



MariaDB / MySQL for Web Developers

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What are databases for?

- **Primarily: Relational DBMS (RDBMS)**
- **Storing Business Information:**
 - CRM, ERP, Accounting, Shop, Booking, etc.
- **What are they NOT for (non optimal)?**
 - Logs → Files, Logstash
 - Images, PDFs, huge texts → Filer, Solr
 - Trash → Waste bin

Different types of databases

- Flat files, CSV, ISAM
- Hierarchical database
- **Relational databases (RDBMS)**
- Network databases
- Object Oriented databases (OODBMS)
 - Object Relational DBMS (ORDBMS)
- Graph databases
- Column Stores (MariaDB CS)
- "Document" Stores (JSON, MongoDB)
- Wide Column Stores (Cassandra, HBase)

Common Relational DBMS

- **MariaDB**
 - more in the Web-Client-Server field (LAMP)
- **MySQL**
 - more in the Web-Client-Server field (LAMP)
- **PostgreSQL**
 - more in the fat-Client-Server Business Software field
- **SQLite**
 - Not a real "Client-Server-DBMS" → Library
 - Embedded DBMS (Industry, Firefox, etc.)

Connection to the DBMS

- GUI (MySQL Workbench, HeidiSQL)
- CLI (`mariadb`, `mysql`)
- Watching TV vs. reading
- Connect to the database:
 - User + Password + Host (DNS or IP) + Port
 - User must be created before (`examples.sql`)

```
shell> mysql --user=app --password ↵  
          --host=192.168.1.42 --port=3306  
Enter password:
```

PHP Connector (mysqlnd)

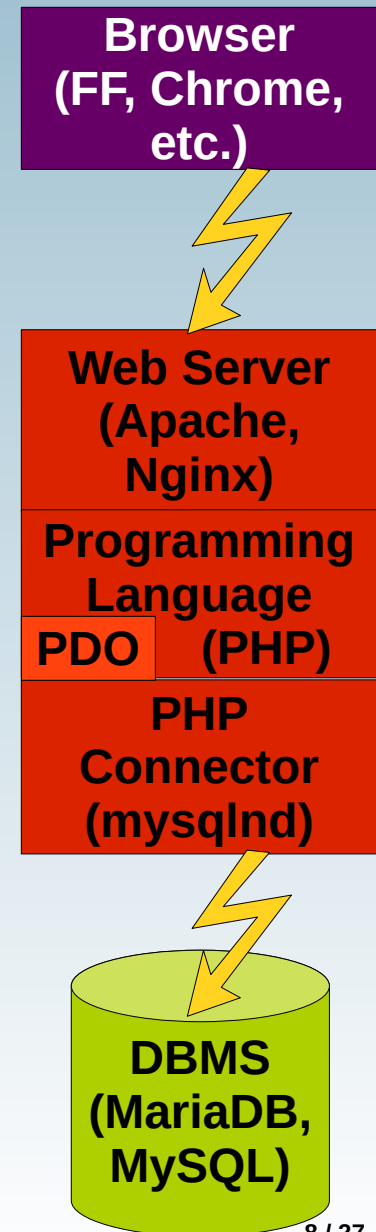
- MySQL Native Driver

```
shell> apt-get install php-mysqlnd  
shell> yum install php-mysqlnd
```

- PDO will be installed as well

- PHP Data Objects (PDO)

