Databases and SQL for Data Science with Python

Why SQL is Essential for Data Scientists?

SQL = The Key to Access and Prepare Your Data \nearrow



Data Lives in Databases

Most real-world data is stored in relational databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server).

SQL is the Language to Talk to Data

Retrieve only the data you need using filtering, sorting, grouping, and joining.

Prepare Data at the Source

Clean, filter, and merge data before importing it into Python, R, or BI tools.

Understand Data Structure

Learn table relationships, data types, and data quality directly from the database.

Highly Demanded Skill

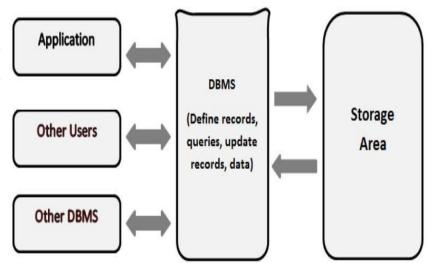
Most Data Science job descriptions list SQL as a core requirement.

"Before you analyze data, you must know how to access it." - IBM Data Science Approach

What are Databases?

 A database is an organized collection of data, generally stored and accessed electronically from a computer system. It supports the storage and manipulation of data.

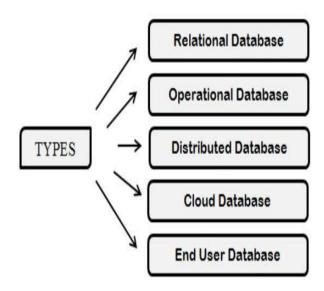
 In other words, databases are used by an organization as a method of storing, managing and retrieving information.



Types of Databases

Depending upon the usage requirements, there are following types of databases available in the market:

- Centralized database
- Distributed database
- Personal database
- End-user database
- Commercial database
- NoSQL database
- Operational database
- Relational database
- Cloud database
- Object-oriented database
- Graph database Here is a detailed article on, <u>Types of Database Management</u> <u>Systems</u>.



Advantages of using Databases

There are many advantages of databases

- Reduced data redundancy
- Reduced updating errors and increased consistency
- Greater data integrity and independence from application programs
- Improved data access to users through the use of host and query languages
- Improved data security
- Reduced data entry, storage, and retrieval costs

Disadvantages of using Databases

There are many disadvantages of databases

- Although databases allow businesses to store and access data efficiently, they also have certain disadvantages
- Complexity
- Cost
- Security
- Compatibility

Some examples of Databases

Some of the most popular databases are

- Oracle Database
- Sybase
- MySQL
- IBM db2









What is SQL?

- SQL (Structured Query Language): Is used to perform operations on the records stored in the database, such as updating records, inserting records, deleting records, creating and modifying database tables, views, etc.
- SQL is not a database system, but it is a query language.

Database Schema

A schema is a group of related objects in a database. There is one owner of a schema who has access to manipulate the structure of any object in the schema. A schema does not represent a person, although the schema is associated with a user that resides in the database.

Database Schema and Database instance

Database Schema

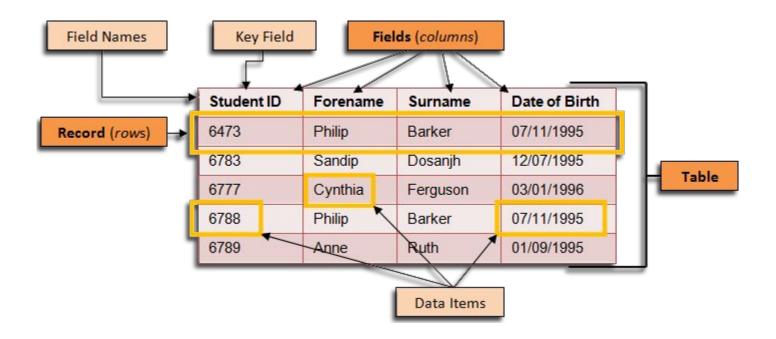
Database schema is the structure of a database, refers to the organization of data as a blueprint that demonstrates how the database is constructed.

So, a database schema describes how the data may relate to other tables or other data models. However, the schema does not actually contain data.

