MySQL Sample Database

We use the `classicmodels` database as a **MySQL sample database** to help you work with MySQL quickly and effectively. The `classicmodels` database is a retailer of scale models of classic cars database. It contains typical business data such as customers, products, sales orders, sales order line items, etc.

We use this sample database in our MySQL tutorials to demonstrate many MySQL features from simple queries to complex stored procedures.

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The download file is in ZIP format so you need a zip program to unzip it. You can download a free zip program at www.7-zip.org.

After uncompressing the `sampledatabase.zip` file, you can load the sample database into MySQL database server by following how to load sample database into MySQL database server tutorial and test it by using the following SQL statements:

```
1 USE classicmodels;
2 SELECT * FROM customers;
```

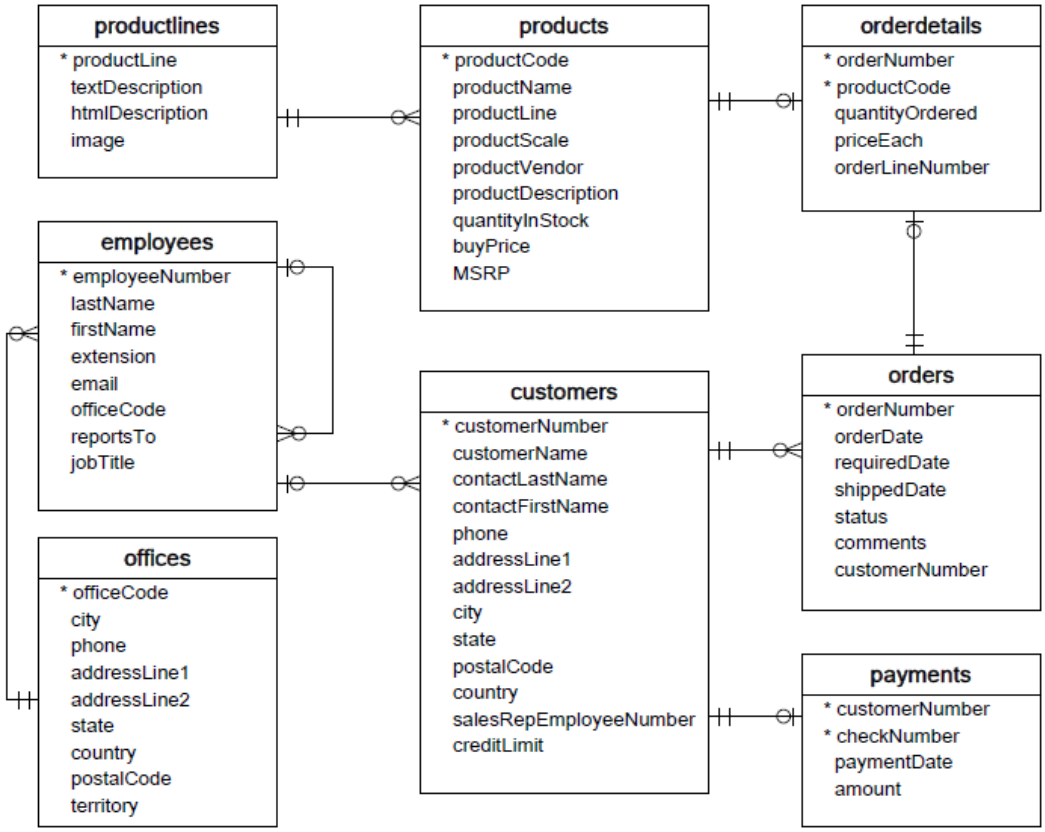
Basically, those statements switch the current database to `classicmodels` and query data from the `customers` table. If you see the customer data returned, you have successfully imported the sample database into the MySQL database server.

MySQL Sample Database Schema

The MySQL sample database schema consists of the following tables:

- **Customers**: stores customer's data.

- **Payments**: stores payments made by customers based on their accounts.
- **Employees**: stores all employee information as well as the organization structure such as who reports to whom.
- **Offices**: stores sales office data.



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