- Data-access abstraction layer
- For different RDBMS



Connection via PHP

```
$lHost      = '127.0.0.1';
$lPort      = 3306;
$lUser      = 'app';
$lPassword  = 'Secret!123';
$lSchema    = 'shop';

$mysqli = new mysqli($lHost, $lUser, $lPassword, $lSchema, $lPort);
// returns DB connection object or false

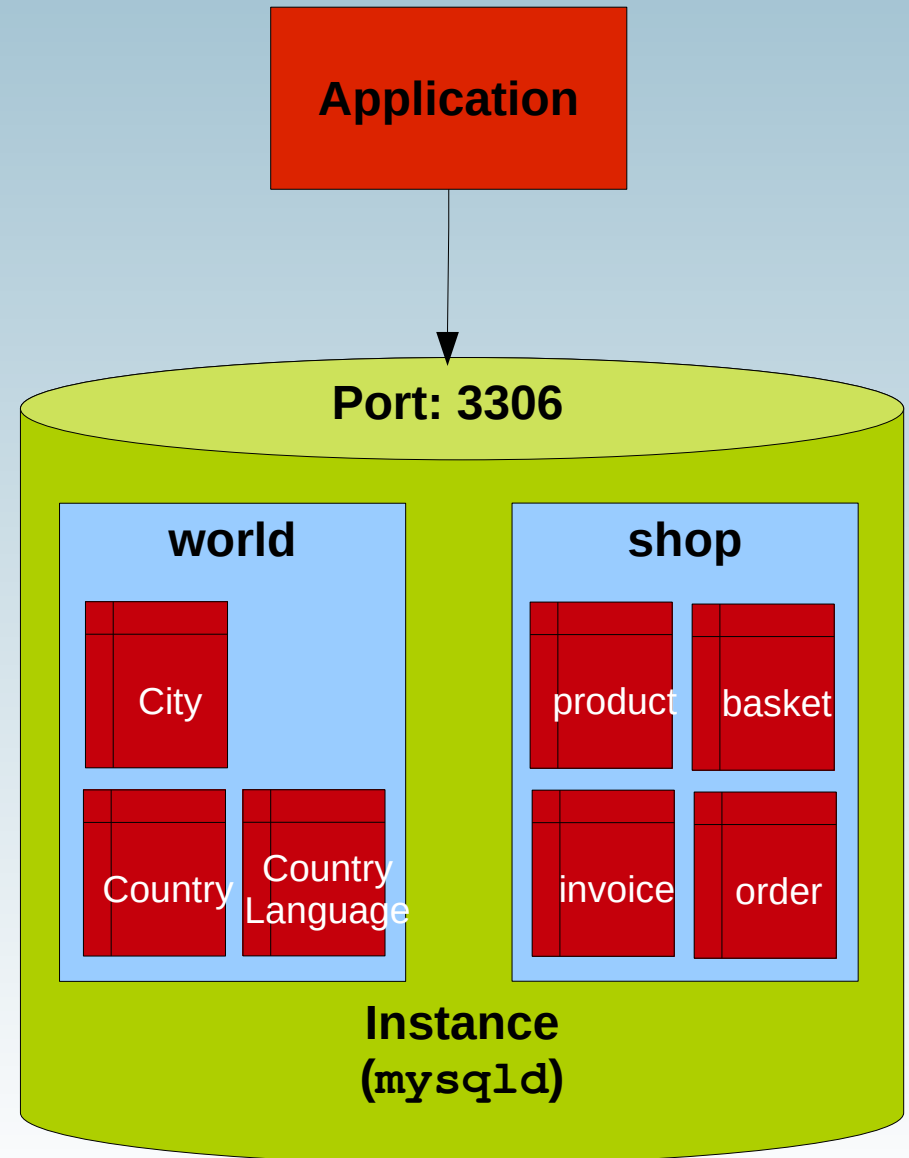
if ( $mysqli->connect_errno != 0 ) {
    error_log('Error number : ' . $mysqli->connect_errno);
    error_log('Error message: ' . $mysqli->connect_error);
    // Possibly exit here?
    exit(42);
}

// ...

$mysqli->close();
exit(0);
```

Rough structure of a RDBMS

- MariaDB / MySQL:
- `SQL> SHOW SCHEMAS;`
- `SQL> use <schema>;`
- `SQL> SHOW TABLES;`
- `SQL> DESC <table>;`



Basic database queries

- SQL - Structured Query Language
- Table similar to a spread sheet (rows and columns)

- Query data:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM <table>;
```

```
SQL> SELECT col1, col3, col4 FROM <table>;
```

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM <table>  
WHERE col2 = <value>;
```

```
SQL> ... ORDER BY col1 ASC, col2, DESC;
```

```
SQL> ... GROUP BY col1, col2;
```