Database instance

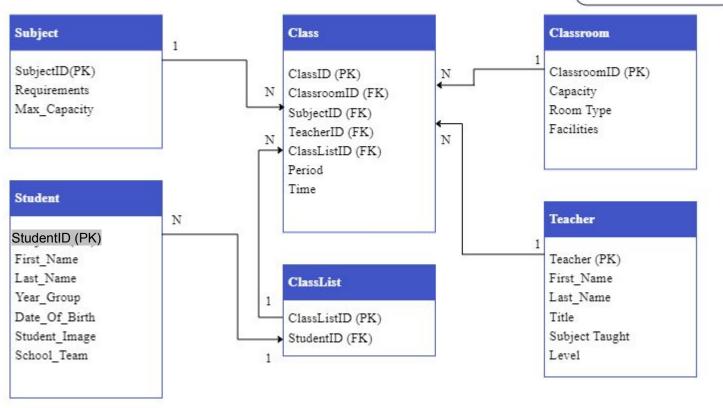
Database instance is a snapshot of data in a database at a single moment in time. It contains all the properties that the schema describes as data values.

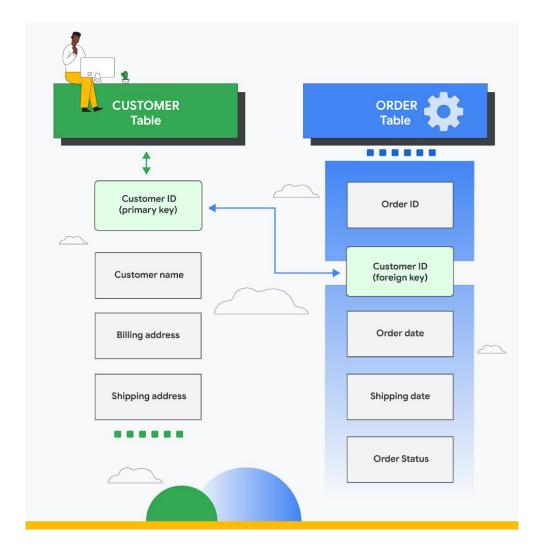
Since database instances are just a snapshot at a given moment, they're likely to change over time, unlike database schemas.

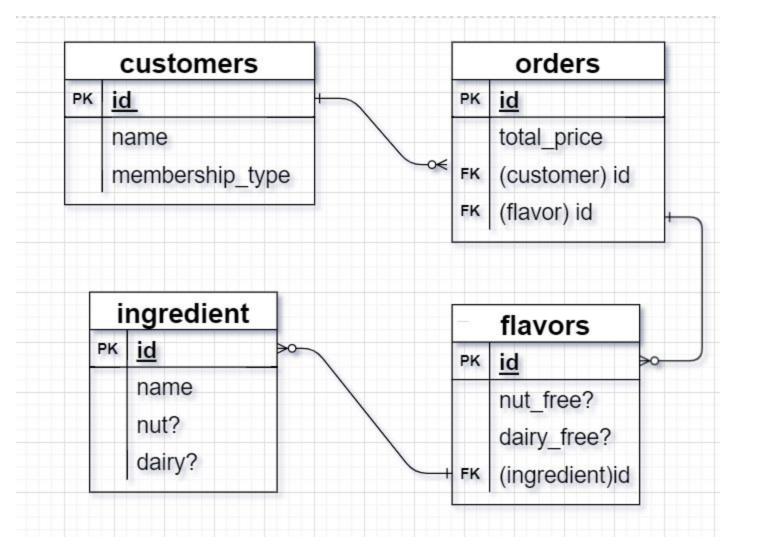


Entity-Relationship Diagram: School Classes

PK : Primary Key FK : Foreign Key







Database Constraints

- Primary Key (Not Null + Unique)
- Not Null
- Unique Key
- Referential Integrity (Foreign key FK)
- Check

Data types

A data type determines the type of data that can be stored in a database column. The most commonly used data types are:

- 1. Alphanumeric: data types used to store characters, numbers, special characters, or nearly any combination.
 - 2. Numeric
 - 3. Date and Time

