



Introduction to MySQL

Road Map

- Introduction to MySQL
- Connecting and Disconnecting
- Entering Basic Queries
- Creating and Using a Database

MySQL

- MySQL is a very popular, open source database.
- Handles very large databases; very fast performance.
- Why are we using MySQL?
 - Free
 - Each student can install MySQL locally.
 - Easy to use Shell for creating tables, querying tables, etc.

Sample Session

- For example:

```
Enter password:  *****
```

```
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
```

```
Your MySQL connection id is 241 to server version: 3.23.49
```

```
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.
```

```
mysql>
```

- To exit the MySQL Shell, just type QUIT or EXIT:

```
mysql> QUIT
```

```
mysql> exit
```

Basic Queries

- Once logged in, you can try some simple queries.
- For example:

```
mysql> SELECT VERSION() , CURRENT_DATE;  
+-----+-----+  
| VERSION() | CURRENT_DATE |  
+-----+-----+  
| 3.23.49   | 2002-05-26   |  
+-----+-----+  
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

- Note that most MySQL commands end with a semicolon (;)
- MySQL returns the total number of rows found, and the total time to execute the query.

Basic Queries

- Keywords may be entered in any lettercase.
- The following queries are equivalent:

```
mysql> SELECT VERSION() , CURRENT_DATE;  
mysql> select version() , current_date;  
mysql> SeLeCt vErSiOn() , current_DATE;
```

Basic Queries

- Here's another query. It demonstrates that you can use mysql as a simple calculator:

```
mysql> SELECT SIN (PI () /4) , (4+1) *5 ;
```

SIN (PI () /4)	(4+1) *5
0.707107	25

Basic Queries

- You can also enter multiple statements on a single line. Just end each one with a semicolon:

```
mysql> SELECT VERSION() ; SELECT NOW() ;
```

```
+-----+  
| VERSION() |  
+-----+  
| 3.22.20a-log |  
+-----+  
  
+-----+  
| NOW() |  
+-----+  
| 2004 00:15:33 |  
+-----+
```


Multi-Line Commands

- mysql determines where your statement ends by looking for the terminating semicolon, not by looking for the end of the input line.
- Here's a simple multiple-line statement:

```
mysql> SELECT
      -> USER()
      -> ,
      -> CURRENT_DATE;

+-----+-----+
| USER()                | CURRENT_DATE |
+-----+-----+
| joesmith@localhost    | 1999-03-18   |
+-----+-----+
```

Canceling a Command

- If you decide you don't want to execute a command that you are in the process of entering, cancel it by typing \c

```
mysql> SELECT  
      -> USER()  
      -> \c  
mysql>
```

Using a Database

- To get started on your own database, first check which databases currently exist.
- Use the SHOW statement to find out which databases currently exist on the server:

```
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| mysql    |
| test     |
+-----+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Using a Database

- To create a new database, issue the “create database” command:
 - `mysql> create database webdb;`
- To the select a database, issue the “use” command:
 - `mysql> use webdb;`

Creating a Table

- Once you have selected a database, you can view all database tables:

```
mysql> show tables;
```

```
Empty set (0.02 sec)
```

- An empty set indicates that I have not created any tables yet.

Creating a Table

- Let's create a table for storing pets.

- Table: pets

➤ name: VARCHAR(20)


➤ owner: VARCHAR(20)

➤ species: VARCHAR(20)

➤ sex: CHAR(1)

➤ birth: DATE

➤ date: DATE



VARCHAR is usually used to store string data.

Creating a Table

- To create a table, use the CREATE TABLE command:

```
mysql> CREATE TABLE pet (  
    -> name VARCHAR(20) ,  
    -> owner VARCHAR(20) ,  
    -> species VARCHAR(20) ,  
    -> sex CHAR(1) ,  
    -> birth DATE, death DATE) ;  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.04 sec)
```

Showing Tables

- To verify that the table has been created:

```
mysql> show tables;
```

```
+-----+
```

```
| Tables_in_test |
```

```
+-----+
```

```
| pet            |
```

```
+-----+
```

```
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```


Describing Tables

- To view a table structure, use the DESCRIBE command:

```
mysql> describe pet;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
name	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	
owner	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	
species	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	
sex	char(1)	YES		NULL	
birth	date	YES		NULL	
death	date	YES		NULL	

```
6 rows in set (0.02 sec)
```

