Setting Up the world Database

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2 Installation

To enable MySQL users to perform manipulation of the world sample database using MySQL, the data set is available as a set of three tables:

- country: Information about countries of the world.
- city: Information about some of the cities in those countries.
- countrylanguage: Languages spoken in each country.

The world.sql file containing the world database is available for download at https://dev.mysql.com/ doc/index-other.html. The file is provided as a compressed tar file or Zip archive.

To install the world sample database, follow these steps:

- Download the installation archive to a temporary location such as C:\temp\ or /tmp/ and unpack it. Unpacking the archive results in a directory named world-db containing a single file named world.sql.
- 2. Connect to the MySQL server using the mysql command-line client with the following command:

\$> mysql -u root -p

Enter your password when prompted. A non-root account can be used, provided that the account has privileges to create new databases.

3. Execute the world.sql script to create the database structure and insert the data using the following command:

mysql> SOURCE C:/temp/world.sql;

Replace the path to the world.sql file with the actual path on your system.

Note

On Windows, use slashes rather than backslashes when executing the SOURCE command.

4. To confirm that the sample world database is installed correctly, execute the following statements. You should see output similar to that shown here.

```
mysql> USE world;
Database changed
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+-----+
| Tables_in_world |
+-----+
| city |
| country |
| countrylanguage |
+----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM city;
+-----+
| COUNT(*) |
```

```
+-----+
| 4079 |
+----+
1 row in set (0.02 sec)
mysql> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM country;
+-----+
| COUNT(*) |
+-----+
| 239 |
+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

You now have the world sample database installed.

Another popular sample database is the Sakila database. For additional details, see http://dev.mysql.com/ doc/sakila/en/.

3 History

September 2016

Prior releases used mixed-case table names. Because MySQL Shell is case-sensitive, table names are changed to lowercase.

December 2019

The world.sql file was changed to address several issues:

• The world database used latin1, but MySQL as of 8.0 uses a default character set of utf8mb4. Converting the database to use utf8mb4 brings it up to date with MySQL 8.0, while retaining compatibility with older series.

Conversion of the database to utf8mb4 was done as follows:

```
USE world;
-- turn off foreign key checking; otherwise, the ALTER TABLE
-- statements fail with incompatible foreign key errors.
SET SESSION foreign_key_checks=0;
-- convert database and tables to utf8mb4
ALTER DATABASE world CHARACTER SET utf8mb4;
ALTER TABLE city CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8mb4;
ALTER TABLE country CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8mb4;
ALTER TABLE countrylanguage CONVERT TO CHARACTER SET utf8mb4;
-- re-enable foreign key checking
SET SESSION foreign_key_checks=0;
```

• MySQL Shell requires a character set of utf8mb4 for X Protocol connections. Using such a connection to load a latin1-encoded world.sql file produces errors.

Using mysqldump with options of --default-character-set=utf8mb4 to set the character set and --set-charset so the dump includes SET NAMES for that character set writes a utf8mb4-encoded dump file. Changing the encoding of world.sql to utf8mb4 permits it to be loaded without errors in MySQL Shell using X Protocol connections.

- MySQL 8.0.17 deprecates these features:
 - Number of digits in floating-point column definitions; for example, FLOAT(10,2).

• Display width in integer column definitions; for example, INT(10).

The world.sql file used both features, causing load warnings in MySQL 8.0.17 and higher.

To avoid number of digits in FLOAT columns, it is necessary to manually alter the relevant columns. That was done as follows, by altering FLOAT(M, D) to DECIMAL(M, D):

```
USE world;
ALTER TABLE country
MODIFY SurfaceArea DECIMAL(10,2) NOT NULL DEFAULT '0.00',
MODIFY LifeExpectancy DECIMAL(3,1) DEFAULT NULL,
MODIFY GNP DECIMAL(10,2) DEFAULT NULL,
MODIFY GNPOld DECIMAL(10,2) DEFAULT NULL;
ALTER TABLE countrylanguage
MODIFY Percentage DECIMAL(4,1) NOT NULL DEFAULT '0.0';
```

To produce integer column definitions without display widths in the dump file, it suffices to use mysqldump from MySQL 8.0.19 or higher.