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Introduction To MySQL – Part 1

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Database Access via JDBC

- The Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) interface enables any Java program to send SQL queries to any database, and receive back result tables with the desired data.
- Similar to the basic idea of Java in writing a program that will run on any hardware platform, JDBC enables the development of programs which function with nearly all commercially available DBMSs. Apart from the general popularity of Java, this is the fundamental reason for the widespread acceptance of JDBC.
- In order to guarantee the general database access, JDBC defines a certain core functionality supported by all DBMSs, This common denominator can be implemented by JDBC.
 - This implies that different product characteristics and manufacturer-specific optimizations are ignored by the JDBC standard.

Database Access via JDBC (cont.)

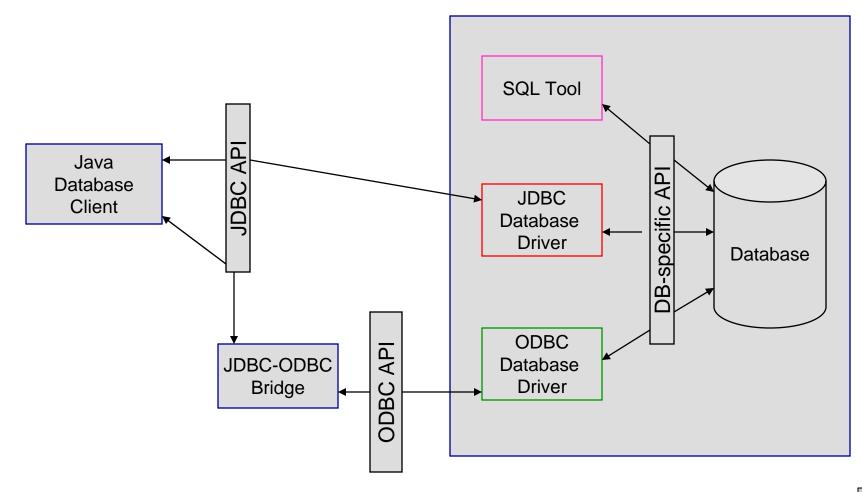
- One prerequisite for the use of JDBC is the availability of a JDBC driver for the database being utilized.
- The JDBC driver translates the JDBC queries of the Java database client into the respective supplier-specific calls.
- The simplest version on the Windows platform is the Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) interface. ODBC also enables different databases to function via a uniform interface.
- JDBC and ODBC are both based on the same idea. Using the JDBC-ODBC bridge, it is possible to access an ODBC data source via JDBC.



Different Methods for Database Access

- The figure on the next slide summarizes the various options available for accessing a database.
- The client software typically communicates with the server via a proprietary interface. The drivers translate JDBC or ODBC commands into the respective database specific calls.
- The user can also access the database using an SQL specific tool.
- One disadvantage of the ODBC solution is that every computer on which a Java database application is to run, the ODBC connection must be configured. This contradicts the Java principle "write once, run anywhere". The way around this is through the use of servlets in which the only computer on which the ODBC must be configured is the one on which the servlet engine will run. If a database application is installed on several computers or distributed as an applet, the JDBC-ODBC bridge is not an option as the ODBC connection would have to be configured on every computer.

Summary of Database Access Methods



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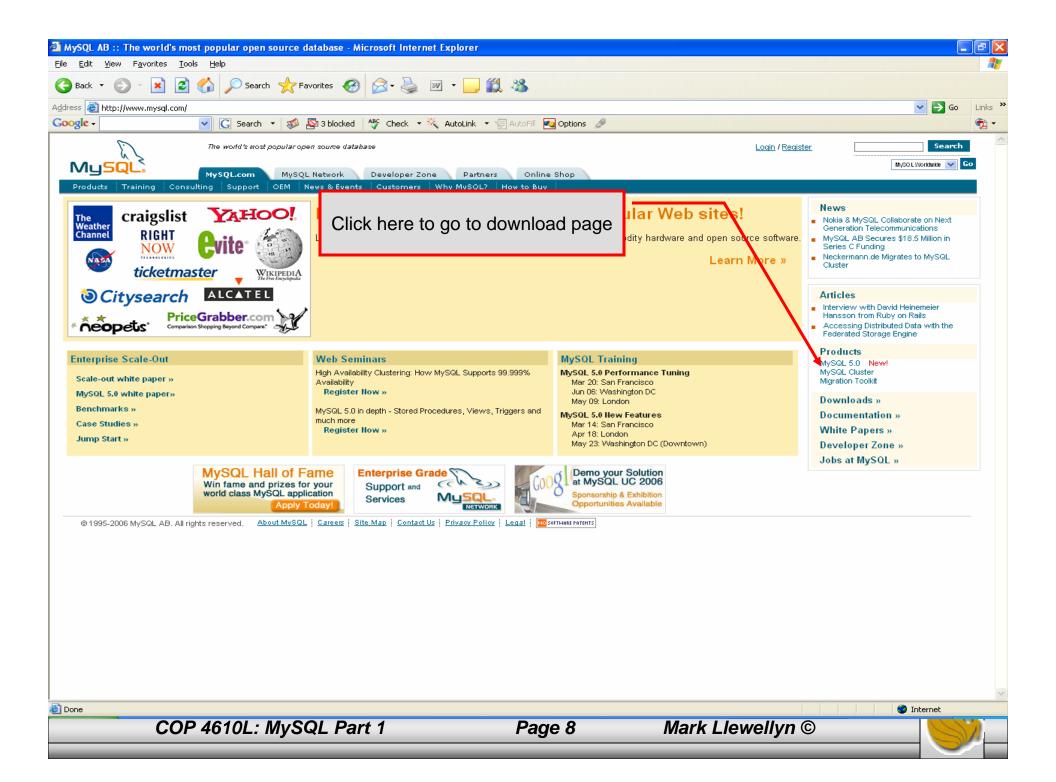
JDBC Database Access

