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Shooting from the hip - MySQL at the command line

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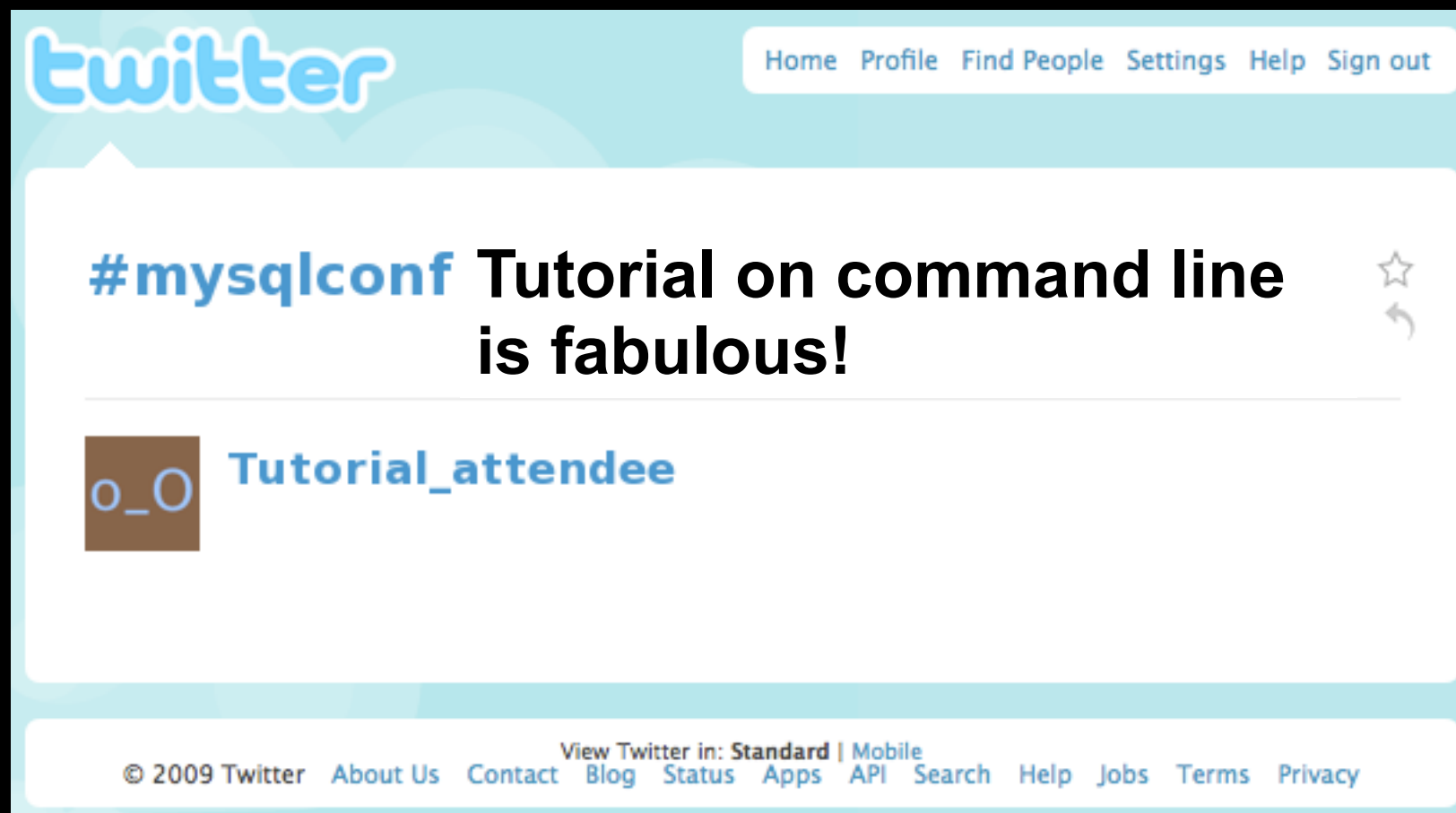
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- Tell it to the Twitter community
 - #mysqlconf "your feedback here"
- Twitter me
 - @datacharmer "your feedback here"
- Blog about it (if you already have a blog)
- Find my boss in the corridors and tell him I was great!

