



# Hands-on Lab : Create Tables and Load Data in MySQL using phpMyAdmin

**Estimated time needed:** 20 minutes

In this lab, you will learn how to create tables and load data in the MySQL database service using the phpMyAdmin graphical user interface (GUI) tool.

## Software Used in this Lab

In this lab, you will use [MySQL](#). MySQL is a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) designed to efficiently store, manipulate, and retrieve data.



To complete this lab you will utilize MySQL relational database service available as part of IBM Skills Network Labs (SN Labs) Cloud IDE. SN Labs is a virtual lab environment used in this course.

## Database Used in this Lab

**Books** database has been used in this lab.

The following diagram shows the structure of the **myauthors** table from the Books database:

myauthors	
author_id	int
first_name	varchar(100)
middle_name	varchar(50)
last_name	varchar(100)

In the table, **author\_id** is an integer, **first\_name** is a string that stores a maximum of 100 characters, **middle\_name** is a string that stores a maximum of 50 characters, and **last\_name** is a string that stores a maximum of 100 characters.

## Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to use phpMyAdmin with MySQL to:

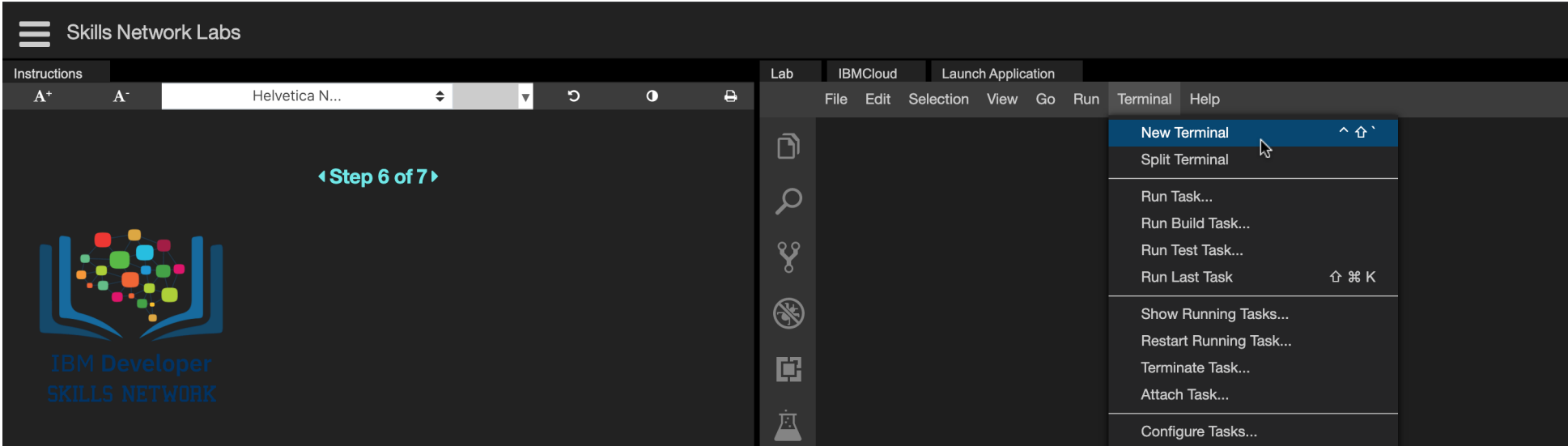
- Create a database.
- Create tables.
- Load data into tables manually using the phpMyAdmin GUI.
- Load data into tables using a text/script file.

## Exercise

In this exercise through different tasks, you will learn how to create tables and load data in the MySQL database service using the phpMyAdmin graphical user interface (GUI) tool.