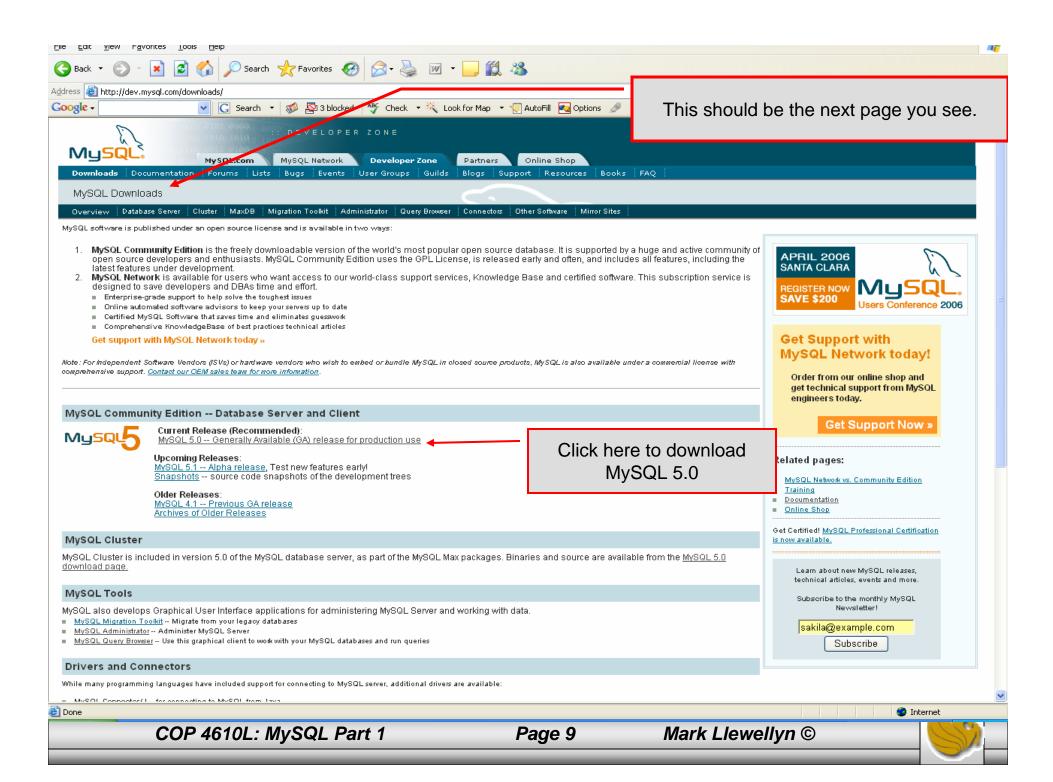
- For the time being we will focus on the JDBC API for database access and not concern ourselves with ODBC (we'll look in more detail at ODBC later).
- JDBC is almost always used with a RDBMS. However, it can be used with any table-based data source. This means that it also works with applications like Excel.
- The separation of the JDBC API from the particular database drivers enables the application developer to change the underlying database without modifying the Java code that accesses the database.
- Most commercially available RDBMSs provide JDBC drivers and there are many third-party JDBC drivers available.
- We will focus on the JDBC and use it to manipulate a MySQL database. We'll discuss JDBC in more detail later.