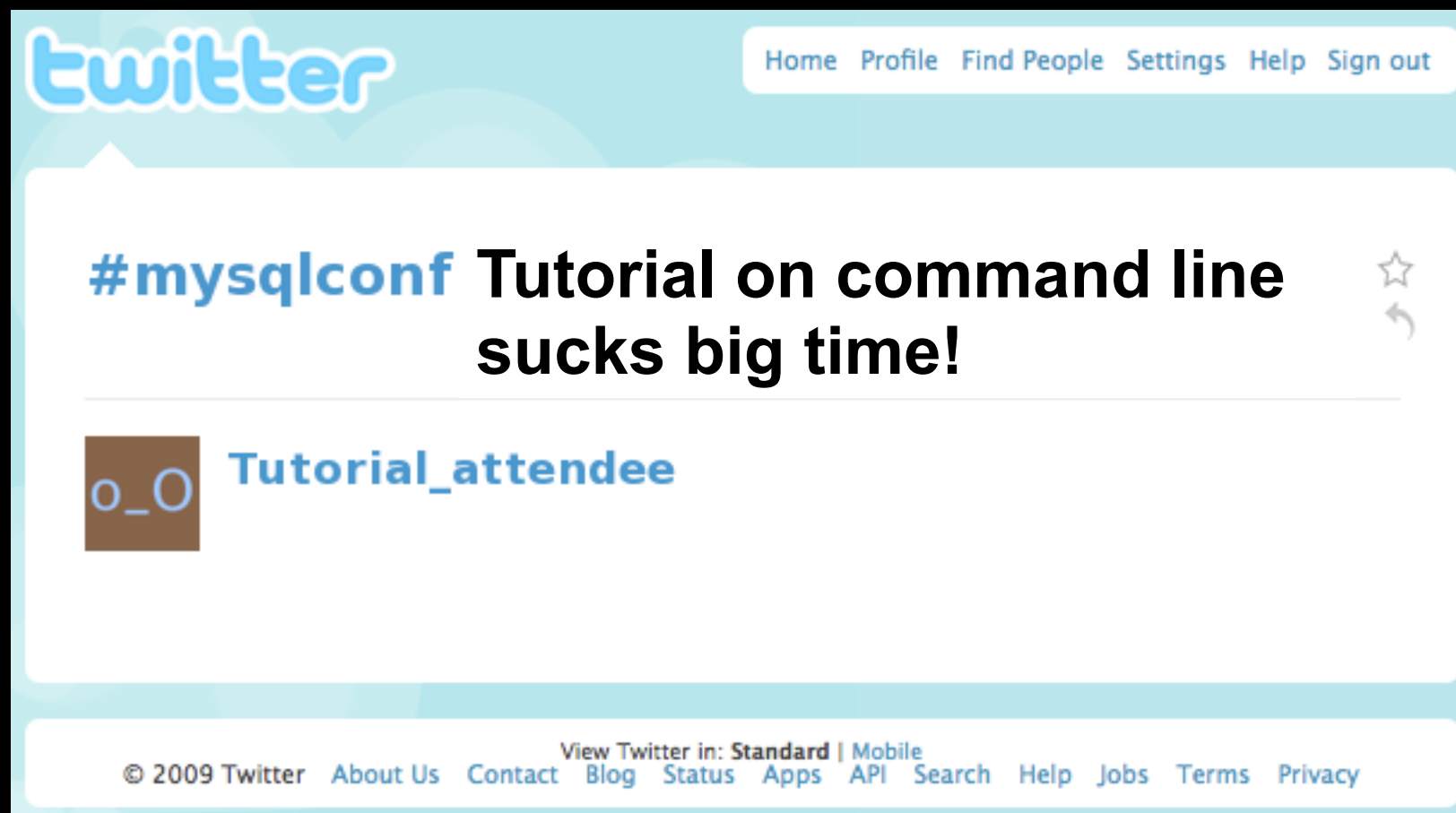
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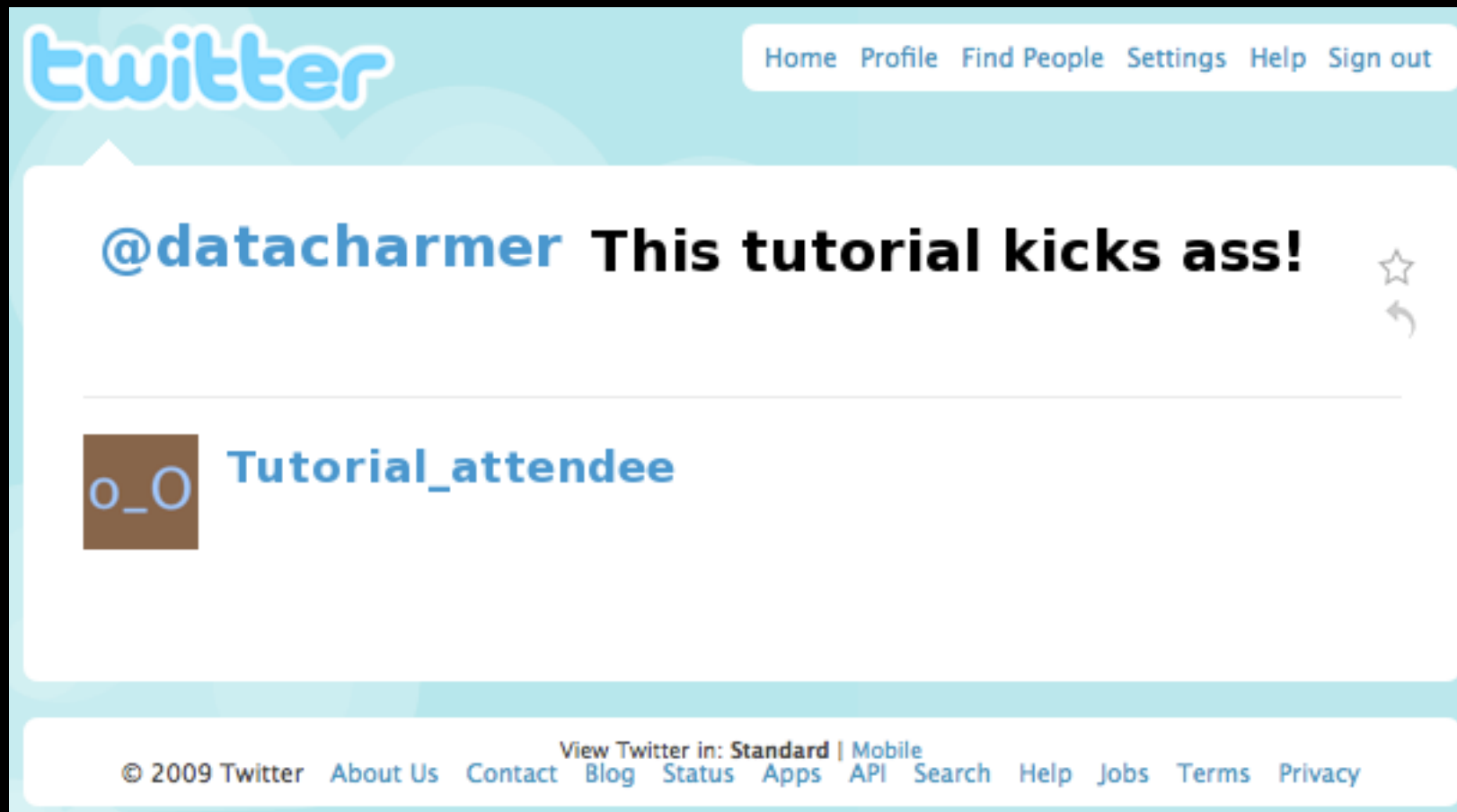