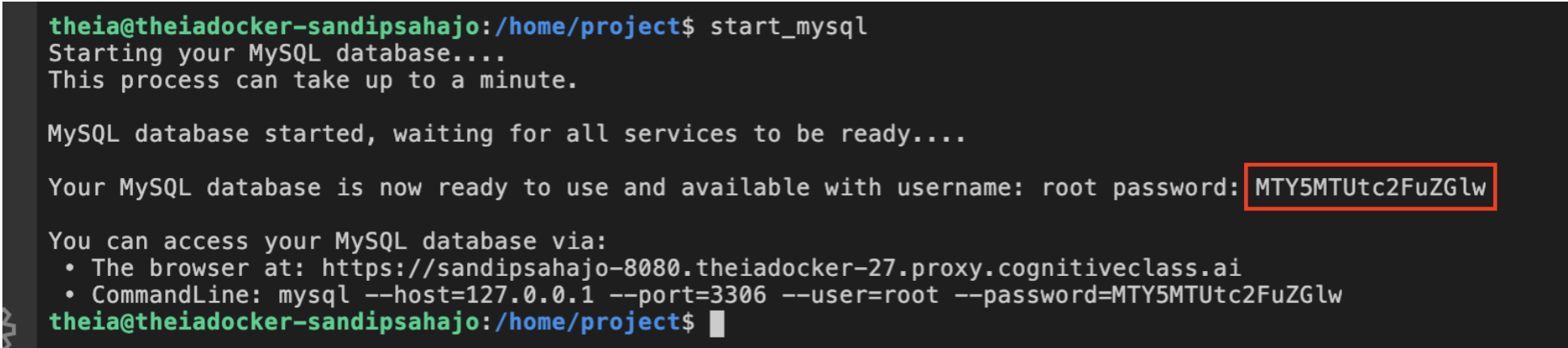
## Task A: Create a database

1. Go to **Terminal > New Terminal** to open a terminal from the side by side launched Cloud IDE.

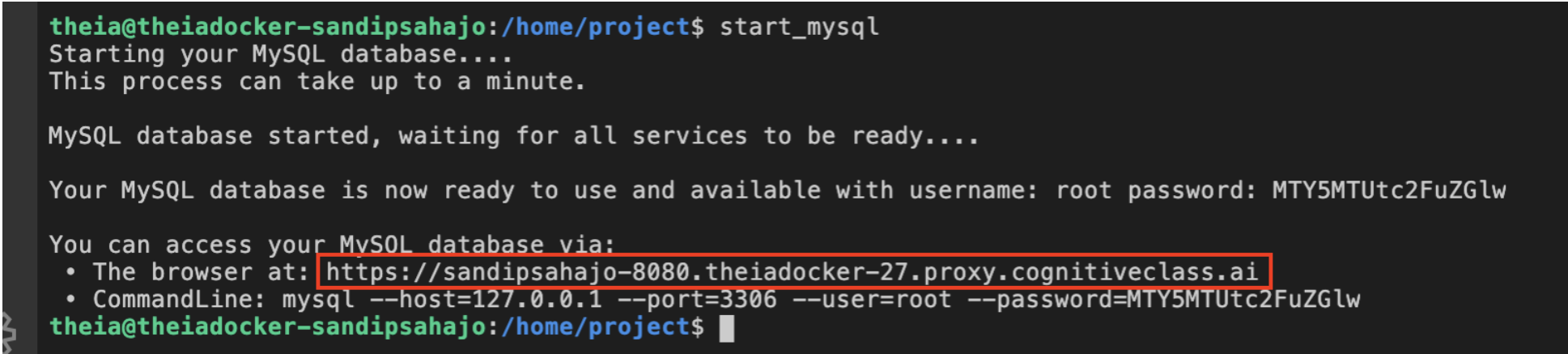


2. Start MySQL service session in the Cloud IDE using the command below in the terminal. Find your MySQL service session password from the highlighted location of the terminal shown in the image below. Note down your MySQL service session password because you may need to use it later in the lab.