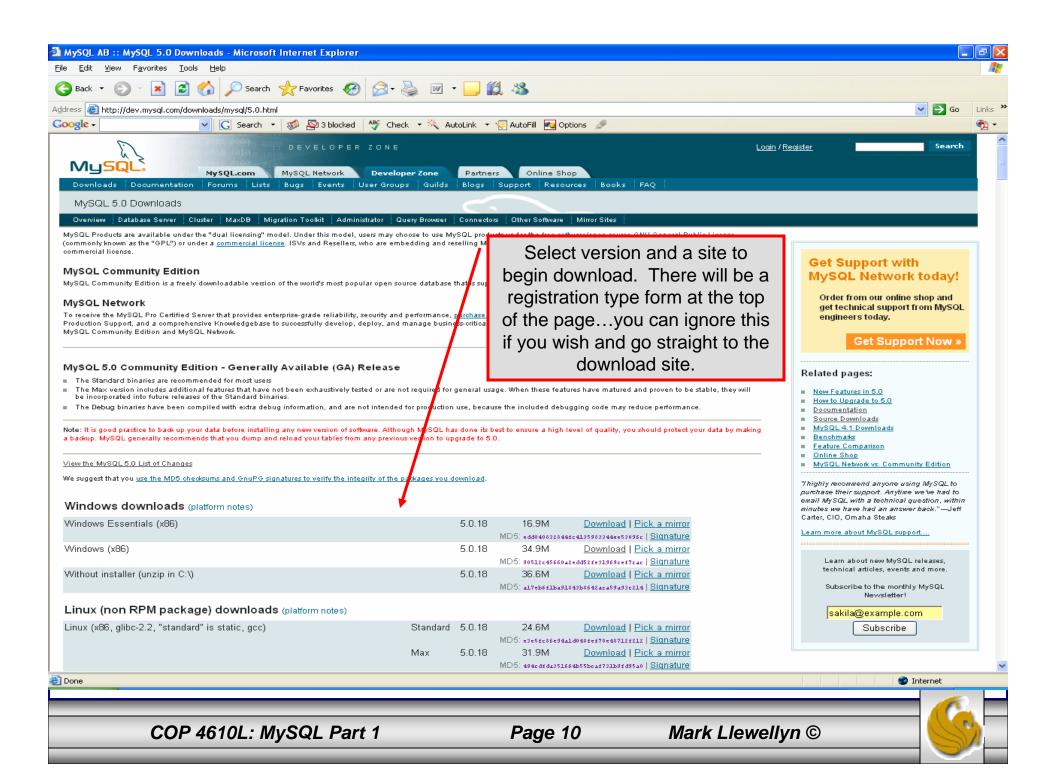
MySQL RDBMS

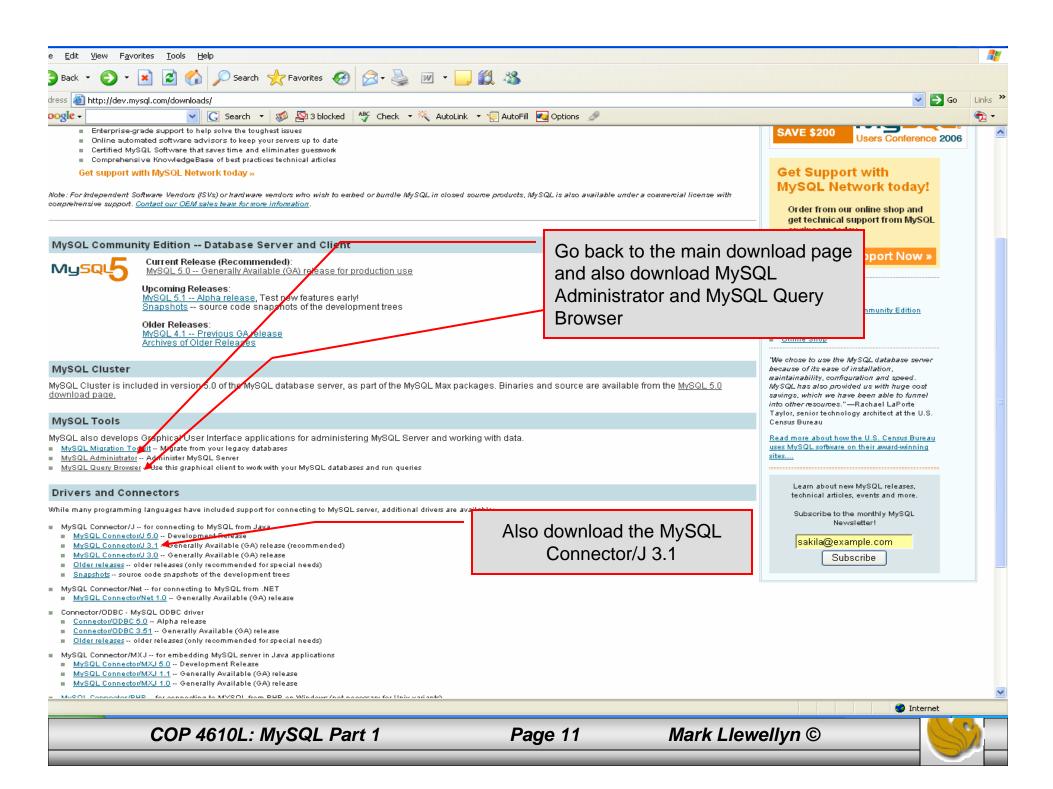
- MySQL is a database server (although it does come with a set of simple client programs). The current stable version is 5.0.18 and can be downloaded from www.mysql.com. (Any of the versions of MySQL 5.0 will be fine for our purposes.)
- It is typically used in thin client environments. In other words, it is used in client-server systems where the bulk of the processing and storage takes place on the server, and the client is little more than a dumb terminal.
- MySQL performs multithreaded processing, which means that multiple clients are allowed to connect to it and run queries simultaneously. This makes MySQL extremely fast and well suited to client-server environments such as Web sites and other environments that process numerous transactions for multiple users.