Deleting a Table

- To delete an entire table, use the DROP TABLE command:

```
mysql> drop table pet;
```

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.02 sec)
```

Loading Data

- Use the INSERT statement to enter data into a table.
- For example:

```
INSERT INTO pet VALUES  
    ('Fluffy', 'Harold', 'cat', 'f',  
    '1999-02-04', NULL);
```

- The next slide shows a full set of sample data.

More data...

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Fluffy	Harold	cat	f	1993-02-04	
Claws	Gwen	cat	m	1994-03-17	
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	
Fang	Benny	dog	m	1990-08-27	
Bowser	Diane	dog	m	1998-08-31	1995-07-29
Chirpy	Gwen	bird	f	1998-09-11	
Whistler	Gwen	bird		1997-12-09	
Slim	Benny	snake	m	1996-04-29	

For each of the examples,
assume the following set of data.

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Fluffy	Harold	cat	f	1993-02-04	
Claws	Gwen	cat	m	1994-03-17	
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	
Fang	Benny	dog	m	1990-08-27	
Bowser	Diane	dog	m	1998-08-31	1995-07-29
Chirpy	Gwen	bird	f	1998-09-11	
Whistler	Gwen	bird		1997-12-09	
Slim	Benny	snake	m	1996-04-29	

SQL Select

- The SELECT statement is used to pull information from a table.
- The general format is:

```
SELECT what_to_select  
FROM which_table  
WHERE conditions_to_satisfy
```

Selecting All Data

- The simplest form of SELECT retrieves everything from a table

```
mysql> select * from pet;
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Fluffy	Harold	cat	f	1999-02-04	NULL
Claws	Gwen	cat	f	1994-03-17	NULL
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL
Fang	Benny	dog	m	1999-08-27	NULL
Bowser	Diane	dog	m	1998-08-31	1995-07-29
Chirpy	Gwen	bird	f	1998-09-11	NULL
Whistler	Gwen	bird		1997-12-09	NULL
Slim	Benny	snake	m	1996-04-29	NULL

```
8 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Selecting Particular Rows

- You can select only particular rows from your table.
- For example, if you want to verify the change that you made to Bowser's birth date, select Bowser's record like this:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE name = "Bowser";
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death	
Bowser	Diane	dog	m	1998-08-31	1995-07-29	

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```


Selecting Particular Rows

- To find all animals born after 1998

```
SELECT * FROM pet WHERE birth >= "1998-1-1";
```

- To find all female dogs, use a logical AND

```
SELECT * FROM pet WHERE species = "dog" AND sex = "f";
```

- To find all snakes or birds, use a logical OR

```
SELECT * FROM pet WHERE species = "snake"  
OR species = "bird";
```

Selecting Particular Columns

- If you don't want to see entire rows from your table, just name the columns in which you are interested, separated by commas.
- For example, if you want to know when your pets were born, select the name and birth columns.
- (see example next slide.)

Selecting Particular Columns

```
mysql> select name, birth from pet;
```

name	birth
Fluffy	1999-02-04
Claws	1994-03-17
Buffy	1989-05-13
Fang	1999-08-27
Bowser	1998-08-31
Chirpy	1998-09-11
Whistler	1997-12-09
Slim	1996-04-29

```
8 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Sorting Data

- To sort a result, use an ORDER BY clause.
- For example, to view animal birthdays, sorted by date:

```
mysql> SELECT name, birth FROM pet ORDER BY birth;
```

```
+-----+-----+
| name      | birth      |
+-----+-----+
| Buffy      | 1989-05-13 |
| Claws      | 1994-03-17 |
| Slim       | 1996-04-29 |
| Whistler   | 1997-12-09 |
| Bowser     | 1998-08-31 |
| Chirpy     | 1998-09-11 |
| Fluffy     | 1999-02-04 |
| Fang       | 1999-08-27 |
+-----+-----+
```

```
8 rows in set (0.02 sec)
```

Sorting Data

- To sort in reverse order, add the DESC (descending keyword)

```
mysql> SELECT name, birth FROM pet ORDER BY birth DESC;
```

name	birth
Fang	1999-08-27
Fluffy	1999-02-04
Chirpy	1998-09-11
Bowser	1998-08-31
Whistler	1997-12-09
Slim	1996-04-29
Claws	1994-03-17
Buffy	1989-05-13

```
8 rows in set (0.02 sec)
```

Working with NULLs

- NULL means missing value or unknown value.
- To test for NULL, you cannot use the arithmetic comparison operators, such as =, < or <>.
- Rather, you must use the IS NULL and IS NOT NULL operators instead.