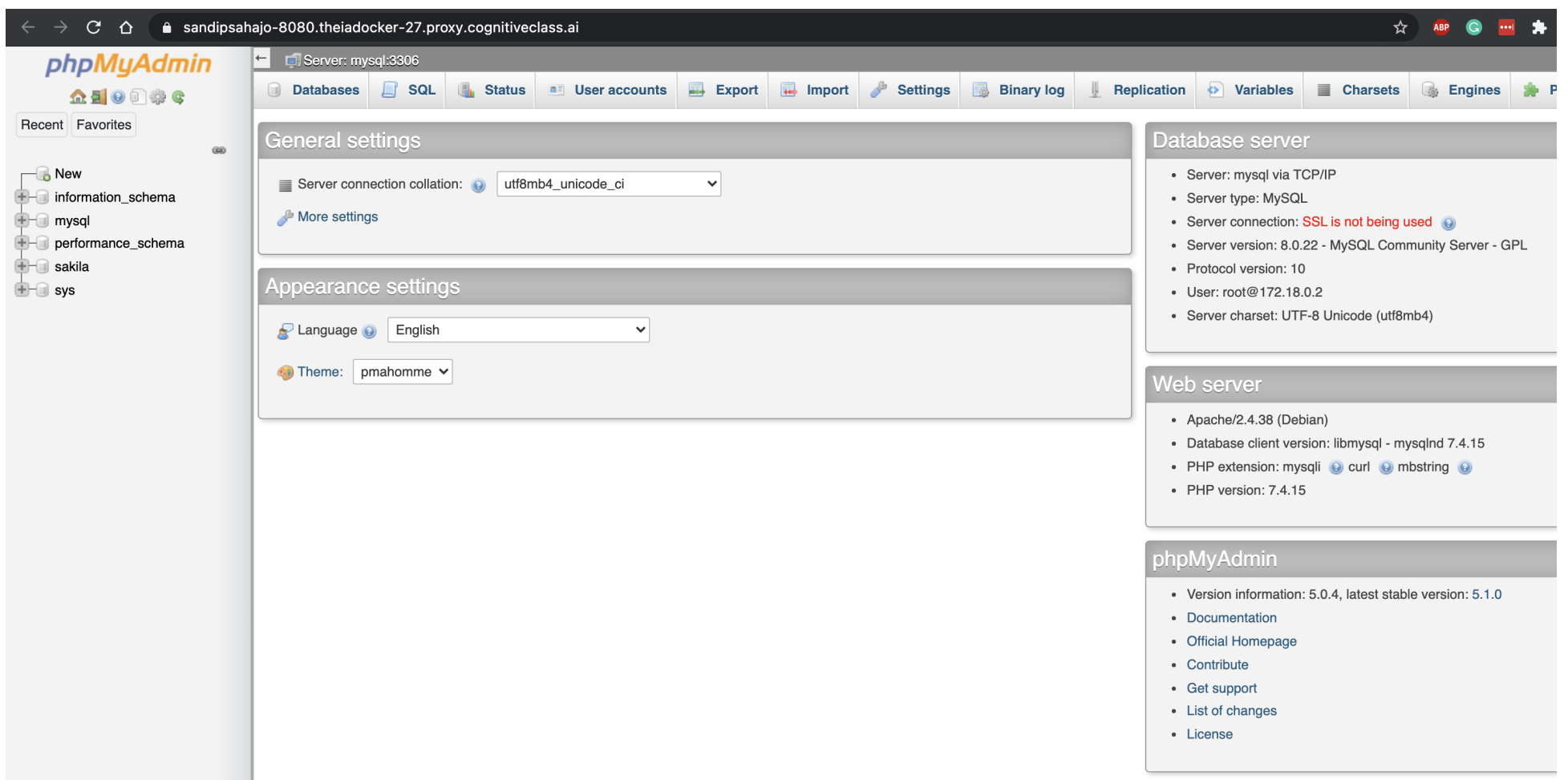
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start_mysql
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3. Copy your phpMyAdmin weblink from the highlighted location of the terminal shown in the image below. Past it into the address bar in a new tab of your web browser. This will open the phpMyAdmin tool.



