
Stored Procedures in MySQL

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What is a Stored Procedure?

→ **Definition:**

- ◆ A stored procedure is a precompiled set of SQL statements stored in the database under a unique name.

→ **Key Idea:**

- ◆ Execute complex or repetitive tasks with a **single** `CALL` statement.

→ **Purpose:**

- ◆ **Automate routine operations**
- ◆ **Reduce code duplication**
- ◆ **Improve consistency and security**
- ◆ **Enhance performance**

Benefits Of Stored Procedures

- **Reusability:** Write once, use often.
- **Security:** Users can execute without seeing internal SQL.
- **Efficiency:** Reduces network traffic.
- **Maintainability:** Changes in one place.
- **Performance:** Compiled and cached by server and reduces network traffic. Complex operations run closer to the data, minimizing data transfer and improving speed.



Syntax of Stored Procedure

```
DELIMITER $$

CREATE PROCEDURE procedure_name([parameters])
BEGIN
    -- SQL statements
END $$

DELIMITER ;
```

Q) Why is the delimiter changed?



A: To avoid conflict with semicolons inside the procedure.



Basic Procedure

```
DELIMITER $$  
CREATE PROCEDURE SayHello()  
BEGIN  
    SELECT 'Hello from MySQL!';  
END $$  
DELIMITER ;  
  
CALL SayHello();
```

Q: What happens if we call SayHello before creating it?



A: MySQL will return: PROCEDURE SayHello does not exist.



Procedure with IN Parameter

```
DELIMITER $$  
CREATE PROCEDURE GreetUser(IN userName VARCHAR(50))  
BEGIN  
    SELECT CONCAT('Hello, ', userName, '!') AS Greeting;  
END $$  
DELIMITER ;  
  
CALL GreetUser('Ravi');
```

Q: What does the IN keyword do?



A: Allows passing a value into the procedure.



Procedure to add two numbers

```
DELIMITER $$

CREATE PROCEDURE AddTwoNumbers(IN a INT, IN b INT)
BEGIN
    SELECT a + b AS Sum;
END $$

DELIMITER ;

CALL AddTwoNumbers(10, 20);
```



Procedure with OUT Parameter

```
DELIMITER $$  
CREATE PROCEDURE SquareNumber(IN input INT, OUT result INT)  
BEGIN  
    SET result = input * input;  
END $$  
DELIMITER ;  
  
CALL SquareNumber(5, @out);  
SELECT @out;
```

Q: What does OUT do?

Session Variables in MySQL

→ **Session:**

- ◆ Every time a client (like MySQL Workbench, PHP, Java app, etc.) connects to the MySQL server, it establishes a **connection**. A **session** is the period of time that a **single connection** remains open.

→ **Session Variables in MySQL:**

- ◆ Variables starting with `@` are **user-defined session variables**.
- ◆ They:
 - Exist only while the session/connection is open.
 - Are private to that connection — other connections can't see them.
 - Disappear automatically when you disconnect.



A: Sends result out of the procedure to a session variable.



Procedure with INOUT Parameter

```
DELIMITER $$  
CREATE PROCEDURE DoubleValue(INOUT num INT)  
BEGIN  
    SET num = num * 2;  
END $$  
DELIMITER ;  
  
SET @val = 10;  
CALL DoubleValue(@val);  
SELECT @val;
```

Q: What does INOUT do?



A: It receives and modifies a value.

```
DELIMITER $$  
CREATE PROCEDURE ProcessMarks(  
    IN name VARCHAR(50),  
    IN mark1 INT,  
    IN mark2 INT,  
    OUT total INT,  
    OUT average DECIMAL(5,2))  
BEGIN  
    SET total = mark1 + mark2;  
    SET average = total / 2;  
END $$  
DELIMITER ;  
  
CALL ProcessMarks('Amit', 80, 90, @tot, @avg);  
SELECT @tot, @avg;
```

Q: Can we have multiple OUTs?



Procedure Calling Another Procedure

```
DELIMITER $$  
CREATE PROCEDURE OuterProcedure()  
BEGIN  
    CALL SayHello();  
    CALL AddTwoNumbers(5, 7);  
END $$  
DELIMITER ;  
  
CALL OuterProcedure();
```

Q: Can we nest procedures?



Q: What is the difference between a query and a procedure?



A: A query is written and executed every time, a procedure is stored and reused.

Summary

- Procedures encapsulate SQL logic
- Use IN, OUT, INOUT
- Improve security and performance
- Nesting supported

Practice

1. Greet user and show current date.
2. Swap two numbers using INOUT.
3. Calculate area and perimeter of rectangle.