Working with NULLs

- For example, to find all your dead pets (what a morbid example!)

```
mysql> select name from pet where death  
      >IS NOT NULL;
```

```
+-----+
```

```
| name  |
```

```
+-----+
```

```
| Bowser |
```

```
+-----+
```

```
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

Pattern Matching

- MySQL provides:
 - standard SQL pattern matching; and
 - regular expression pattern matching, similar to those used by Unix utilities such as vi, grep and sed.
- SQL Pattern matching:
 - To perform pattern matching, use the LIKE or NOT LIKE comparison operators
 - By default, patterns are case insensitive.
- Special Characters:
 - _ Used to match any single character.
 - % Used to match an arbitrary number of characters.

Pattern Matching Example

- To find names beginning with 'b':

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE name LIKE "b%";
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death	
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL	
Bowser	Diane	dog	m	1989-08-31	1995-07-29	

Pattern Matching Example

- To find names ending with `fy`:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE name LIKE "%fy";
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Fluffy	Harold	cat	f	1993-02-04	NULL
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL

Pattern Matching Example

- To find names containing a 'w':

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE name LIKE "%w%";
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Claws	Gwen	cat	m	1994-03-17	NULL
Bowser	Diane	dog	m	1989-08-31	1995-07-29
Whistler	Gwen	bird	NULL	1997-12-09	NULL

Pattern Matching Example

- To find names containing exactly five characters, use the `_` pattern character:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE name LIKE "_____";
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Claws	Gwen	cat	m	1994-03-17	NULL
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL

Regular Expression Matching

- The other type of pattern matching provided by MySQL uses extended regular expressions.
- When you test for a match for this type of pattern, use the REGEXP and NOT REGEXP operators (or RLIKE and NOT RLIKE, which are synonyms).

Regular Expressions

- Some characteristics of extended regular expressions are:
 - `.` matches any single character.
 - A character class `[...]` matches any character within the brackets. For example, `[abc]` matches a, b, or c. To name a range of characters, use a dash. `[a-z]` matches any lowercase letter, whereas `[0-9]` matches any digit.
 - `*` matches zero or more instances of the thing preceding it. For example, `x*` matches any number of x characters, `[0-9]*` matches any number of digits, and `.*` matches any number of anything.
 - To anchor a pattern so that it must match the beginning or end of the value being tested, use `^` at the beginning or `$` at the end of the pattern.

Reg Ex Example

- To find names beginning with b, use ^ to match the beginning of the name:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE name REGEXP "^b";
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL
Bowser	Diane	dog	m	1989-08-31	1995-07-29

Reg Ex Example

- To find names ending with `fy`, use `\$` to match the end of the name:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM pet WHERE name REGEXP "fy$";
```

name	owner	species	sex	birth	death
Fluffy	Harold	cat	f	1993-02-04	NULL
Buffy	Harold	dog	f	1989-05-13	NULL

Counting Rows

- Databases are often used to answer the question, "How often does a certain type of data occur in a table?"
- For example, you might want to know how many pets you have, or how many pets each owner has.
- Counting the total number of animals you have is the same question as "How many rows are in the pet table?" because there is one record per pet.
- The COUNT() function counts the number of non-NULL results.

Counting Rows Example

- A query to determine total number of pets:

```
mysql> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM pet;
```

```
+-----+
| COUNT(*) |
+-----+
|          9 |
+-----+
```

Batch Mode

- In the previous sections, you used mysql interactively to enter queries and view the results.
- You can also run mysql in batch mode. To do this, put the commands you want to run in a file, then tell mysql to read its input from the file:
- **shell> mysql < batch-file**

Is that all there is to MySQL?

- Of course not!
- Understanding databases and MySQL could take us several weeks (perhaps months!)
- For now, focus on:
 - using the MySQL shell
 - creating tables
 - creating basic SQL queries

Summary

- SQL provides a structured language for querying/updating multiple databases.
- The more you know SQL, the better.
- The most important part of SQL is learning to retrieve data.
 - selecting rows, columns, boolean operators, pattern matching, etc.
- Keep playing around in the MySQL Shell.