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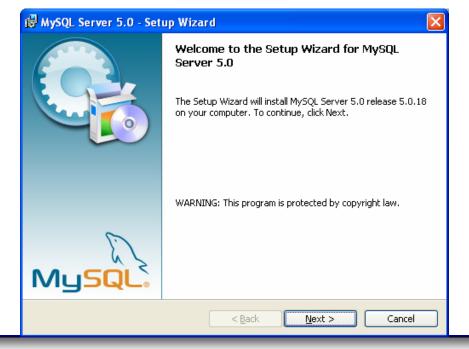
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• Once the Window installer is running you should see the following

window appear:





Your choice here. For this course, a typical set-up will be fine.









Again, your choice here. If you want to skip the sign-up that's fine.

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If everything has good well up to this point, you should see a window similar to this one. Click the Finish button, cross your fingers, and hangon while the installer configures your system and gets MySQL up and running as a service.



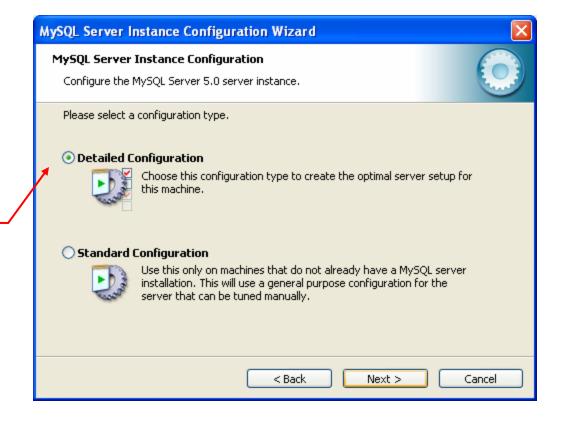


Initial server configuration window

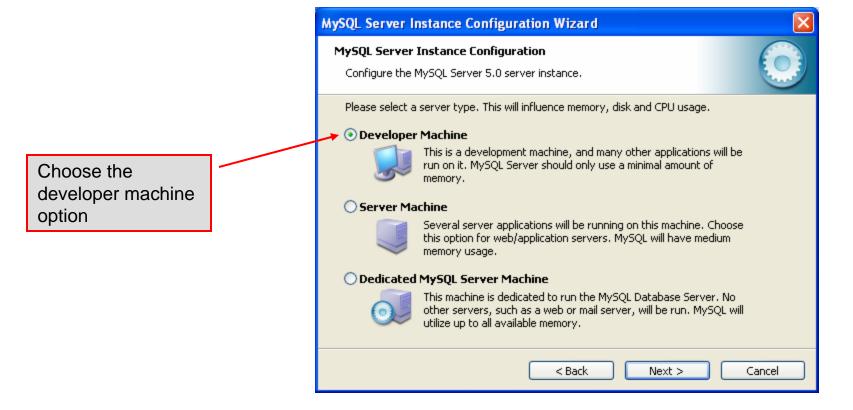
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Your choice here. If you are not sure if there is already a MySQL server on your machine, choose the detailed configuration setting.

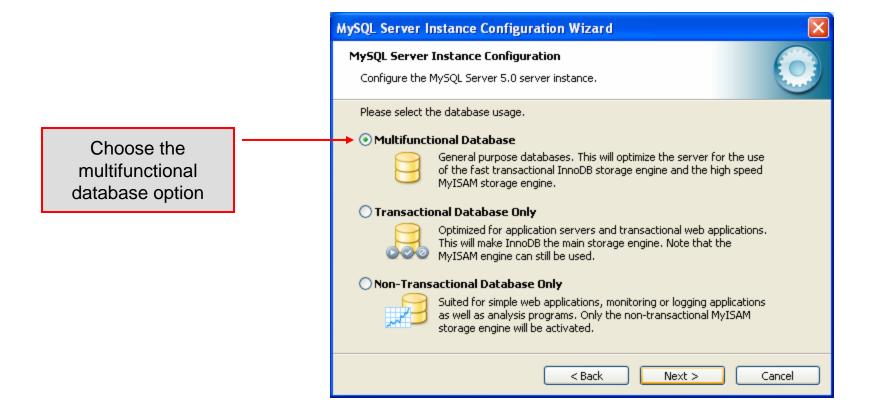
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MySQL Server Instance Configuration Wizard