Basic SELECT Query

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM product;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | name | category | price | stock |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | Apple | fruits | 3.00 | 5 |
| 2 | Salad | vegetables | 1.00 | 2 |
| 3 | Melon | fruits | 4.00 | 2 |
| 4 | Onion | vegetables | 0.75 | 10 |
| 5 | Pear | fruits | 3.25 | 6 |
| 6 | Bread | pastries | 1.25 | 4 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

- ```
SQL> SELECT name, price, stock
 FROM product;
```

|   | A  | B     | C          | D     | E     |
|---|----|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | id | name  | category   | price | stock |
| 2 | 1  | Apple | fruits     | 3.00  | 5     |
| 3 | 2  | Salad | vegetables | 1.00  | 2     |
| 4 | 3  | Melon | fruits     | 4.00  | 2     |
| 5 | 4  | Onion | vegetables | 0.75  | 10    |
| 6 | 5  | Pear  | fruits     | 3.25  | 6     |
| 7 | 6  | Bread | pastries   | 1.25  | 4     |

# Filter with WHERE

- SQL> SELECT \* FROM product  
WHERE category = 'fruits';

|   | A  | B     | C          | D     | E     |
|---|----|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | id | name  | category   | price | stock |
| 2 | 1  | Apple | fruits     | 3.00  | 5     |
| 3 | 2  | Salad | vegetables | 1.00  | 2     |
| 4 | 3  | Melon | fruits     | 4.00  | 2     |
| 5 | 4  | Onion | vegetables | 0.75  | 10    |
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| 7 | 6  | Bread | pastries   | 1.25  | 4     |

```
SQL> SELECT name, price, stock
 FROM product
 WHERE category = 'fruits';
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| name | price | stock |
+-----+-----+-----+
Apple	3.00	5
Melon	4.00	2
Pear	3.25	6
+-----+-----+-----+
```

# Sorting and Aggregating

- SQL> ... ORDER BY stock DESC, price ASC;
- SQL> ... GROUP BY col1, col2;

| name  | price | stock |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Onion | 0.75  | 10    |
| Pear  | 3.25  | 6     |
| Apple | 3.00  | 5     |
| Bread | 1.25  | 4     |
| Salad | 1.00  | 2     |
| Melon | 4.00  | 2     |

```
SQL> SELECT category
 , SUM(stock) AS count
 FROM product
 GROUP BY category;
```

| category   | count |
|------------|-------|
| fruits     | 13    |
| pastries   | 4     |
| vegetables | 12    |

# Query data in PHP

```
$sql = 'SELECT category, SUM(stock) AS count FROM product GROUP BY category';
if ($result = $mysqli->query($sql)) {
 printf("Result set has %d rows.\n", $result->num_rows);

 while ($row = $result->fetch_assoc()) {
 printf("%s: %d\n", $row['category'], $row['count']);
 }
 $result->close();
}
// $result === false
else {
 error_log(sprintf("Error number : %d\n", $mysqli->errno));
 error_log(sprintf("Error message: %s\n", $mysqli->error));
}
```

# Changing Data (DML)

- DML – Data Manipulation Language
- INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE

```
SQL> INSERT INTO product (name, category, price, stock)
 VALUES ('Salmon', 'seafood', 20.00, 1);
```

```
SQL> UPDATE product
 SET stock = stock - 1
 -- This is Salad!
 WHERE id = 2;
```

|   | A  | B     | C          | D     | E     |
|---|----|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | id | name  | category   | price | stock |
| 2 | 1  | Apple | fruits     | 3.00  | 5     |
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| 4 | 3  | Melon | fruits     | 4.00  | 2     |
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| 6 | 5  | Pear  | fruits     | 3.25  | 6     |
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```
SQL> DELETE FROM product
 WHERE category = 'pastries';
```



# Changing data in PHP

```
$dml = 'UPDATE product SET stock = stock - 1 WHERE id = 2';

if ($result = $mysqli->query($dml)) {
 printf("DML statement altered %d rows.\n", $mysqli->affected_rows);
}
// $result === false
else {
 error_log(sprintf("Error number : %d\n", $mysqli->errno));
 error_log(sprintf("Error message: %s\n", $mysqli->error));
}
```

# Transactions (trx)

- Adding several DML statement into **ONE** business operation (= Transaction)

