

- Use of `CHANGE col_name`, `DROP col_name`, or `DROP INDEX, IGNORE` or `RENAME` in `ALTER TABLE` statements. Use of multiple `ADD`, `ALTER`, `DROP`, or `CHANGE` clauses in an `ALTER TABLE` statement. See [Section 13.1.9, “ALTER TABLE Statement”](#).
- Use of index names, indexes on a prefix of a column, and use of `INDEX` or `KEY` in `CREATE TABLE` statements. See [Section 13.1.20, “CREATE TABLE Statement”](#).
- Use of `TEMPORARY` or `IF NOT EXISTS` with `CREATE TABLE`.
- Use of `IF EXISTS` with `DROP TABLE` and `DROP DATABASE`.
- The capability of dropping multiple tables with a single `DROP TABLE` statement.
- The `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` clauses of the `UPDATE` and `DELETE` statements.
- `INSERT INTO tbl_name SET col_name = ...` syntax.
- The `DELAYED` clause of the `INSERT` and `REPLACE` statements.
- The `LOW_PRIORITY` clause of the `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, `DELETE`, and `UPDATE` statements.
- Use of `INTO OUTFILE` or `INTO DUMPFILE` in `SELECT` statements. See [Section 13.2.10, “SELECT Statement”](#).
- Options such as `STRAIGHT_JOIN` or `SQL_SMALL_RESULT` in `SELECT` statements.
- You don't need to name all selected columns in the `GROUP BY` clause. This gives better performance for some very specific, but quite normal queries. See [Section 12.20, “Aggregate Functions”](#).
- You can specify `ASC` and `DESC` with `GROUP BY`, not just with `ORDER BY`.
- The ability to set variables in a statement with the `:=` assignment operator. See [Section 9.4, “User-Defined Variables”](#).
- Data types
  - The `MEDIUMINT`, `SET`, and `ENUM` data types, and the various `BLOB` and `TEXT` data types.
  - The `AUTO_INCREMENT`, `BINARY`, `NULL`, `UNSIGNED`, and `ZEROFILL` data type attributes.
- Functions and operators
  - To make it easier for users who migrate from other SQL environments, MySQL Server supports aliases for many functions. For example, all string functions support both standard SQL syntax and ODBC syntax.
  - MySQL Server understands the `||` and `&&` operators to mean logical OR and AND, as in the C programming language. In MySQL Server, `||` and `OR` are synonyms, as are `&&` and `AND`. Because of this nice syntax, MySQL Server doesn't support the standard SQL `||` operator for string concatenation; use `CONCAT()` instead. Because `CONCAT()` takes any number of arguments, it is easy to convert use of the `||` operator to MySQL Server.
  - Use of `COUNT(DISTINCT value_list)` where `value_list` has more than one element.
  - String comparisons are case-insensitive by default, with sort ordering determined by the collation of the current character set, which is `utf8mb4` by default. To perform case-sensitive comparisons instead, you should declare your columns with the `BINARY` attribute or use the `BINARY` cast, which