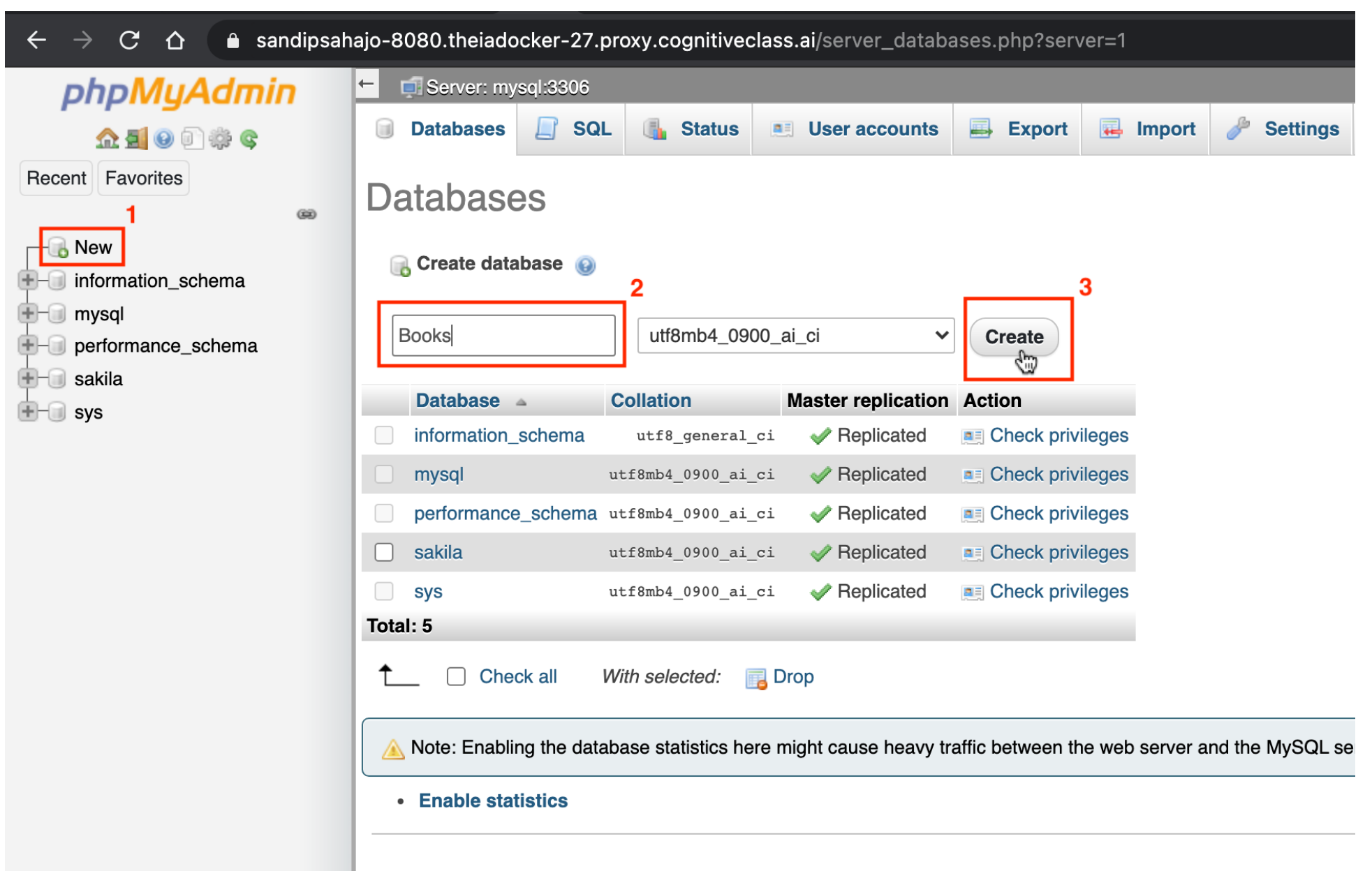
4. You will see the phpMyAdmin GUI tool.



5. In the tree-view, click **New** to create a new empty database. Then enter **Books** as the name of the database and click **Create**.

The encoding will be left as **utf8mb4\_0900\_ai\_ci**. UTF-8 is the most commonly used character encoding for content or data.