```
SQL> START TRANSACTION;
```

```
-- We take 2 apples from stock
```

```
SQL> UPDATE product SET stock = stock - 2
 WHERE product_id = 1;
```



```
-- And add them to the basket of user oli
```

```
SQL INSERT INTO basket (owner, product_id, amount)
VALUES ('oli', 1, 2);
```

```
SQL> COMMIT; -- or ROLLBACK on failure
```

**OK**



# Transactions in PHP

```
try {
 $mysqli->begin_transaction();
 ...
 $mysqli->query($dml1);
 $mysqli->query($dml2);
 ...
 $mysqli->commit();
}
catch (mysqli_sql_exception $exception) {
 $mysqli->rollback();
}
```

# PHP - Errors

- On Connect

```
$mysqli = new mysqli($lHost, $lUser, $lPassword, $lSchema, $lPort);
// returns DB connection object or false

if ($mysqli->connect_errno != 0) {
 error_log('Error number : ' . $mysqli->connect_errno);
 error_log('Error message: ' . $mysqli->connect_error);
 // Possibly exit here?
 exit(42);
}
```

- On Query

```
if (($result = $mysqli->query($sql)) === false) {
 error_log(sprintf("Error number : %d\n", $mysqli->errno));
 error_log(sprintf("Error message: %s\n", $mysqli->error));
 exit(42);
}
```

# DB side Debugging

- **MariaDB / MySQL Error Log**
  - NO application errors but database errors!!!
  - my.cnf:  
`log_error = /var/log/mysql/error.log`
- **MariaDB: SQL Error Log Plugin**
  - → Application Errors
- **MariaDB / MySQL General Log**
  - my.cnf:  
`general_log_file = /var/log/mysql/general.log`
  - `SQL> SET GLOBAL general_log = {ON | OFF}`

# PHP logging

- **php.ini:**

- Requires Apache reload!

```
php> ini_get('error_log');
php> ini_set('error_log', ...)
```

| Directives      | Default | Prod   |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| display_errors  | 1       | 0      |
| error_log       | 0       | <path> |
| error_reporting | null    | E_ALL  |
| log_errors      | 0       | 1      |

- **Default error log:**

- /var/log/apache2/error.log

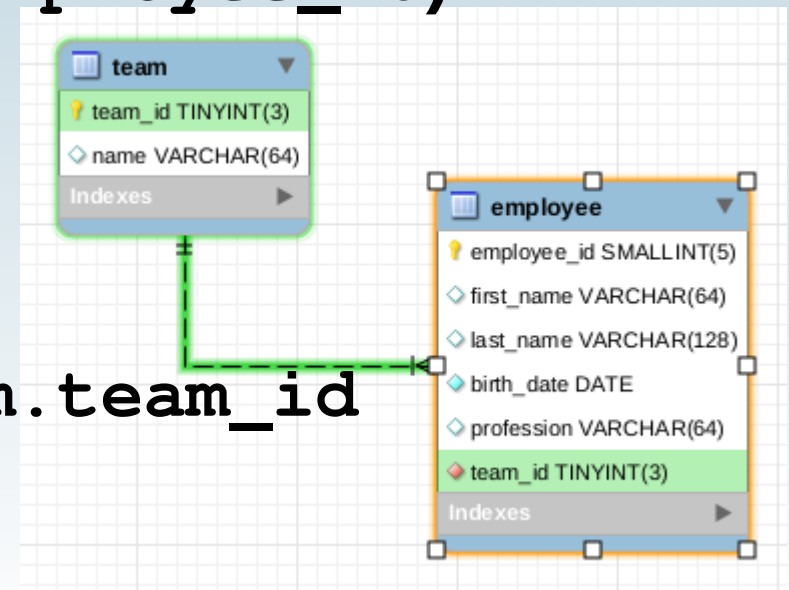
```
php> error_log('Your error message here.');
```