MySQL Server Instance Configuration Configure the MySQL Server 5.0 server instance. Please select the drive for the InnoDB datafile, if you do not want to use the default settings. **InnoDB Tablespace Settings** Please choose the drive and directory where the InnoDB tablespace Choose the should be placed. installation path to E: Installation Path keep InnoDB tables in same Drive Info area as other Volume Name: NTFS File System: MySQL files 8.3 GB Diskspace Used 140.7 GB Free Diskspace < Back Next > Cancel



Select manual setting for this option. The default is 15, I set mine to 10, but you can use any number you would like, but pick something greater than 2 or 3.

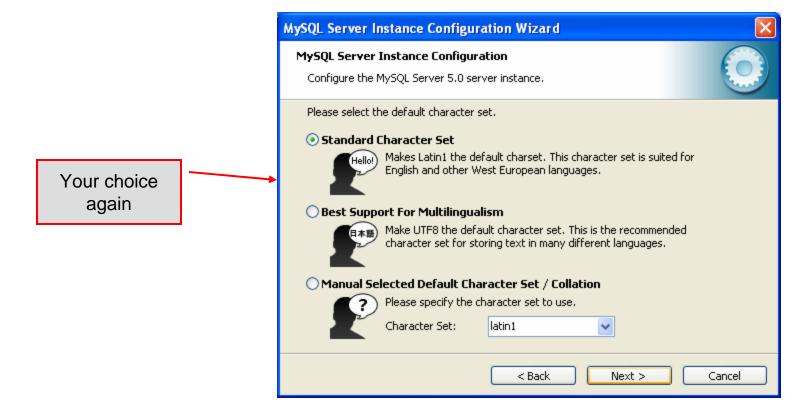




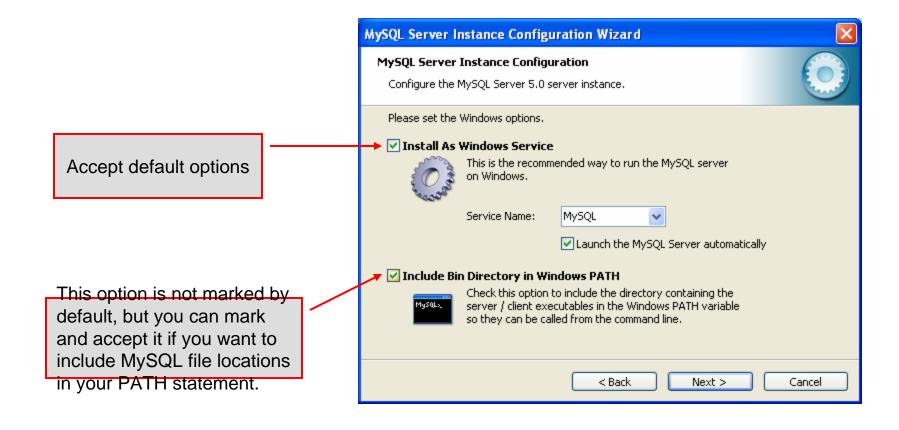


Accept all defaults in this window

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Accept default setting and enter a password for the root (superuser with all privileges by default). Enabling root access from remote machines is only necessary if you will be accessing the DB as the root user from a remote machine – we will not be doing this in this course.

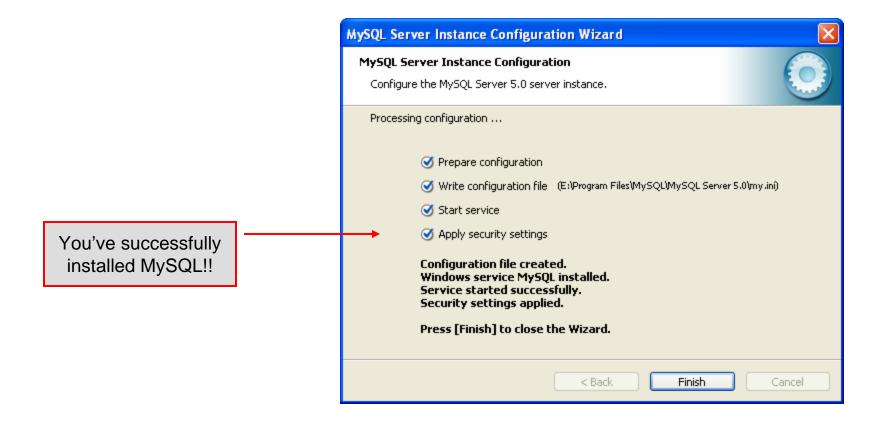
Do not enable this option





MySQL Server Instance Configuration Wizard MySQL Server Instance Configuration Configure the MySQL Server 5.0 server instance. Ready to execute ... Prepare configuration Configuration is about to Write configuration file begin. Now cross your Start service fingers, toes, and anything Apply security settings else you have, take a deep Please press [Execute] to start the configuration. breath, click the Execute button and close your eyes for a few seconds. < Back Execute Cancel