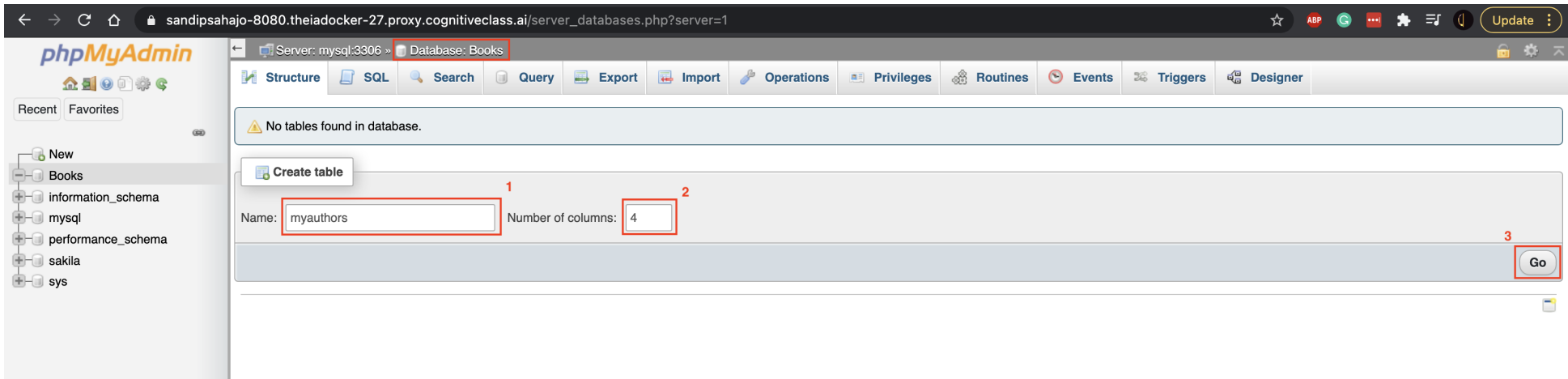
Proceed to Task B.



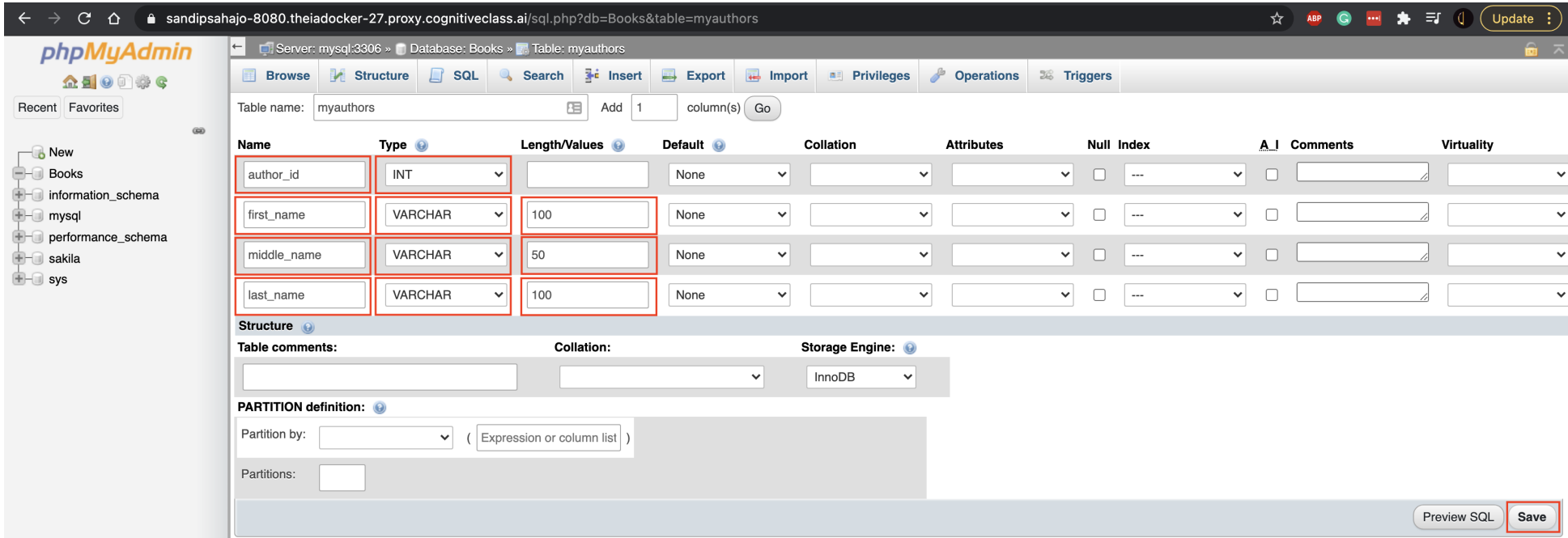
## Task B: Create tables

1. In the Create table interface for the empty database **Books**, enter **myauthors** as the table name and **4** for the Number of columns. This is the first step to creating the table **myauthors** that was shown earlier in this lab.