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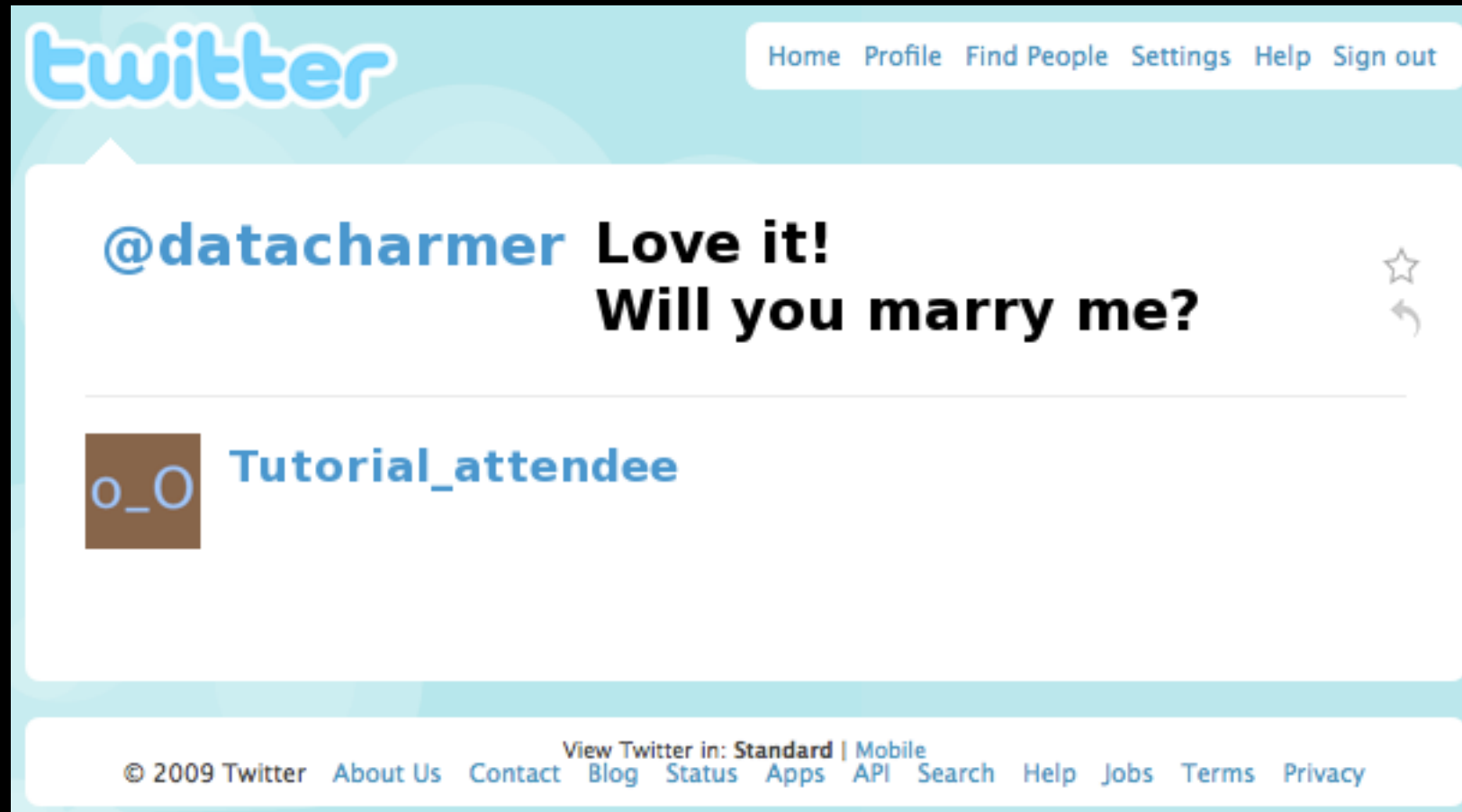
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twitter

