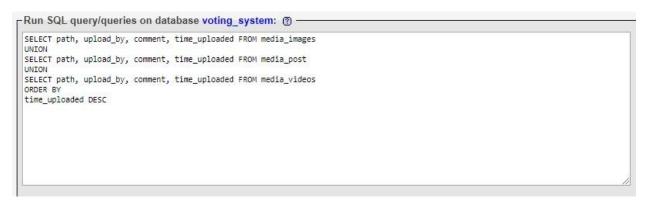


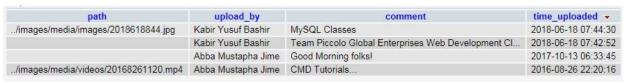
## The UNION operator in MySQL

The MySQL **UNION** operator is used to combine the result sets of two or more **SELECT** statement.

## NB:

- Each **SELECT** statement within the **UNION** must have the same number of fields (columns) in the result sets with similar data types.
- The columns in each **SELECT** statement must also be in the same order.
- When using the UNION operator, make sure that all the columns in your first query tallies with the columns in your next query and so on.





NB: The **UNION** operator selects only distinct values by default. To allow duplicate values, use **UNION ALL.**