```
php> syslog(LOG_WARNING, 'Your syslog message here.');
```

Literature: <https://www.loggly.com/ultimate-guide/php-logging-basics/>

# Joining Tables

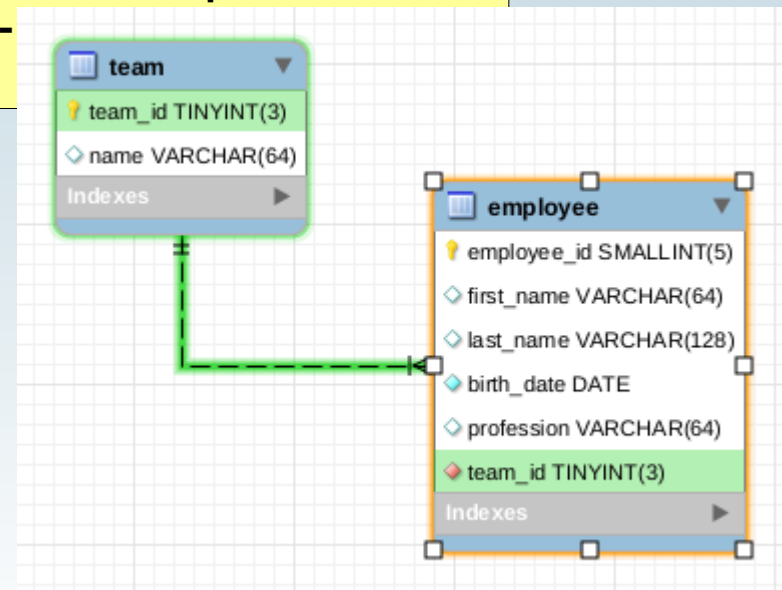
- Tables have (parent-child) relations:
  - 1 Team (parent) has many (n) Employees (children)
  - 1 employee belongs to 1 team
- Every row has a unique row identifier
  - → Primary Key (`team_id`, `employee_id`)
- In a relation we have to indicate which child belongs to which parent
  - `employee.team_id` → `team.team_id`



# SQL JOIN Query

```
SELECT team.*, employee.first_name, employee.last_name
FROM team
JOIN employee ON employee.team_id = team.team_id
WHERE employee.first_name = 'oli';
```

| team_id | name       | first_name | last_name  |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1       | Consulting | Oli        | Sennhauser |
| 5       | Sales      | Oli        | Meier      |





# Indexing

- What is an index for?

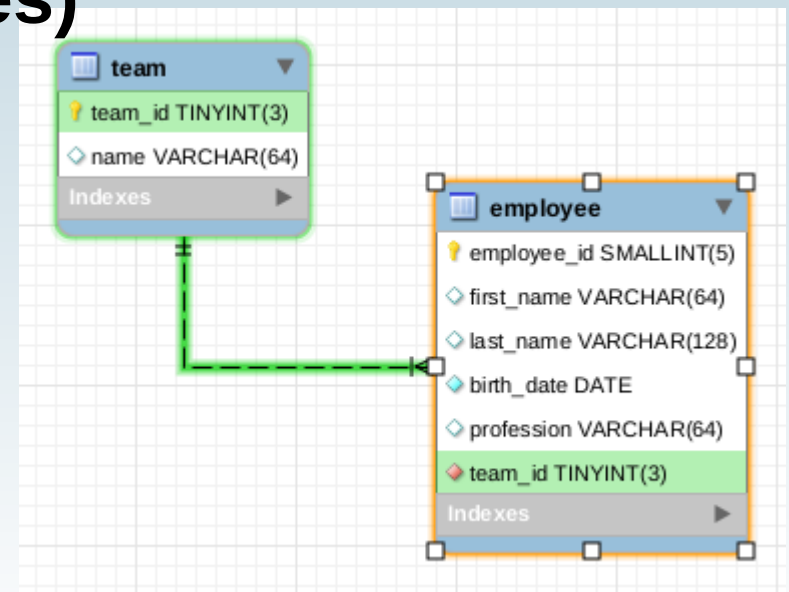


- Where to put an index?

- Unique row identifier (Primary Key: `team_id`, `employee_id`)
- Columns you JOIN on (Foreign Key: `employee.team_id`)
- Columns you filter on (`WHERE last_name = 'Meier'`)
- Indices on several columns are possible:
  - `ALTER TABLE employee ADD INDEX (last_name, first_name);`

# Create your own Schema

- Entity Relationship (ER) diagram
- Entity → Thing (team, employee)
- Relationship → Relations between things
- Normalization → fragmentation "world" to model into entities (no more redundancies)
  - Each column of table must be atomic (name → first + last)
  - Synthetic Primary Keys
  - Do not mix 2 different things in one table
  - Avoid redundancies



# Q & A



Questions ?

Discussion?

**We have time for some face-to-face talks...**

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