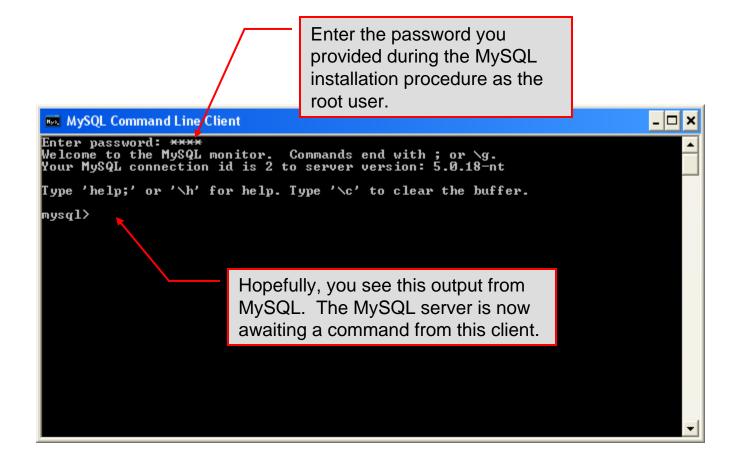


Running MySQL 5.0

- If you've successfully installed MySQL, it should now be running as a service on your machine. It will start automatically when your machine boots.
- Go into your listing of programs (from the start menu at the bottom: All Programs) and you should see MySQL appear. Since you will be running MySQL clients a lot, it will be easier if you pin the MySQL Client to the start menu.
- To verify that MySQL is running properly as a service you can either check the process window or run a MySQL client.



Running MySQL 5.0 (cont.)





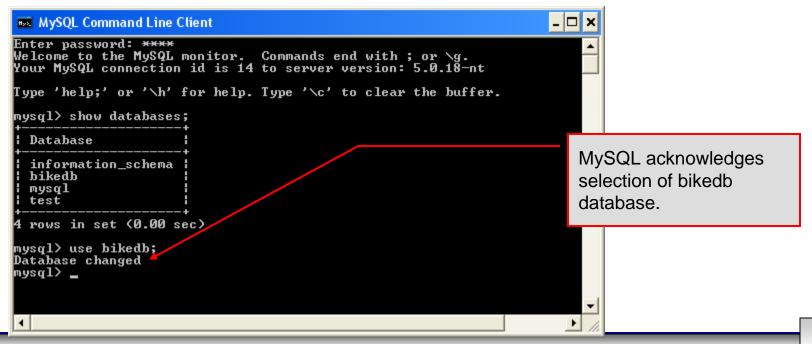
Running MySQL 5.0 (cont.)

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MySQL Command Line Client
Enter password: ****
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 3 to server version: 5.0.18-nt
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.
mysql> show databases;
                                             List all databases managed by this
  Database
                                             MySQL server which are
  information_schema
  mysq1
                                             accessible to this client.
  test
 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> exit;
                                 Terminate client
                                    connection.
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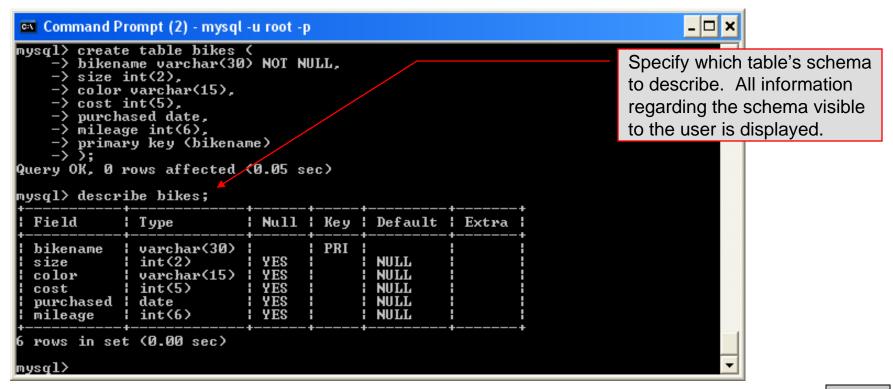
Specifying A Database Within MySQL

- Unless, it is specifically stated, in the following slides we'll assume that the user has root-level privileges.
- To select a database for use in MySQL the use command must be issued. In the example below, we'll select the bikedb database.



