

# Start

The screenshot shows the 'Start' dialog box in NetBeans. The 'Driver' dropdown is set to 'MySQL'. Below it is a checkbox labeled 'Enter JDBC URL connection string'. The 'Host' field contains 'localhost', the 'Port' field contains '3306', and the 'Database' and 'Other Properties' fields are empty. Below these are 'Username' and 'Password' fields, both empty. There is a checkbox for 'Remember password' with a link to 'See help for information on security risks'. A 'Test Connection' button is located to the right of the password field. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Connect every time Netbeans is started' and three buttons: 'Help', 'Cancel', and 'Ok'.

Driver: MySQL

☐ Enter JDBC URL connection string

Host: localhost

Port: 3306

Database:

Other Properties:

Username:

Password:

☐ Remember password  
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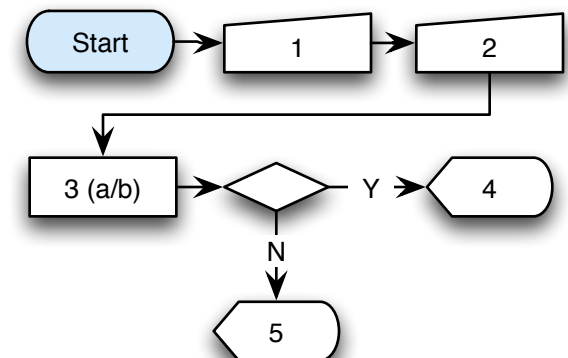
Test Connection

☐ Connect every time Netbeans is started

Help Cancel Ok

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- New connection dialog opens and MySQL is selected from the Driver dropdown.
- Here the required fields are filled in so all controls are active.



# 1. Enter Properties

Driver:

☐ Enter JDBC URL connection string

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Host:

Port:

Database:

Other Properties:

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Username:

Password:

☐ Remember password  
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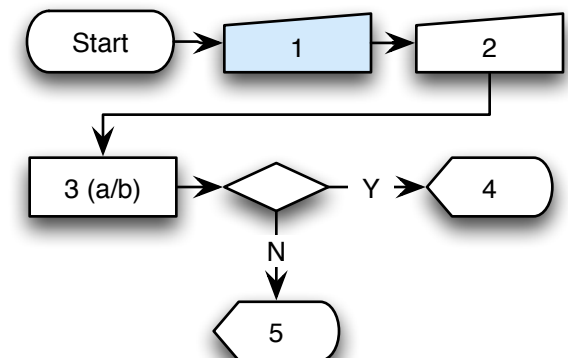
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## 1. Enter Properties

Enter the desired connection properties

- For MySQL, localhost and port 3306 are defaults filled out for you.
- In this case we will enter the Username and Password



## 2. Test Connection Click

Driver:

☐ Enter JDBC URL connection string

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Host:

Port:

Database:

Other Properties:

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Username:

Password:

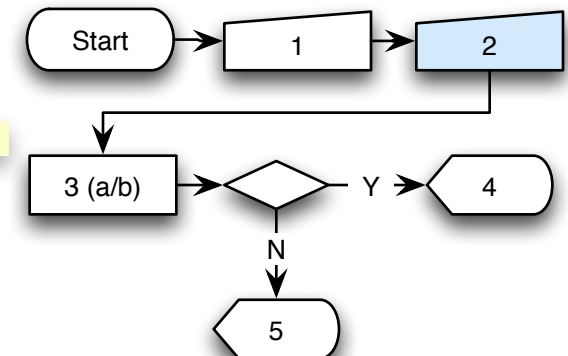
☐ Remember password  
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### 2. Test Connection Click

Click the Test Connection button



### 3. Test Connection (version a)

Driver:

☐ Enter JDBC URL connection string

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Host:

Port:

Database:

Other Properties:


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Username:

Password:

☐ Remember password  
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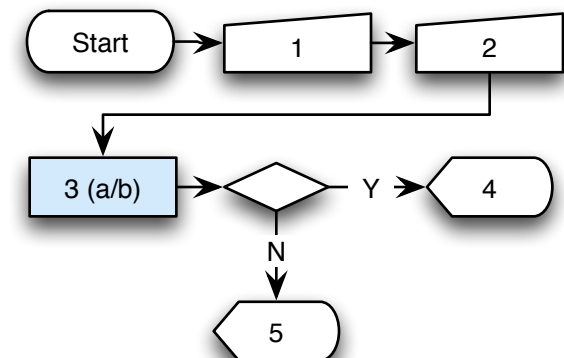
Attempting to connect 

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#### 3a. Attempt Connection (version a)

After the Test Connection button is clicked:

- Only Help and Cancel buttons remain active. All other controls are disabled.
- Message appears at the left:  
'Attempting to connect'?  
'Trying connection'?  
'Testing connection'?  
Any suggestions?...
- Animated indeterminate progress indicator is displayed.
- Cancel button replaces Test Connection button. Clicking it cancels the test only. It does not close the dialog box.