MySQL DATA TYPES

DATE TYPE	SPEC	DATA TYPE	SPEC
CHAR	String (0 - 255)	INT	Integer (-2147483648 to 214748- 3647)
VARCHAR	String (0 - 255)	BIGINT	Integer (-9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807)
TINYTEXT	String (0 - 255)	FLOAT	Decimal (precise to 23 digits)
TEXT	String (0 - 65535)	DOUBLE	Decimal (24 to 53 digits)
BLOB	String (0 - 65535)	DECIMAL	"DOUBLE" stored as string
MEDIUMTEXT	String (0 - 16777215)	DATE	YYYY-MM-DD
MEDIUMBLOB	String (0 - 16777215)	DATETIME	YYYY-MM-DDHH:MM:SS
LONGTEXT	String (0 - 4294967295)	TIMESTAMP	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS
LONGBLOB	String (0 - 4294967295)	TIME	HH:MM:SS
TINYINT	Integer (-128 to 127)	ENUM	One of preset options
SMALLINT	Integer (-32768 to 32767)	SET	Selection of preset options
MEDIUMINT	Integer (-8388608 to 8388607)	BOOLEAN	TINYINT(1)

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• Primary key:

- A field in a table that uniquely identifies each rows in a database table.
- Primary keys must contain unique values.
- A table can have only one Primary keys.

```
--define primary key
CREATE TABLE students(
student id int PRIMARY KEY,
name varchar(20));
```

• Foreign key:

- Reference a column in another table to define the relationship between two tables.
- The relationship between 2 tables matches the Primary Key in one of the tables with a

Foreign Key in the second table.

```
--define primary key
   CREATE TABLE teachers (
    id int PRIMARY KEY,
    teache name varchar(30),
   );
CREATE TABLE classes (
id integer PRIMARY KEY,
teacher id int REFERENCES teachers (id), --foreign key is
created
category varchar (40),
);
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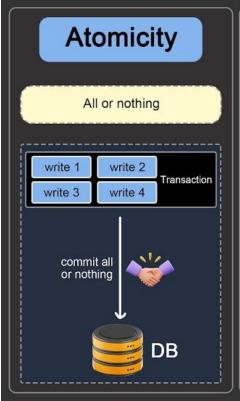
Database Transaction

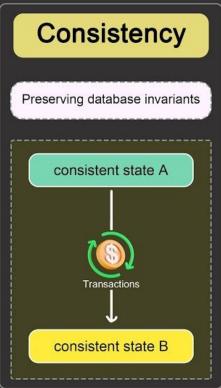
- A transaction is an executing program that forms a logical unit of database actions.
- It includes one or more database access operations such as insert, delete and update.
- The database operations that form a transaction can either be embedded within an application program or they can be specified interactively via a high-level query language such as SQL.

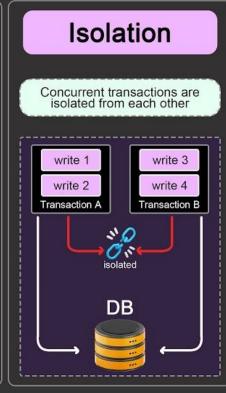
Database Transaction Properties

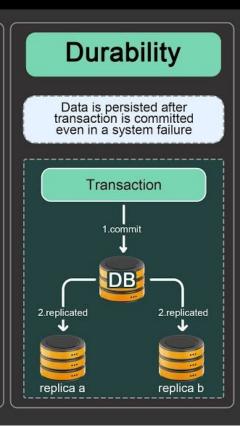
- Transactions should possess several properties, often called the ACID properties:
 - 1. Atomicity
 - 2. Consistency
 - 3. Isolation
 - 4. Durability

What does ACID Really Mean?





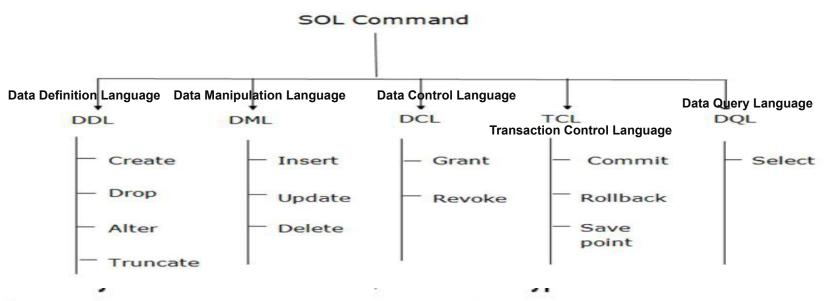




SQL Commands

- SQL commands are instructions. It is used to communicate with the database. It is also used to perform specific tasks, functions, and queries of data.
- SQL can perform various tasks like create a table, add data to tables, drop the table, modify the table, set permission for users.

Types of SQL Commands



Туре	Primary Function	Examples	
DDL	Defines database structure	CREATE , ALTER , DROP , TRUNCATE	
DML	Manipulates data in tables	INSERT , UPDATE , DELETE	
DCL	Manages permissions and roles	GRANT , REVOKE	
TCL	Controls database transactions	COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT	
DQL	Retrieves data from the database	SELECT	

- DDL changes the structure of the table like creating a table, deleting a table, altering a table, etc.
- All the command of DDL are auto-committed that means it permanently save all the changes in the database.

Here are some commands that come under DDL:

- CREATE
- ALTER
- DROP
- TRUNCATE

• CREATE It is used to create a new table in the database

CREATE TABLE TABLE_NAME (COLUMN_NAME DATATYPES[,....]);

Example

CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE(Name VARCHAR2(20), Email VARCHAR2(100), DOB DATE);

• DROP: It is used to delete both the structure and record stored in the table.

DROP TABLE table_name;

Example

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DROP TABLE EMPLOYEE;

• ALTER: It is used to alter the structure of the database. This change could be either to modify the characteristics of an existing attribute or probably to add a new attribute.

