

Introduction to MySQL with PHP

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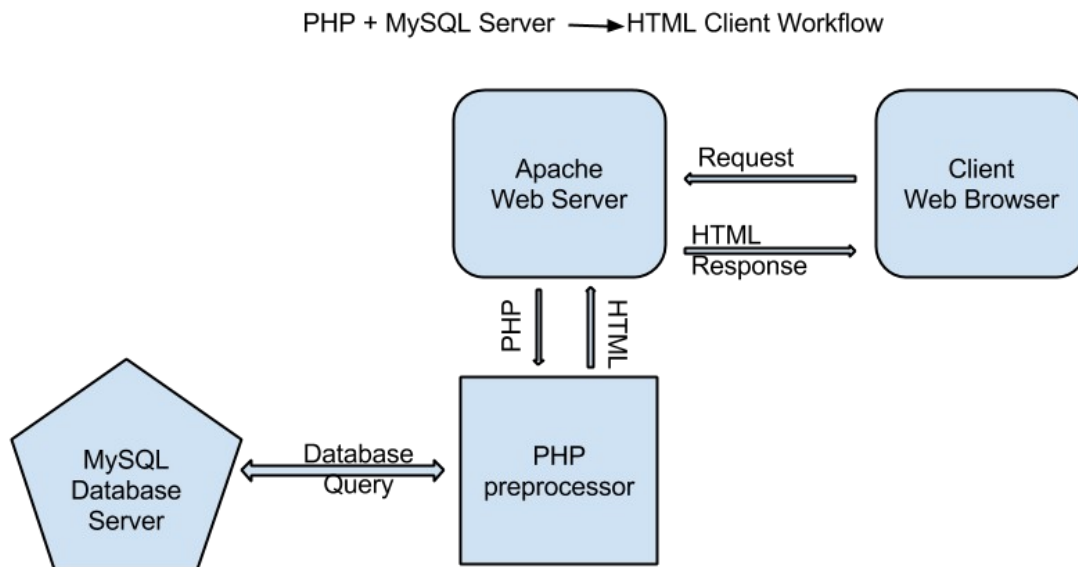
Reference Documentation:

<http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.6/en/sql-syntax.html>

MySQL

MySQL is one of the most popular, open-source, database management system(DBMS). Uses the SQL acronym which stands for Structured Query Language. Used by a variety software and application systems e.g. LAMP Drupal, every major website.

Prerequisites: PHP knowledge, apache server with php5 installed and configured



PHPMYADMIN

```
sudo apt-get install phpmyadmin
```

enter your mysql root password when asked during install.

Visit <http://127.0.0.1/phpmyadmin> login with root mysql account

Begin by creating a new database, call it **testdb**

Connect

First we need to separate our work into to **four** .php files on your apache server:

- configuration file(config.php), for all our MySQL account information.
- MySQL class file(dbconnect.php), for all connections, queries, to MySQL
- implementation file(sql_test.php),

This makes MySQL queries easier to: organize, test, build, update, maintain.

Config – config.php

```
<?php
DEFINE('dbAddress','127.0.0.1'); // dblocation
DEFINE('dbUser',''); // dbuser
DEFINE('dbPass',''); // dbpass
DEFINE('dbName',''); // dbname
?>
```

Prepared MySQL Library Object – dbconnect.php

```
<?php
class dbconnect
{
    function sqlConn(){
        include_once('config.php');
        $db = new PDO("mysql"."host=".dbAddress.";dbname=".dbName, dbUser, dbPass);
        return $db;
    }
    function addTables(){
        /// To be filled with query
    }
    function addRow(){
        /// To be filled with query
    }
    function displayRow($qry){
        /// To be filled with query
    }
    function updateRow($qry){
        /// To be filled with query
    }
    function removeRow($qry){
        /// To be filled with query
    }
}
?>
```

Implementation – sql_test.php

```
<?php
require('dbconnect.php');

$db = new dbconnect();
/// $db->addRow(); etc
/// we'll add our test function calls here
?>
```

Explanation

```
$db = new PDO(driver:"host=".dbAddress.".dbName=", dbUser, dbPass);
```

This is our prepared connection to MySQL through our config's global variables.

```
$db = $this->sqlConn();
```

