
5. Add another field to capture the last name of the user, e.g., **last_name**, and select **VARCHAR(45)** as it's **Datatype**. Press **Enter**
6. Click the **Apply** button to save your changes
7. Review the SQL **CREATE TABLE** code and click **Apply**, and then **Close**. This is the code that **Workbench** will send to the database server to create the **users** table. NOTE: you could have typed the SQL code from scratch and executed it
8. The new table will appear under the **Tables** in the current, default schema, **db_design**

```
1 CREATE TABLE `db_design`.`users` (  
2   `id` INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,  
3   `first_name` VARCHAR(45) NULL,  
4   `last_name` VARCHAR(45) NULL,  
5   PRIMARY KEY (`id`));
```

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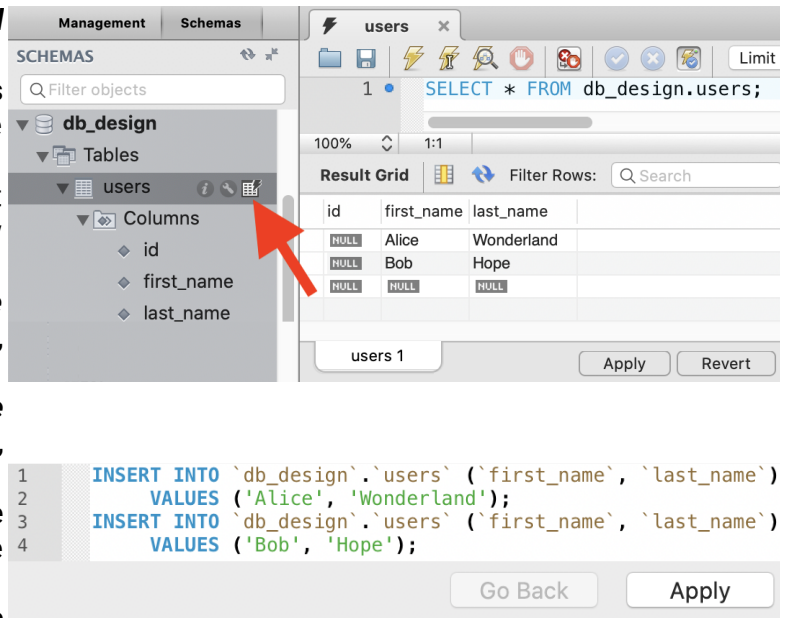
Apply



Inserting Data with the MySQL Workbench Client User Interface

Let's now insert a couple of records into the new table. We'll create user **Alice** and **Bob** as follows:

1. Hover over the table and click the **data grid** icon to see all records in the table
2. A **SELECT *** command retrieves all records from the database server, which might be none at first
3. The **Result Grid** below shows all current records, and also allows entering new records
4. Double click a field under the **first_name** column to enter a new first name, e.g., **Alice**, and press Enter
5. Double click a field under the **last_name** column to enter a the last name, e.g., **Wonderland**, and press Enter
6. Double click in a new field under the **first_name** column to enter a new course name, e.g., **Bob**, and press Enter
7. Double click a field under the **last_name** column to enter a new last name, e.g., **Hope**, and press Enter
8. Don't enter any values under the **id** column since these were configured to Auto Increment
9. Click **Apply** to review the SQL **INSERT** commands, and then click **Apply** and **Close** to execute the code and insert the new records. NOTE: we could have created these commands from scratch
10. Insert another user using your first name and last name



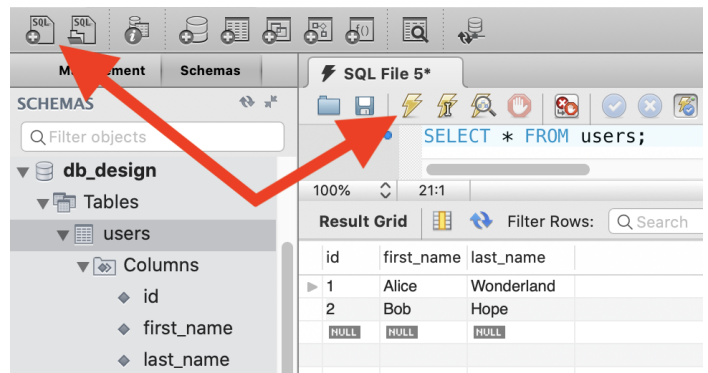
Retrieving all Records

Now that we have data stored in the database, let's retrieve and display it as follows:

1. Double click the schema you want to work with, e.g., **db_design**
2. Click the **New SQL Tab** icon
3. In the new **SQL File** screen, type the following SQL code that retrieves all records from the **users** table:

SELECT * FROM users;

4. Click on the **lightning bolt** icon to execute the SQL code
5. All the records, if any, will be displayed in the **Result Grid** under the SQL File
6. Save the file as **select-all-users.sql**



Retrieving a Record by Some Criteria

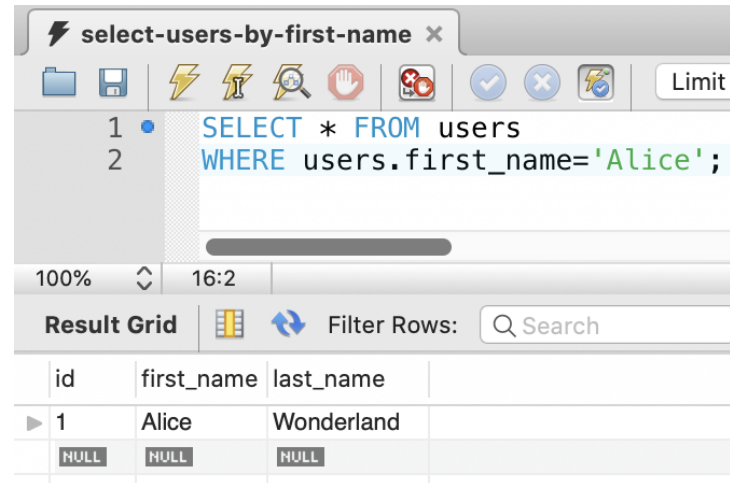
Let's now practice retrieving records based on some criteria, for instance, retrieve a user record by their first name. Follow the steps below:

1. Double click the schema you want to work with, e.g., **db_design**
2. Click the **New SQL Tab** icon
3. In the new **SQL File** screen, type the following SQL code that retrieves all records from the **users** table whose first name is **Alice**:

```
SELECT * FROM users  
WHERE users.first_name='Alice';
```

4. Click on the **lightning bolt** icon to execute the SQL code

5. All the records in the users table whose first name field is **'Alice'**, will be displayed in the **Result Grid** under the SQL File
6. Save the file as **select-users-by-first-name.sql**



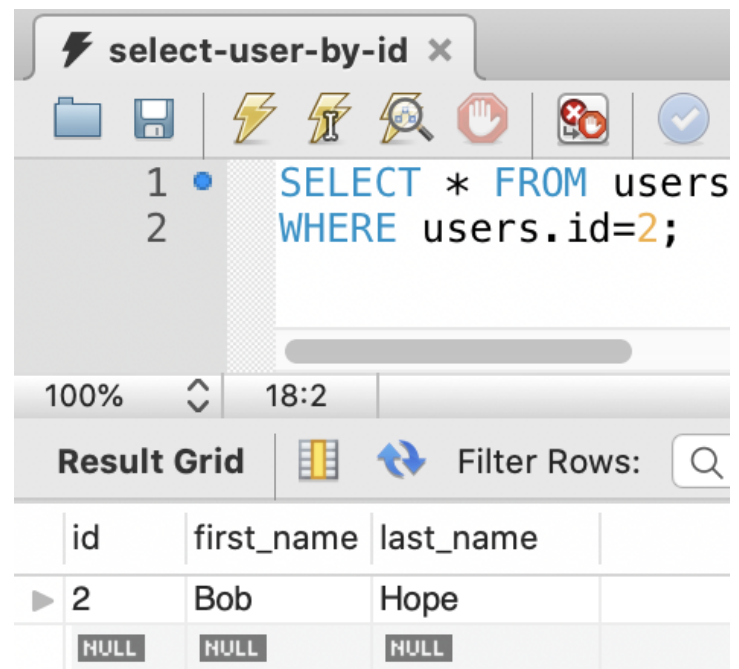
Retrieving a Single Record by its Primary Key

Let's now practice retrieving a single record by its primary key as follows:

1. Double click the schema you want to work with, e.g., **db_design**
2. Click the **New SQL Tab** icon
3. In the new **SQL File** screen, type the following SQL code that retrieves a single record from the **users** table where the primary key, **id**, is equal to 2:

```
SELECT * FROM users  
WHERE users.id=2;
```