```
ALTER TABLE table_name ADD column_name COLUMN-definition;
```

Example

ALTER TABLE STU_DETAILS ADD(ADDRESS VARCHAR2(20));
ALTER TABLE STU_DETAILS MODIFY (NAME VARCHAR2(20));

• TRUNCATE: It is used to delete all the rows from the table and free the space containing the table.

TRUNCATE TABLE table_name;

Example

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- DML commands are used to modify the database. It is responsible for all form of changes in the database.
- The command of DML is not auto-committed that means it can't permanently save all the changes in the database. They can be rollback.
- •Here are some commands that come under DML:
- INSERT
- UPDATE
- DELETE

• INSERT: The INSERT statement is a SQL query. It is used to insert data into the row of a table

```
INSERT INTO TABLE_NAME
VALUES (value1, value2, value3, .... valueN);
```

Example:

INSERT INTO javatpoint (Author, Subject) VALUES ("Sonoo", "DBMS");

• UPDATE: This command is used to update or modify the value of a column in the table.

UPDATE table_name SET [column_name1 = value1,...column_nameN = valueN] [WHERE CONDITION]

Example:

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UPDATE students

SET User_Name = 'Sonoo'

WHERE Student_Id = '3'

 DELETE: It is used to remove one or more row from a table.

DELETE FROM table_name [WHERE condition];

Example:

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DELETE FROM javatpoint

WHERE Author="Sonoo";

Data Control Language (DCL)

 DCL commands are used to grant and take back authority from any database user.

Here are some commands that come under DCL:

- Grant
- Revoke

Data Control Language (DCL)