### 3. Test Connection (version b)

Driver:

☐ Enter JDBC URL connection string

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Host:

Port:

Database:

Other Properties:


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Username:

Password:

☐ Remember password  
[See help for information on security risks](#)

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 Attempting to connect Cancel

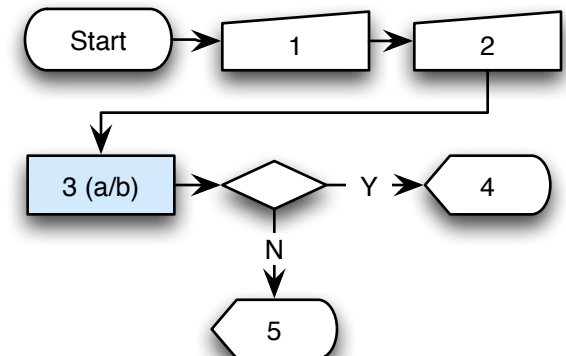
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Help Cancel Ok

#### 3b. Attempt Connection (version b)

Alternate look and feel for the connection test. Same interaction otherwise.



## 4. Connection Successful

The screenshot shows the 'Database Connection Wizard' dialog box in NetBeans. The 'Driver' is set to 'MySQL'. The 'Host' is 'localhost', 'Port' is '3306', and 'Database' is empty. The 'Username' is 'root' and the 'Password' is masked with asterisks. The 'Remember password' checkbox is unchecked. A blue checkmark icon and the text 'Connection successful' are displayed next to the 'Test Connection' button. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Connect every time Netbeans is started' and three buttons: 'Help', 'Cancel', and 'Ok'.

Driver:

☐ Enter JDBC URL connection string

Host:

Port:

Database:

Other Properties:

Username:

Password:

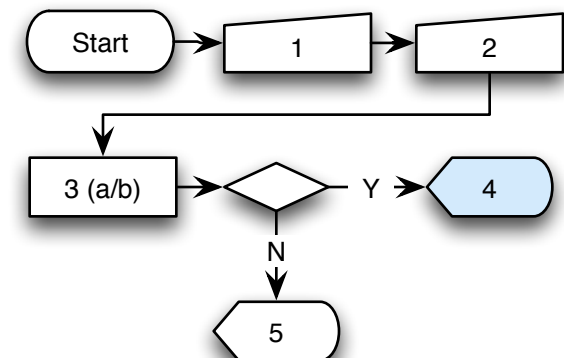
☐ Remember password  
[See help for information on security risks](#)

☒ Connection successful

☐ Connect every time Netbeans is started

### 4. Connection Successful

- All controls become enabled.
- Test Connection button replaces Cancel button
- Animated indeterminate progress indicator disappears.
- Message appears to the left of Test Connection button:  
'Connection Successful'?  
Suggestions?...
- Any valid change in the value of the Driver control, the Enter JDBC... checkbox or any of the textfields will cause the success message to vanish.



## 5. Unable to Connect

The screenshot shows the 'Database Connection Wizard' dialog box. At the top, the 'Driver' is set to 'MySQL'. Below it is a checkbox labeled 'Enter JDBC URL connection string'. The 'Host' field contains 'localhost', the 'Port' field contains '3306', and the 'Database' and 'Other Properties' fields are empty. The 'Username' field contains 'root' and the 'Password' field contains '\*\*\*\*\*'. There is a checkbox for 'Remember password' and a link to 'See help for information on security risks'. At the bottom left, there is a red warning icon and a message box that says 'Unable to connect. Access denied for user 'root'@'localhost' (using password:YES)'. To the right of the message box is a 'Test Connection' button. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Help', 'Cancel', and 'Ok'.

Driver: MySQL

☐ Enter JDBC URL connection string

Host: localhost

Port: 3306

Database:

Other Properties:

Username: root

Password: \*\*\*\*\*

☐ Remember password  
[See help for information on security risks](#)

Unable to connect. Access denied for user 'root'@'localhost' (using password:YES)

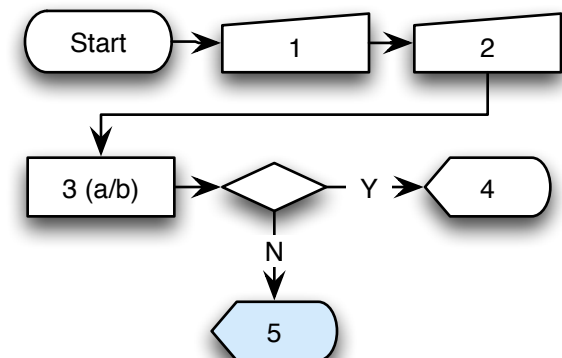
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### 5. Unable to Connect

- All controls are active except for the Ok button which is disabled.
- Full error/diagnostic message appears inside a textbox at the left of the Test Connection button. The textbox scrolls if necessary. The textbox is not editable, but the text itself is selectable for copying to the *clipboard* to aid in troubleshooting.
- Any valid change in the value of the Driver control, the Enter JDBC... checkbox or any of the textfields will cause the failure message to vanish and the Ok button to enable.



# Test Connection High Level UI Workflow

