# Running Commands in MySQL

1. Go out to the W3Schools links above and select at least three functions to experiment with. For each:
2. The “now()” function is a simply but useful query to perform especially when inserting time from python script using pyodbc. This will allow you to insert the latest time into column easily.

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1. The “current\_user()” function will allow you to see the current logged in user which is valuable for troubleshooting connectivity or access issues.

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1. The “coalesce()” function is useful will trying to determine what is the first none null value in a column. As shown below, I’ve re-arranged the column descending order to show the first none null value in reverse order

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