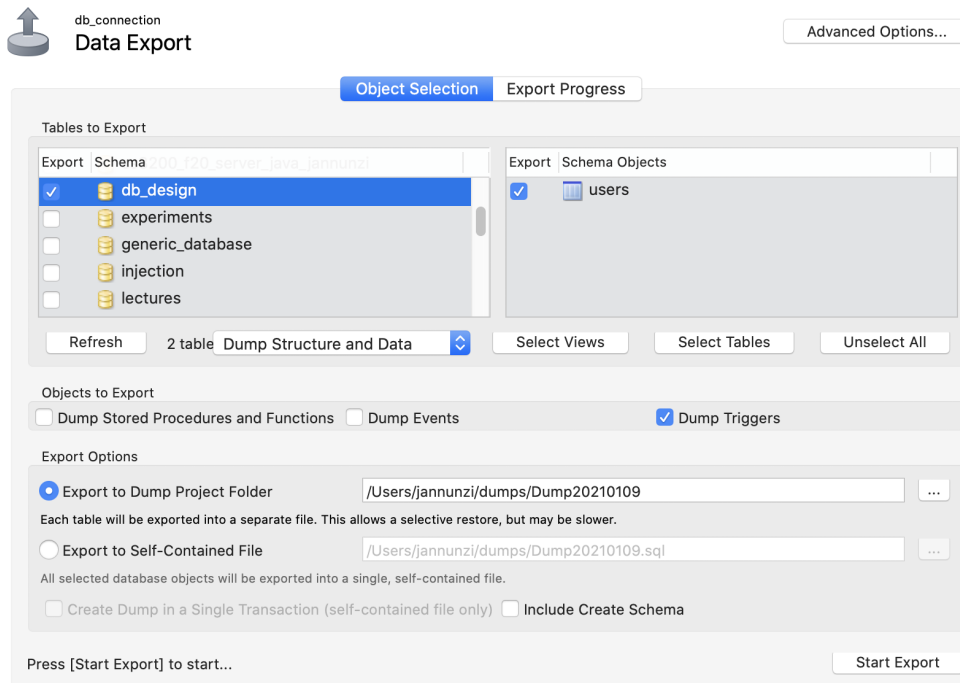
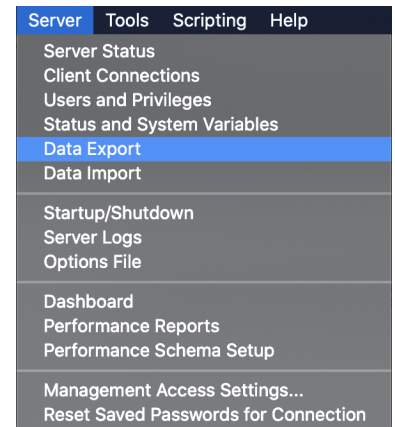
4. Click on the **lightning bolt** icon to execute the SQL code
5. A single record should appear whose primary key **id** is 2, displayed in the **Result Grid** under the SQL File
6. Save the file as **select-user-by-id.sql**



Exporting Data from a Database

Let's now practice on how to export the contents of the database as follows:

1. Double click the schema you want to work with, e.g., **db_design**
2. From the main menu, select **Server** and then **Data Export**
3. In the **Data Export** screen, select the **Object Selection** tab
4. In the **Tables to Export** section, select the schema you want to export, e.g., **db_design**
5. All the tables in the selected schema appear on the right side of **Tables To Export**, e.g., **users**
6. Select all the tables you want to export, e.g., **users**
7. Under the **Export Options** section, make sure **Export to Dump Project Folder** is selected
8. The data will be exported as a file into the folder shown, e.g., **/Users/jannunzi/dumps/Dump20210106**. Remember this folder location since you'll need to navigate to it later
9. Click on **Start Export**



Once the export process has completed, use the filesystem to navigate to the folder where the export was saved to, e.g., **/Users/jannunzi/dumps/Dump20210106**. There should be a new file called **db_design_users.sql**. The name of the file is based on the name of the schema, **db_design**, and the name of the table selected for export, e.g., **users**.

Deliverables

On Canvas or Blackboard, submit all the SQL files generated throughout this assignment:

1. select-all-users.sql
2. select-users-by-first-name.sql
3. select-user-by-id.sql
4. db_design_users.sql