

MySQL on Mac w/ Python

This is a how-to on installing [MySQL](#), creating a simple database, and interacting with it through [Python](#).

Create a MySQL database from a .CSV file

The .CSV is exported from [pioneers.computer](#). It is based on the [Wikipedia list of pioneers in computer science](#). Here are the steps to follow:

- Install [MySQL](#) (I use [Homebrew](#)).

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ brew install mysql # already installed!
```

```
Warning: mysql 8.0.21 is already installed and up-to-date
To reinstall 8.0.21, run `brew reinstall mysql`
```

- Start the [MySQL](#) server.

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ mysql.server start
```

```
Starting MySQL
.. SUCCESS!
```

- Create the `'mysql'@'localhost'` user, granting all privileges.

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ sudo mysql
```

```
Password:
```

Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 9
Server version: 8.0.21 Homebrew

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

```
mysql> CREATE USER 'mysql'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'mysql';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
mysql> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'mysql'@'localhost';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

- Include a `~/.my.cnf` file so that `LOAD DATA INFILE` will work.

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ cat ~/.my.cnf
```

```
[mysqld]  
secure_file_priv = ''
```

- Create the database, table, and load the .CSV data w/ the following .SQL file.

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ cat src/mysql.sql
```

```

CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS test;
USE test;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS pioneers;
CREATE TABLE pioneers (
    last_name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    first_name VARCHAR(255) NULL,
    gender CHAR(1) NOT NULL,
    first_year SMALLINT NOT NULL,
    email_school VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    email_gmail VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL
);

LOAD DATA INFILE '~/work/mysql-example/data/pioneers.computer.csv'
    INTO TABLE pioneers
    FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
    ENCLOSED BY '"'
    LINES TERMINATED BY '\r\n'
    IGNORE 1 ROWS;

SHOW TABLES;
SHOW COLUMNS FROM pioneers;
SELECT * FROM pioneers WHERE gender = "F";

```

```

dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ cat data/pioneers.computer.csv

```

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dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ mysql -u mysql -p < src/mysql.sql
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Enter password:
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pioneers
Field    Type      Null      Key  Default  Extra
first_name  varchar(255)  YES      NULL
last_name   varchar(255)  NO       NULL
gender      char(1)      NO       NULL
first_year  smallint     NO       NULL

```

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email_gmail     varchar(255)    NO        NULL
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Frances Allen   F    1970    FrancesAllen@pioneers.computer  "Frances Allen" <FrancesAllen@pioneers.computer>,
Kathleen Booth  F    1947    KathleenBooth@pioneers.computer  "Kathleen Booth" <KathleenBooth@pioneers.computer>,
Lynn Conway    F    1971    LynnConway@pioneers.computer     "Lynn Conway" <LynnConway@pioneers.computer>,
Elizabeth Feinler F    1974    ElizabethFeinler@pioneers.computer "Elizabeth Feinler" <ElizabethFeinler@pioneers.computer>,
Sally Floyd     F    1994    SallyFloyd@pioneers.computer     "Sally Floyd" <SallyFloyd@pioneers.computer>,
Shafi Goldwasser F    1989    ShafiGoldwasser@pioneers.computer "Shafi Goldwasser" <ShafiGoldwasser@pioneers.computer>,
Susan Graham    F    2011    SusanGraham@pioneers.computer     "Susan Graham" <SusanGraham@pioneers.computer>,
Barbara Grosz   F    1986    BarbaraGrosz@pioneers.computer     "Barbara Grosz" <BarbaraGrosz@pioneers.computer>,
Margaret Hamilton F    1971    MargaretHamilton@pioneers.computer "Margaret Hamilton" <MargaretHamilton@pioneers.computer>,
Betty Holberton F    1968    BettyHolberton@pioneers.computer   "Betty Holberton" <BettyHolberton@pioneers.computer>,
Grace Hopper     F    1952    GraceHopper@pioneers.computer      "Grace Hopper" <GraceHopper@pioneers.computer>,
Barbara Liskov   F    1987    BarbaraLiskov@pioneers.computer     "Barbara Liskov" <BarbaraLiskov@pioneers.computer>,
Ada Lovelace     F    1852    AdaLovelace@pioneers.computer       "Ada Lovelace" <AdaLovelace@pioneers.computer>,
Radia Perlman    F    1985    RadiaPerlman@pioneers.computer      "Radia Perlman" <RadiaPerlman@pioneers.computer>,
Rózsa Péter      F    1932    RózsaPéter@pioneers.computer        "Rózsa Péter" <RózsaPéter@pioneers.computer>,
Rosalind Picard  F    1995    RosalindPicard@pioneers.computer     "Rosalind Picard" <RosalindPicard@pioneers.computer>,
Jean Sammet      F    1962    JeanSammet@pioneers.computer        "Jean Sammet" <JeanSammet@pioneers.computer>,
Karen Spärck Jones F    1953    KarenSpärckJones@pioneers.computer   "Karen Spärck Jones" <KarenSpärckJones@pioneers.computer>,
Sophie Wilson    F    1985    SophieWilson@pioneers.computer      "Sophie Wilson" <SophieWilson@pioneers.computer>,