Viewing the Schema of a Relation

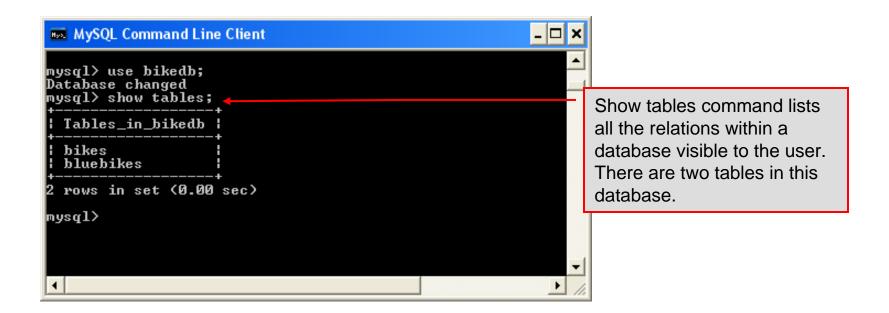
• To see the schema of a relation within a database, use the describe <tablename> command as illustrated below.





Viewing the Relations of a Database

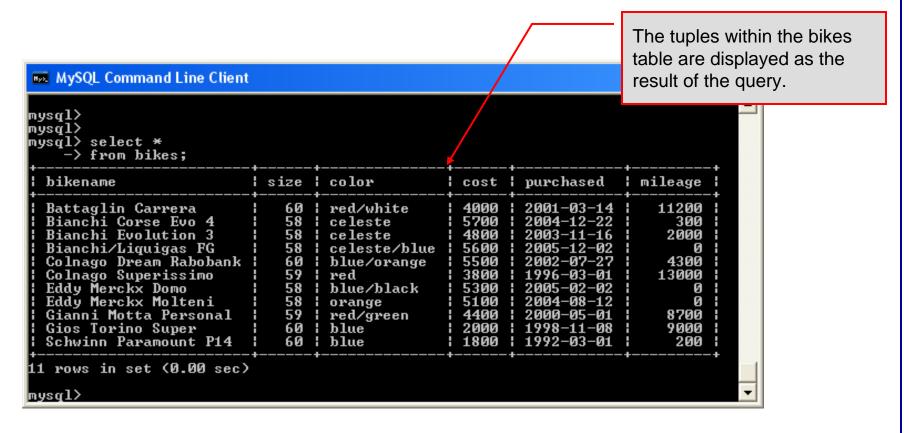
• Once a database has been selected you can see the relations (tables) within that database with the show tables command as illustrated below.





Running a Simple Select Query in MySQL

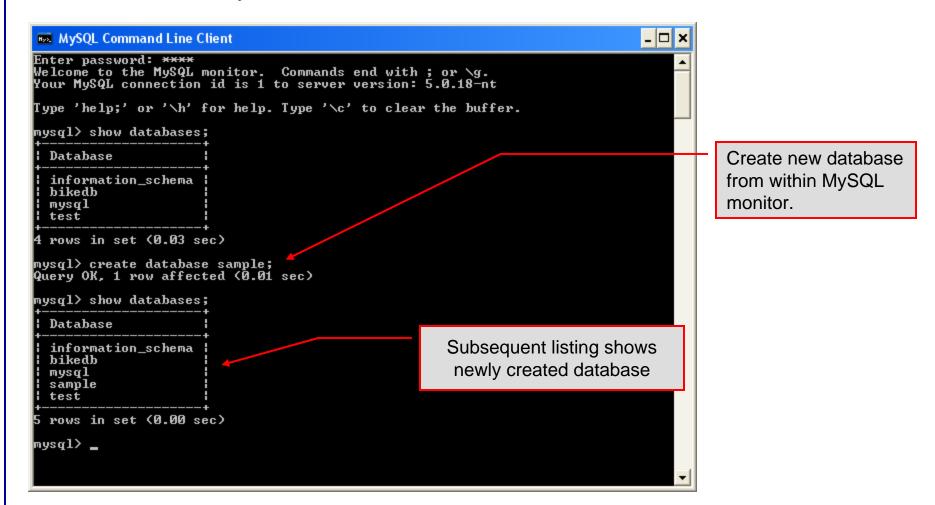
• Within the MySQL monitor, running an SQL query is straight forward. The example below illustrates a simple selection query on the bikes table of the bikedb database.





