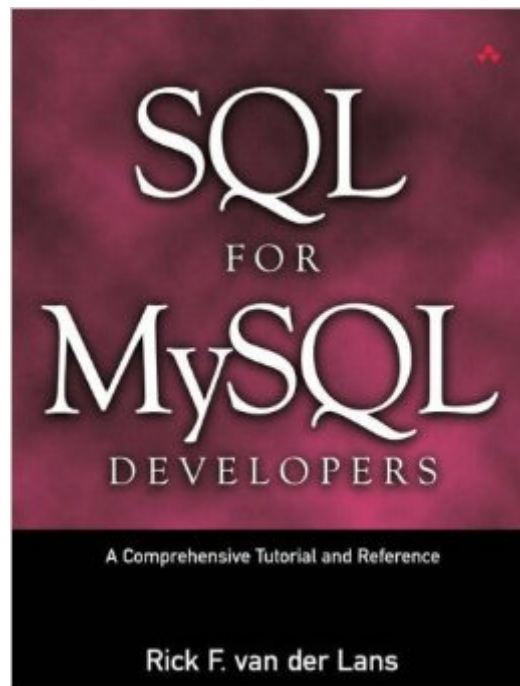


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# SQL For MySQL Developers: A Comprehensive Tutorial And Reference



## Synopsis

The Most Complete and Practical Guide to MySQL Version 5's Powerful SQL Dialect – MySQL version 5 offers a SQL dialect with immense power. In *SQL for MySQL Developers*, Rick F. van der Lans helps you master this version of SQL and take advantage of its full potential. Using case study examples and hands-on exercises, van der Lans illuminates every key concept, technique, and statement – including advanced features that make it easier to create even the most complex statements and programs. Drawing on decades of experience as an SQL standards team member and enterprise consultant, he reveals exactly why MySQL's dialect works as it does – and how to get the most out of it. You'll gain powerful insight into everything from basic queries to stored procedures, transactions to data security. Whether you're a programmer, Web developer, analyst, DBA, or database user, this book can take you from apprentice to true SQL expert. If you've used SQL in older versions of MySQL, you'll become dramatically more effective – and if you're migrating from other database platforms, you'll gain practical mastery fast. Coverage includes

- Writing queries, including joins, functions, and subqueries
- Updating data
- Creating tables, views, and other database objects
- Specifying keys and other integrity constraints
- Improving efficiency with indexes
- Enforcing security via passwords and privileges
- Embedding SQL statements within PHP programs
- Building stored procedures and triggers
- Using transactions, locking, rollback, and isolation levels
- Utilizing MySQL's catalog

All of the book's sample programs are available for download from [www.r20.nl](http://www.r20.nl).

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Over the last 5 years, I would say I've at least read every book available on MySQL and bought my

fair share. This book is by far the best one available on some of the advanced features of MySQL. It's better than even the Bible and Cookbook series on things like stored procedures, even though it spends too much time on the basics. I loved the large text, but wish there had been more meat on stored procedures, triggers and events (which is why I picked it up to begin with). There are insider knowledge gems sprinkled throughout that will definitely add spice to your SQL, so it's worth a look. I don't know why even in 2007 authors insist on repeating the MySQL documentation,--it's a MASSIVE amount of wasted space, since anyone using this stuff will be familiar with the online documentation and helpful user commentary. There were a few typos, but that's pretty par for the course. The section on PHP, though, was pretty useless and not particularly good code-wise (in my humble opinion). One day someone will put out a really advanced cookbook, that doesn't waste space explaining super simple things like "select \* from table," but until then it's a great resource. If you can get it at a discount, like on a Borders reward coupon (which they give out like candy) grab it. Clearly, the Europeans still have something to teach us about MySQL! :o))

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