```

- Read this link to understand how to [import / export](#) as .XML. For example:

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$
```

```
mysql -u mysql -p --xml -e 'SELECT * FROM test.pioneers WHERE gender = "F";'
```

```
Enter password :
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>

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```

```

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  </row>
</resultset>

```

Access a MySQL database through Python

- Add the `mysql-connector-python` through [pip3](#) .

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$
```

```
pip3 install mysql-connector-python # already installed!
```

```

Requirement already satisfied: mysql-connector-python in /usr/local/lib/p
ython3.8/site-packages (8.0.21)
Requirement already satisfied: protobuf>=3.0.0 in /usr/local/Cellar/proto
buf/3.12.3/libexec/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from mysql-connector-pyth
on) (3.12.3)
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.9 in /usr/local/Cellar/protobuf/3.1
2.3/libexec/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from protobuf>=3.0.0->mysql-conn
ector-python) (1.15.0)
Requirement already satisfied: setuptools in /usr/local/lib/python3.8/sit
e-packages (from protobuf>=3.0.0->mysql-connector-python) (49.2.0)

```

- Test [MySQL](#) access through the following [Python](#) file.

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ cat src/testmysql.py
```



```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

#

# testmysql.py

#

# pip3 install mysql-connector-python

#

import mysql.connector

config = {
    'user': 'mysql',
    'password': 'mysql',
    'host': '127.0.0.1',
    'database': 'test',
}
cnx = mysql.connector.connect(**config)
cursor = cnx.cursor()
cursor.execute('SELECT * FROM pioneers WHERE gender = "F";')
for record in cursor:
    print(record)
cnx.close()
```

```
dcp:~/work/mysql-example$ python3 src/testmysql.py
```

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, '"Karen Spärck Jones" <KarenSpärckJones@pioneers.computer>,' )
( 'Sophie', 'Wilson', 'F', 1985, 'SophieWilson@pioneers.computer', '"Sophi
e Wilson" <SophieWilson@pioneers.computer>,' )
```

Notes

- This how-to assumes:
 - [Mac OS Homebrew](#) is installed (and `brew upgrade python` has been executed

to get the latest versions of `python3` and `pip3`). There are many other ways to install [Python](#) & [MySQL](#) — this is just the easiest one.

- The `zsh` commands (in green) are executed from `~/work/mysql-example` — which includes the files: `README.md` (this file),
`data/pioneers.computer.csv` , `doc/mysql.pdf` , `src/mysql.sql` ,
`src/testmysql.py` .
- [SQL](#) can be a bit fussy.
 - By convention, SQL commands are in UPPERCASE, other text is in appropriate mixed case.
 - The

```
LOAD DATA INFILE '~/work/mysql-example/pioneers.computer.csv' ...
```

command requires an absolute (glob-pattern) path, the proper line termination (in this case `'\r\n'`), no blank / extra lines, and every field present that is marked `NOT NULL` .
- Every `SELECT` in this example ends with `WHERE gender = "F"` , *which is not the entire database*. There are 19 women pioneers out of 160 in this database, which limits the output to one ninth of it's potential total length for the purposes of this document.
- The [Python](#) `mysql.connector` module exists in several versions and it took a bit to find the correct one for Python 3. (Also, *do not name your Python file* `mysql.py` or you will have trouble importing the `mysql` module you expect.)
- *This test is not secure.*
 - The MySQL user

```
CREATE USER 'mysql'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'mysql';
```

with an easy-to-guess password is a terrible idea.
 - Allowing direct local import of data through a `~/.my.cnf` file is good for local testing, but not secure in a deployed system.
 - Having `'password': 'mysql'` , as a key:value pair in the Python code is also not a good idea.

Have fun!

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