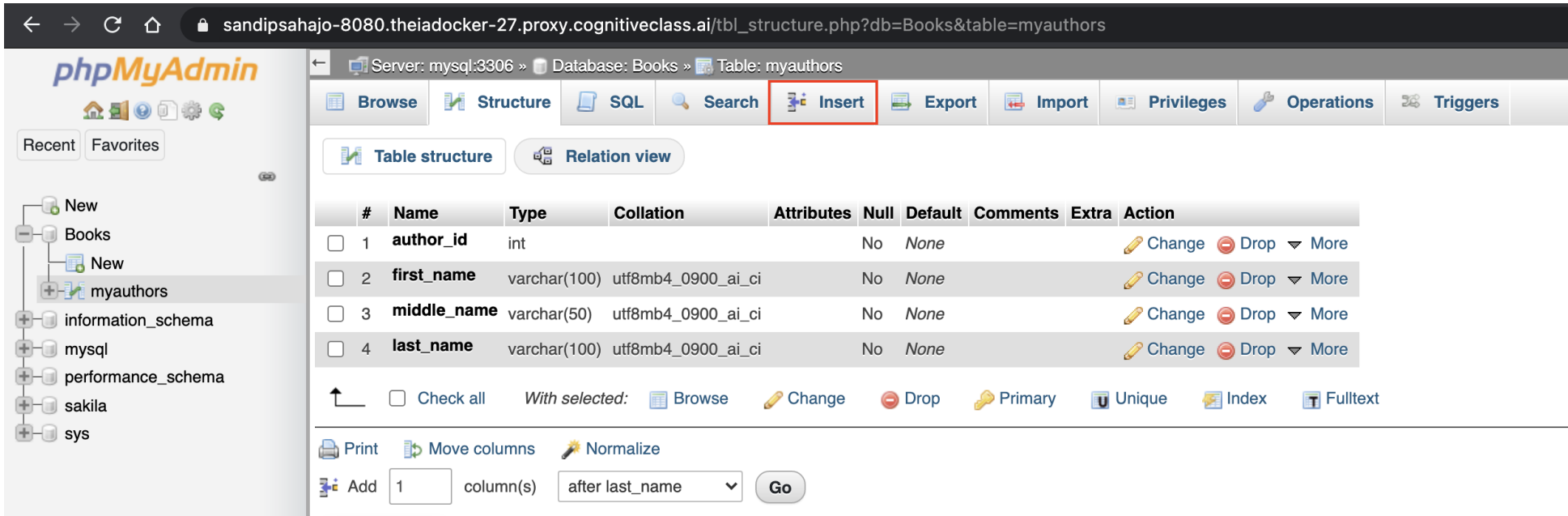
Then click **Go**.



2. Enter the table definition for the **myauthors** table as shown in the image below with highlighted boxes. Then click **Save**.



3. The Table structure for the **myauthors** table will appear. Proceed to Task C.



# Task C: Load data into tables manually using the phpMyAdmin GUI

1. Sometimes, you may want to load a few data rows of data, but you may not have a SQL script on hand to do that. In this case, you can manually load the data into phpMyAdmin. Since this is a manual process, it is better for inserting a small amount of data rather than a large amount.

To load data manually, go to the **Insert** tab for the **myauthors** table. Enter data for 2 rows of the **myauthors** table as shown in the image below with highlighted boxes. Then click **Go** at the bottom.

phpMyAdmin

Server: mysql:3306 » Database: Books » Table: myauthors

Browse Structure SQL Search Insert Export Import Privileges Operations Triggers

Column	Type	Function	Null	Value
author_id	int			1
first_name	varchar(100)			Merritt
middle_name	varchar(50)			
last_name	varchar(100)			Eric

Go

☐ Ignore

Column	Type	Function	Null	Value
author_id	int			2
first_name	varchar(100)			Linda
middle_name	varchar(50)			
last_name	varchar(100)			Mui

Go

Insert as new row and then Go back to previous page

Preview SQL Reset Go

2. Notification of the successful insertion of 2 rows to the **myauthors** table will appear.

✓ 2 rows inserted.

```
INSERT INTO `myauthors` (`author_id`, `first_name`, `middle_name`, `last_name`) VALUES ('1', 'Merritt', '', 'Eric'), ('2', 'Linda', '', 'Mui');
```

3. Go to the **Browse** tab for the **myauthors** table to check the newly inserted rows. Proceed to Task D.

phpMyAdmin

Server: mysql:3306 » Database: Books » Table: myauthors

Browse Structure SQL Search Insert Export Import

⚠ Current selection does not contain a unique column. Grid edit, checkbox, Edit, Copy and Delete features are disabled.