 Grant: It is used to give user access privileges to a database.

Example:

GRANT SELECT, UPDATE ON MY_TABLE TO SOME_USER, ANOTHER_USER;

Data Control Language (DCL)

Revoke: It is used to take back permissions from the user.

Example:

REVOKE SELECT, UPDATE ON MY_TABLE FROM USER1, USER2;

- TCL commands can only use with DML commands like INSERT, DELETE and UPDATE only.
- These operations are automatically committed in the database that's why they cannot be used while creating tables or dropping them.

Here are some commands that come under TCL:

- COMMIT
- ROLLBACK
- SAVEPOINT

• Commit: Commit command is used to save all the transactions to the database.

COMMIT;

Example

DELETE FROM CUSTOMERS

WHERE AGE = 25;

COMMIT;

• Rollback: Rollback command is used to undo transactions that have not already been saved to the database.

ROLLBACK;

Example

DELETE FROM CUSTOMERS

WHERE AGE = 25;

ROLLBACK;

• SAVEPOINT: It is used to roll the transaction back to a certain point without rolling back the entire transaction.

Example

SAVEPOINT SAVEPOINT_NAME;

MySQL VS PostgreSQL VS SQL Server

Core Idea

SQL basics are the same across systems

- Core CRUD commands (SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) work almost the same in MySQL, PostgreSQL, and SQL Server.
- Learning SQL in one system makes it easy to move to another.

Strengths of Each System

- MySQL: Simple, widely used, great for learning and small-to-medium projects.
- PostgreSQL: Rich advanced features (JSONB, Arrays, GIS), strong for complex data analysis.
- **SQL Server**: Strong integration with Microsoft tools, advanced stored procedures, business analytics support.

SQL is one language, but each system has its own accent.

