- MySQL was launched by a Swedish company in 1995. (C and C++ source code)

- Its name is a combination of "My", the name of co-founder Michael Widenius' daughter, and "SQL"

- Sun Microsystems acquired MySQL in 2008.

- Oracle acquired Sun Microsystems in 2010.

- MySQL is an open-source relational database management system (RDBMS).

- Most widely used open-source client–server model RDBMS.

- Part of the widely used LAMP open-source web application software stack (and other "AMP" stacks).

- Free-software open-source projects that require a full-featured database management system often use MySQL.

- Joomla, WordPress, Google (though not for searches), Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, and YouTube.

- MySQL occupies 42% of world opensource database market

- MongoDB 20%

Tools of MySQL

- MySQL database

- MySQL command line client

- MySQL Workbench

- MySQL Connectors (JDBC, ODBC, Python, C, C++, etc.)

- MySQL for Excel (import, export and edit MySQL data using Microsoft Excel)

- MySQL Notifier (Startup and Shutdown Database)

- MySQL Enterprise Backup

- MySQL Enterprise High Availibility (for Replication)

- MySQL Enterprise Encryption

- MySQL Enterprise Monitor (for Performance Tuning)

- MySQL Query Analyzer

- etc.