Home Profile Find People Settings Help Sign out

@datacharmer Love it!
Will you marry me?

o_o Tutorial_attendee

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Feedback examples

- Find my line manager:
Kaj Arnö
- Tell him how good you
feel about this tutorial



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TYPES OF PEOPLE ...**

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Those who understand binary
numbers, and those who don't.

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numbers, and those who don't.

But that's another story.

What this tutorial is about

- Making GUI enthusiasts green with envy;
- Providing tools and tips for command line users;
- Learn a few tricks to make you achieve more and type less.



the command line

WHY

Why the command line

- portability
- efficiency
- fun



the command line

NO
PANIC

Command line panic



Command line panic

\$

—

NOW WHAT?

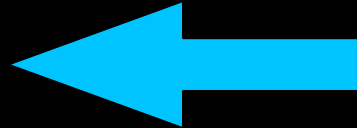


the command line

BASICS

The shell

- It's a command interpreter
- There are many flavors
 - > bash
 - > zsh
 - > ksh
 - >



MySQL command line client

- called "mysql"
 - > Takes SQL commands
 - > sends them to the server
 - > gets results

- but it can do much more ...

other tools

- Shell scripts
- Aliases
- Perl
- awk
- sort
- and a lot of Unix little helper



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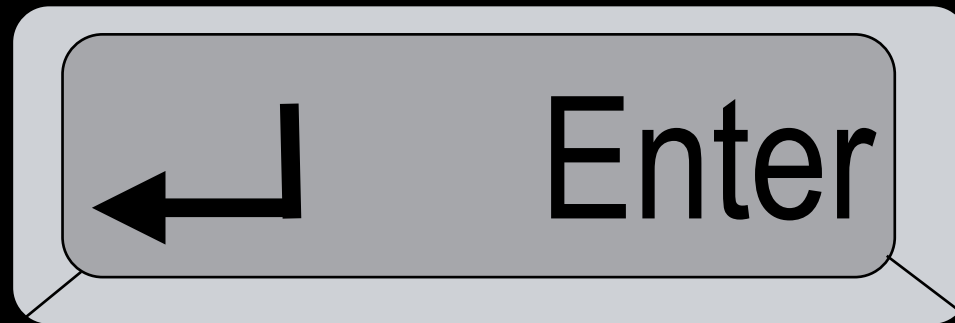
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The Unix philosophy (1)