Creating a Database in MySQL

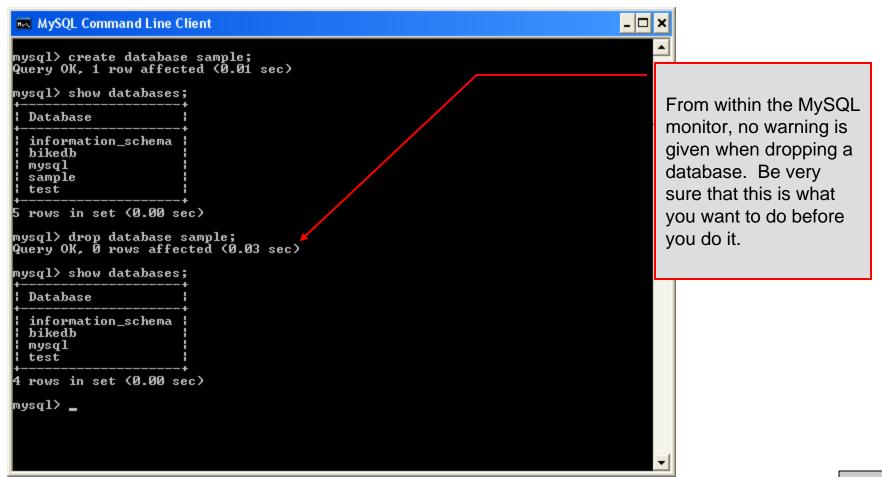
From the MySQL monitor enter create database <db name>





Dropping a Database in MySQL

• From the MySQL monitor execute the drop database *<db* name *>* command.



Manipulating Tables in MySQL

- The creation of a database does not place any relations into the database. Relations must be separately created.
- To create a table within a database, first select the database (or create one if you haven't already done so), then execute the create table command.



Manipulating Tables in MySQL (cont.)

Screen shot showing newly created table.

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MySQL Command Line Client
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Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
mysql> describe articles;
           : Type
                   | Null | Key | Default
Field
                                                  ! Extra
                            ! PRI ! NULL
 article_id
                                                  | auto_incremen
           headline
           text
                  1 NO
 data_post
           | datetime | NO
                                 | 0000-00-00 00:00:00 |
                 ; YES ; ; NULL
 text_body
           text
 who_created | int(9) | YES |
                                 HULL
 email_sent | int(1) | NO |
                                 : 0
 date_email
           HULL
 who_approved | int(9) | YES | | NULL
           | varchar(255) | YES | | NULL
 rows in set (0.01 sec)
mysql>
```



Manipulating Tables in MySQL (cont.)

• The create table command has the following general format:

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create [temporary] table
[if not exists] tablename
[(create_definition, ...)]
[table_options] [select_statement];
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• If the [if not exists] clause is present, MySQL will produce an error message if a table with the specified name already exists in the database, otherwise the table is created.



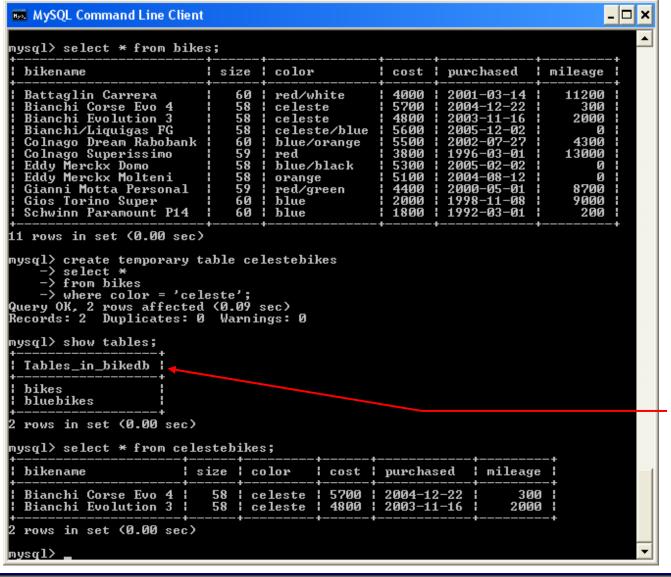
Manipulating Tables in MySQL (cont.)

- A temporary table exists only for the life of the current database connection. It is automatically destroyed when the connection is closed or dies.
- Two different connections can use the same name for a temporary table without conflicting with one another.
- Temporary tables are most useful when queries get complex and intermediate results become useful. Also, versions of MySQL earlier than version 4.1 do not have subselect capability and temporary tables are a convenient way to simulate subselect query results.

Note: Non-root users require special permission to be able to create temporary tables. These users must have the Create_tmp_tables privilege set in the user grant table. We'll see more on this later.



Creating A Temporary Table From A Select Query



A SELECT query produces a result set which has been extracted from one or more tables. A table can be created with the results of this data using the create table command.

Notice that temporary tables do not appear in a table listing.



A First Look At The MySQL Query Browser