✓ Showing rows 0 - 1 (2 total, Query took 0.0004 seconds.)

```
SELECT * FROM `myauthors`
```

☐ Show all | Number of rows: 25 | Filter rows: Search this table

+ Options

author_id	first_name	middle_name	last_name
1	Merritt		Eric
2	Linda		Mui

☐ Show all | Number of rows: 25 | Filter rows: Search this table

## Task D: Load data into tables using a text/script file.

1. Now you will use a SQL script to import the remainder of the **myauthors** table data. A SQL script file contains commands and statements that perform operations on your database, and can be useful when importing a large amount of data.

Download the SQL script below to your local computer:

- [mysql\\_table-myauthors\\_insert-data.sql](#)



2. Go to **Import** tab for the **myauthors** table. Click **Choose File** and load the **mysql\_table-myauthors\_insert-data.sql** file from your local computer storage. The rest of the settings can be left as they are because you are importing a SQL script that is encoded with UTF-8.

Then click **Go**. Notification of import success will appear.

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Recent Favorites

New

Books

New

myauthors

information\_schema

mysql

performance\_schema

sakila

sys

Server: mysql:3306 » Database: Books » Table: myauthors

BrowseStructureSQLSearchInsertExportImportPrivilegesOperationsTriggers

Importing into the table "myauthors"

File to import:

File may be compressed (gzip, bzip2, zip) or uncompressed.  
A compressed file's name must end in **[format].[compression]**. Example: **.sql.zip**

Browse your computer: 

Choose File

mysql\_table...sert-data.sql (Max: 2,048KiB)

You may also drag and drop a file on any page.

Character set of the file: utf-8

Partial import:

☒ Allow the interruption of an import in case the script detects it is close to the PHP timeout limit. (This might be a good way to import large files, however it can break transactions.)

Skip this number of queries (for SQL) starting from the first one: 0

Other options:

☒ Enable foreign key checks

Format:

SQL

Format-specific options:

SQL compatibility mode: NONE

☒ Do not use AUTO\_INCREMENT for zero values

Go

Import has been successfully finished, 1376 queries executed. (mysql\_table-myauthors\_insert-data.sql)

3. Go to the **Browse** tab for the **myauthors** table again to check the newly inserted rows appear along with previously inserted 2 rows.

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Server: mysql:3306 » Database: Books » Table: myauthors

Browse

Structure

SQL

Search

Insert

Export

Import

⚠ Current selection does not contain a unique column. Grid edit, checkbox, Edit, Copy and Delete feature

✓ Showing rows 0 - 24 (1378 total, Query took 0.0003 seconds.)

SELECT \* FROM `myauthors`

1 > >> | Number of rows: 25 Filter rows: Search this table

+ Options

author_id	first_name	middle_name	last_name
1	Merritt		Eric
2	Linda		Mui
3	Alecos		Papadatos
4	Paul	C.van	Oorschot
5	David		Cronin
6	Richard		Blum
7	Yuval	Noah	Harari
8	Paul		Albitz
9	David		Beazley
10	John	Paul	Shen
11	Andrew		Miller
12	Melanie		Swan
13	Neal		Ford
14	Nir		Shavit
15	Tim		Kindberg
16	Mike		McQuaid
17	Brian	P.	Hogan
18	Jean-Philippe		Aumasson
19	Lance		Fortnow
20	Richard	C.	Jeffrey
21	William	L.	Simon
22	Magnus	Lie	Hetland
23	Mike		McShaffry
24	Norman		Matloff
25	John	E.	Hopcroft

1 > >> | Number of rows: 25 Filter rows: Search this table

Congratulations! You have completed this lab, and you are ready for the next topic.

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Changelog

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