We return this new database object to each function that needs it to perform MySQL functions such as queries.

```
$stmt = $db->prepare("INSERT INTO some_table (somefield, somevar2, something3)");
```

prepare takes a query, complete with field variables, that can be binded following it's invocation.

```
$stmt->bindValue('somefield', 'anything', PDO:PARAM_STR);
```

```
$stmt->bindValue('somevar2', 'somevalue', PDO:PARAM_STR);
```

```
$stmt->bindValue('something', 'whatever', PDO:PARAM_STR);
```

Values are binded to variables within the prepare() query. The syntax bindValue(\$field, \$value, \$datatype);

```
$stmt->execute();
```

Perform the query.

A deprecated method(not recommended):

```
mysql_connect(dbAddress, dbUser, dbPass) or die(mysql_error());
```

This opens the connection to mysql, to any given server IP, using a user and password. If no connection is made, it will throw mysql_error() - prints the error to the window

```
mysql_select_db(dbName) or die("couldn't select db: " . mysql_error());
```

This sets the selected database on the mysql server we connect to.

```
mysql_query($qry)
```

This queries the mysql connection, at the selected database, with the selected query.

```
mysql_close();
```

This closes the mysql connection.

Create Tables

syntax: CREATE table sometable (somefieldname datatype(fieldsize));

explanation: some datatypes include:

Strings

varchar, char, binary, blob, text, enum, set

Integers

integer, int, smallint, tinyint, mediumint, bigint, decimal, numeric, float, double,

Timestamps

date, time, datetime, timestamp, year,

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A better example:

```
$someqry = "CREATE table Contacts (id INT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, PRIMARY KEY(id), UserID  
varchar(50),ContactName varchar(100), ContactEmail varchar(100), ContactPhone varchar (20))";
```

To add an **auto_increment** field, we add **id INT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT**.

To set the primary key we use **primary key(fieldname)**;

To apply this to our working MySQL model above, open the dbconnect.php library you created earlier, add the following within the function addTables(){ }

```
$db = $this->sqlConn();  
  
$stmt = $db->prepare("CREATE table Contacts (id INT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, PRIMARY KEY(id), UserID  
varchar(50),ContactName varchar(100), ContactEmail varchar(100), ContactPhone varchar (20))");  
  
$stmt->execute();
```

Finally, amend your implementation file(sql_test.php) to look like this:

```
<?php  
require('dbconnect.php');  
  
$db = new dbconnect();  
$db->addTables();  
?>
```

Try it

Visit http://127.0.0.1/yoursite/sql_test.php then check the tables were added by visiting your phpmyadmin mysql administration page(assuming you installed it, as per instructions) at <http://127.0.0.1/phpmyadmin> open the database you created called **testdb**. Look at the left hand side see if you see any table listed named "Contacts" .

Congratulations, you just created your first MySQL database table.

Now, it's time to fill it with some actual data.

Insert into table

syntax: INSERT into SomeTable values ('col1value', 'col2value', 'col3value')

explanation: an insert query must contain values for all the fields in a table.

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To place data in your newly created tables, change your **dbconnect.php** in the function addRow(){ } to reflect the following:

```
function addRow($userid, $contactName, $contactPhone, $contactEmail){  
    $db = $this->sqlConn();  
    $stmt = $db->prepare("INSERT into Contacts (userid, name, email, phone)");  
    $stmt->bindValue(':userid', $userid, PDO::PARAM_INT);  
    $stmt->bindValue(':name', $contactName, PDO::PARAM_STR);  
    $stmt->bindValue(':email', $contactEmail, PDO::PARAM_STR);  
    $stmt->bindValue(':phone', $contactPhone, PDO::PARAM_STR);  
    $stmt->execute();  
}
```

Finally, create a new **sql_test_add.php** or simply modify your **sql_test.php** to look like the following:

```
<?php  
require('dbconnect.php');  
  
$db = new dbconnect();  
$db->addRow(1, 'Joe', '432 322 2234', 'joe@mailinator.com');  
?>
```

Try it!

Visit http://127.0.0.1/site/sql_test_add.php to add a new row to your database table called “Contacts”.