Master the basics first—then adapting to another system is just learning a few new words.

Differences Are in the Details and if u need

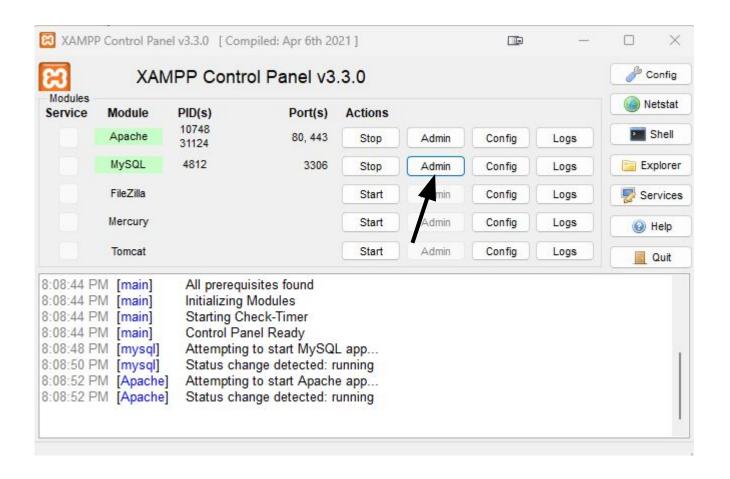
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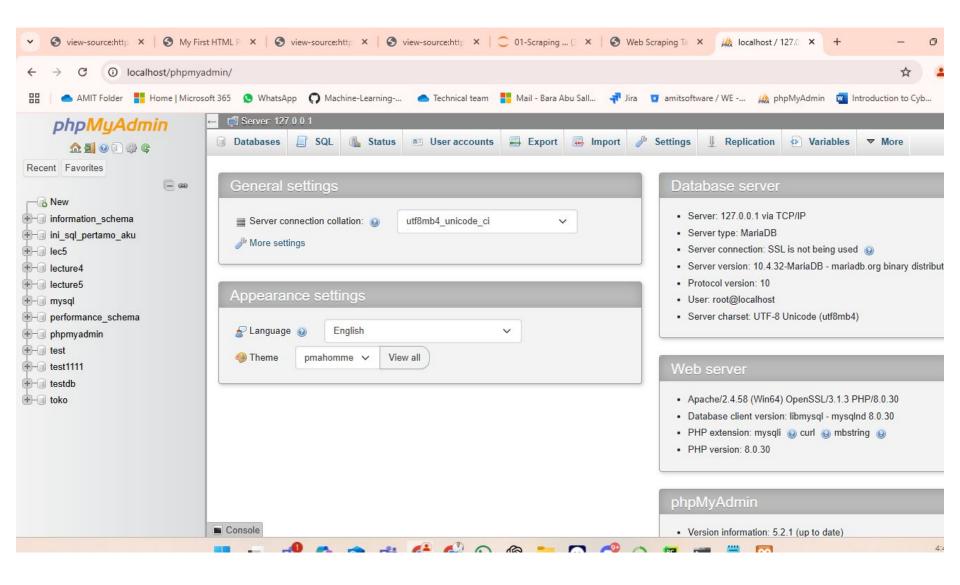
- Built-in Functions:
 - o Text length → LENGTH (MySQL), CHAR_LENGTH (PostgreSQL), LEN (SQL Server)
 - Dates → NOW() (MySQL/PostgreSQL), GETDATE() (SQL Server)
- Pagination:
 - LIMIT in MySQL/PostgreSQL
 - o TOP or OFFSET...FETCH in SQL Server
- Data Types: Boolean, JSON, Arrays
- Auto Increment IDs:
 - MySQL → AUTO_INCREMENT
 - PostgreSQL → SERIAL or GENERATED AS IDENTITY
 - SQL Server → IDENTITY (1, 1)
- Advanced Features: Full-Text Search, Window Functions, Upsert.

Task XAMPP & MySQL

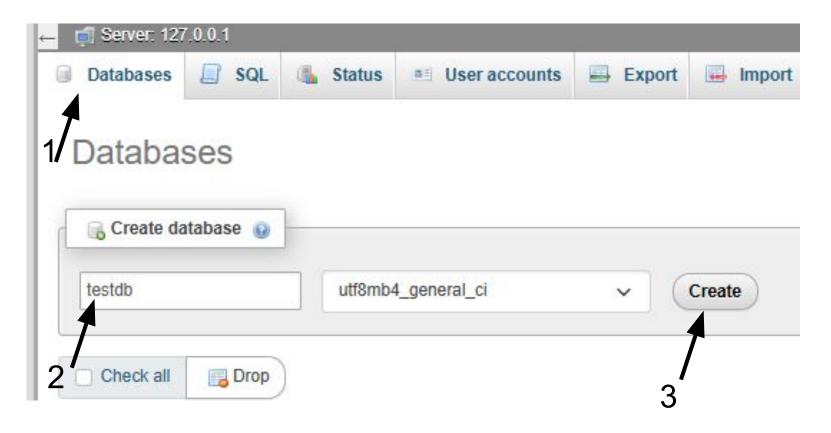
- Install XAMPP
 - a. https://www.apachefriends.org/download.html
- Run Apache and MySQL
- Create Database (YourName_db)
 - a. Create 2 Table (customers, orders)
 - b. Insert 3 customers (You, Baraa, Ali)
 - c. Insert 6 orders (3 for you, 2 for Baraa, 1 for Ali)

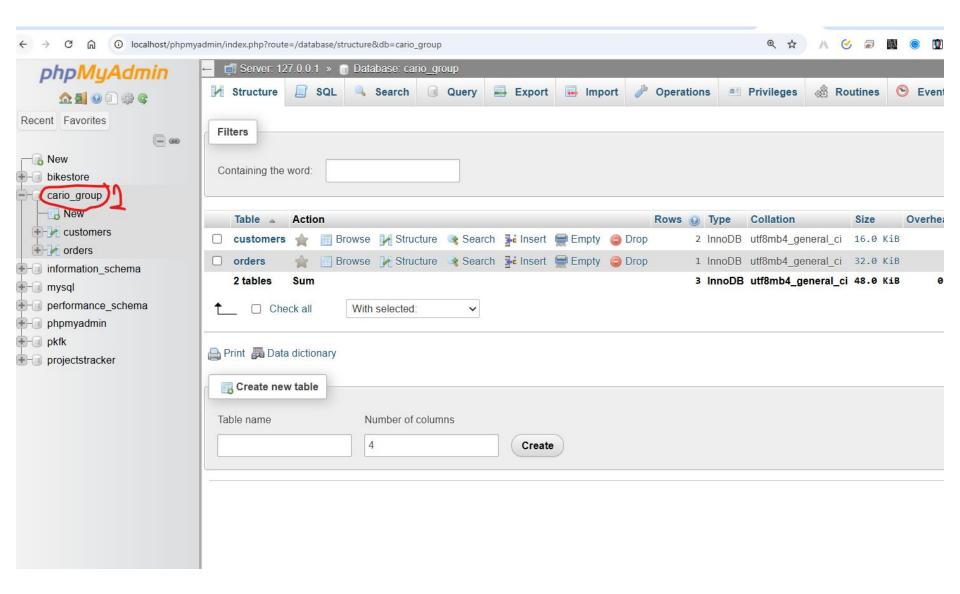
Run Apache and MySQL





Create Database (testDB)







```
1 CREATE TABLE cust(
       cust_id int AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
       name varchar(20),
       email varchar(100) UNIQUE,
       phone varchar(50) NOT NULL);
7 cREATE TABLE orders(
8
       order_id int AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
       order_date DATE NOT NULL,
10
       amount DECIMAL(10,2) NOT null,
11
      custumerId INT,
12
       FOREIGN KEY (custumerId) REFERENCES cust(cust id)
13
14)
```

insert into customers

insert into orders