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Database Creation Guide

STEP ONE: CREATING AND USING THE DATABASE

1. First, run the MySQL program and then input the following command:

   CREATE DATABASE space_missions;

   - You can verify that the database has been created with the following command:

   show databases;

2. Next, use the database with the following command:

   use space_missions;

We have now created an empty database and we are using it.

STEP TWO: CREATING TABLES

Now that we have created our database we have to add the tables with the following commands:

   CREATE TABLE spaceships(sid INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, spaceship_name VARCHAR(255), capacity INT, type VARCHAR(255));

   CREATE TABLE destinations(did INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, destination_name VARCHAR(255), size ENUM('S', 'M', 'L'), type VARCHAR(255));

   CREATE TABLE missions(sid INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, did INT NOT NULL, description TEXT, duration TEXT);

These commands will create three tables: spaceships, destinations, and missions. These tables will have columns with the data types that are defined in the commands. For example, spaceships will have the columns sid, spaceship_name, capacity, and type.
STEP THREE: ADDING FOREIGN KEYS

Because sid and did in the missions table are foreign keys, we must identify them as such:

ALTER TABLE missions ADD FOREIGN KEY (sid) REFERENCES spaceships(sid);

ALTER TABLE missions ADD FOREIGN KEY (did) REFERENCES destinations(did);

This identifies the columns as foreign keys and also shows the column that they reference.

STEP FOUR: INSERTING DATA

Now that the database has been set up, the data can be inserted

INSERT INTO spaceships (spaceship_name, capacity, type) VALUES ('Explorer', 5, 'Scientific');

INSERT INTO destinations (did, destination_name, size, type) VALUES (100, 'Jupiter', 'L', 'Planet');

INSERT INTO missions (sid, did, description, duration) VALUES (1, 100, 'Research mission', '3 Years');

This inserts a row into spaceships, a row into destinations, and a row into missions. In missions we have sent our one spaceship: ‘Explorer’ to our one destination: ‘Jupiter’.

STEP FIVE: TEST

The following command is a sample query that can be used to verify that the database is set up correctly:

SELECT s.spaceship_name, d.destination_name, m.description FROM spaceships s, destinations d, missions m WHERE s.sid = m.sid AND d.did = m.did;

This will output the spaceship name, the destination name, and the description of the message for all missions.