Check that a new row was added by logging into your phpmyadmin at <http://127.0.0.1/phpmyadmin> then select the “Contacts” table from the right hand side.

Select from table

syntax: “SELECT somefield, somethingelse, someotherfield from SomeTable where field=:var”

explanation: an insert query must contain values for all the fields in a table.

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To place data in your newly created tables, change your **dbconnect.php** in the function displayRow(){ } to reflect the following:

```
function displayRow($username){
try {
    $contact = array();
    $db = $this->sqlConn();
    $stmt = $db->prepare("SELECT ContactName, ContactEmail, ContactPhone FROM Contacts WHERE
ContactName=:username");
    $stmt->bindValue(':username', $username, PDO::PARAM_STR);
    $stmt->execute();

    $rows = $stmt->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
    if(is_array($rows) AND count($rows) == 1) {
        $row = $rows[0];
        if(isset($row['ContactName'])){
            $contact['name'] = $row['ContactName'];
            $contact['email'] = $row['ContactEmail'];
            $contact['phone'] = $row['ContactPhone'];
        }
    }
} catch (exception $e) {
    echo $e;
}

    return $contact;
}
```

Finally, create a new **sql_test_display.php** or simply modify your **sql_test.php** to look like the following:

```
<?php
require('dbconnect.php');

$db = new dbconnect();
$user = $db->displayRow('joe');
var_dump($user);
?>
```

Try it!

Visit http://127.0.0.1/yoursite/sql_test_display.php to display the row you previously inserted into the database table.

Update from table

syntax: “UPDATE SomeTable SET somefield='somevalue', someotherfield='somevalue' ”

explanation: an insert query must contain values for all the fields in a table.

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To place data in your newly created tables, change your **dbconnect.php** in the function displayRow() { } to reflect the following:

```
function updateRow($userid, $contactName, $contactPhone, $contactEmail){
    $db = $this->sqlConn();

    $stmt = $db->prepare("UPDATE Contacts set ContactName = :name, ContactEmail = :email, ContactPhone = :phone WHERE UserID = :userid");
    $stmt->bindValue(':userid', $userid , PDO::PARAM_INT );
    $stmt->bindValue(':name', $contactName , PDO::PARAM_STR);
    $stmt->bindValue(':phone', $contactPhone , PDO::PARAM_STR);
    $stmt->bindValue(':email', $contactEmail , PDO::PARAM_STR);
    $stmt->execute();
}
```

Finally, create a new **sql_test_update.php** or simply modify your **sql_test.php** to look like the following:

```
<?php
require('dbconnect.php');

$db = new dbconnect();
$db->updateRow(1, 'Joe', '422 342 2614', 'someguy@mailinator.com');
?>
```

Try it!

Visit http://127.0.0.1/yoursite/sql_test_update.php to display the row you previously inserted into the database table.

Check that the current row was update by logging into your phpmyadmin at <http://127.0.0.1/phpmyadmin> then select the “Contacts” table from the right hand side.

Or

Amend your implementation file(**sql_test_update.php** or **sql_test.php**) with the following:

```
<?php
require('dbconnect.php');

$db = new dbconnect();
$user = $db->displayRow('joe');
var_dump($user);
?>
```

Delete from table

syntax: “DELETE from SomeTable where somefield = :somevalue”

explanation: an insert query must contain values for all the fields in a table.

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To place data in your newly created tables, add the following to your **dbconnect.php** in the function `removeRow(){ }`

```
function removeRow($username){  
    $db = $this->sqlConn();  
    $stmt = $db->prepare("DELETE FROM Contacts WHERE ContactName =:name");  
    $stmt->execute(array(':name' => $username));  
}
```

Finally, create a new **sql_test_del.php** or simply modify your **sql_test.php** to look like the following:

```
<?php  
require('dbconnect.php');  
  
$db = new dbconnect();  
$db->removeRow('Joe');  
?>
```

Try it!

Visit http://127.0.0.1/yoursite/sql_test_del.php to delete a row from your database table with a ContactName of Joe

Check that a row was removed by logging into your phpmyadmin at <http://127.0.0.1/phpmyadmin> then select the “Contacts” table from the right hand side.