- One tool for every feature
 - > make one tool that does one thing well
 - > for many features, make many tools
 - > make them work together (see next slide)

The Unix philosophy (2)

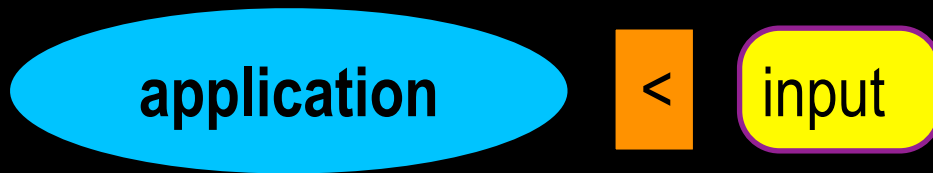
- To make several tool cooperate:
 - > pipe the output of one tool to the input of another one.
 - > for more actions, pipe more tools

```
$ sort < filename | uniq | nl
```

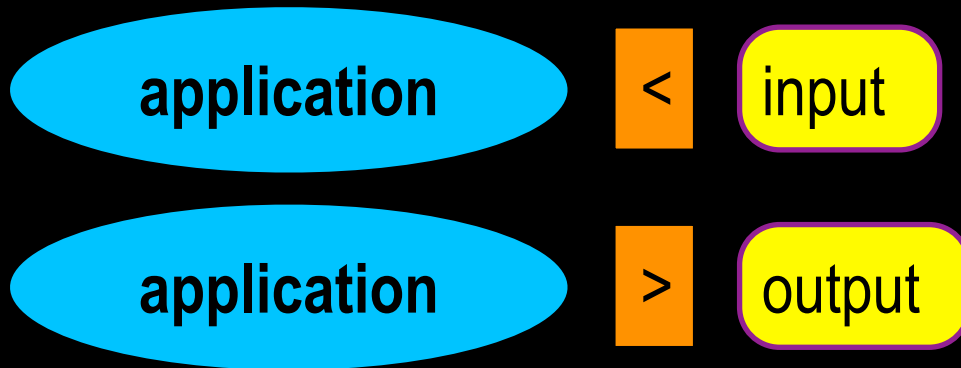


Unix pipes

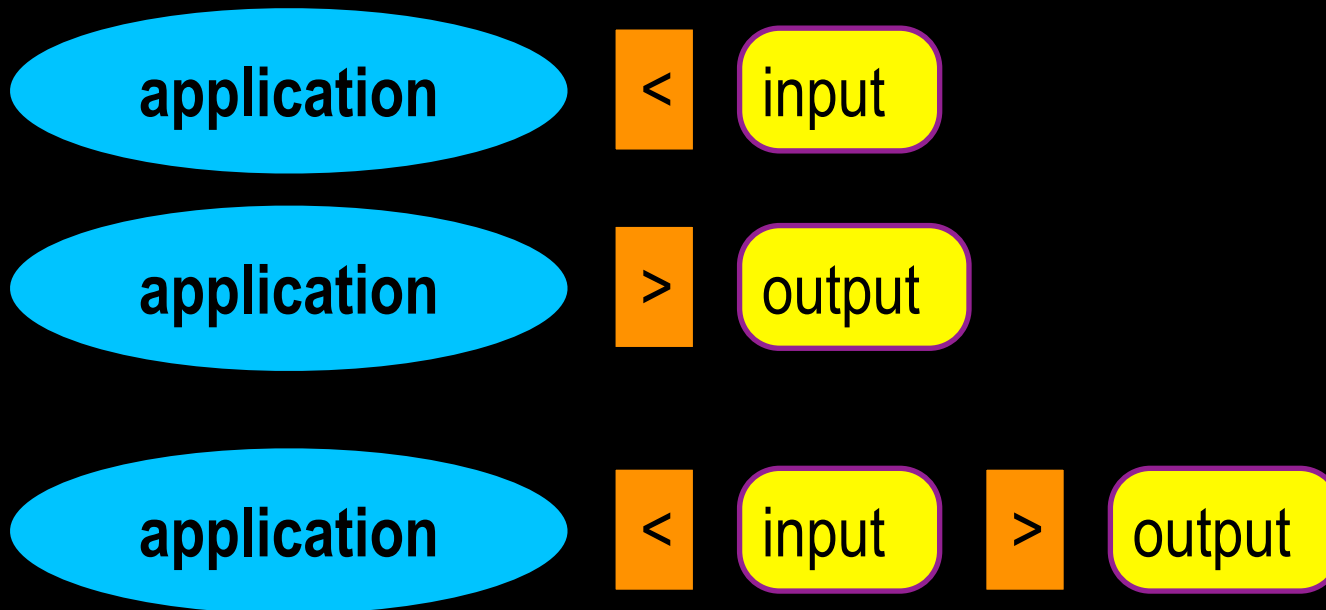
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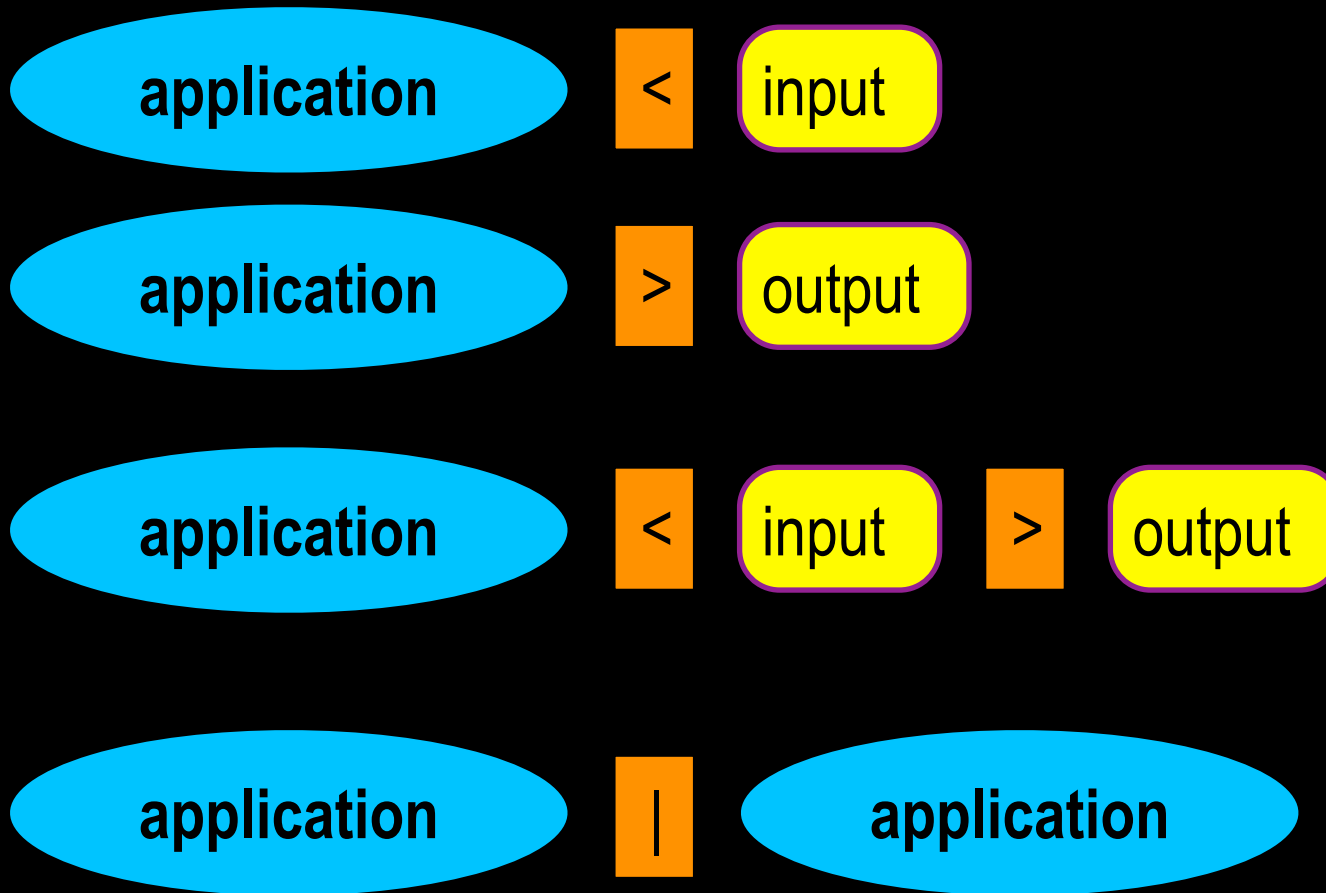
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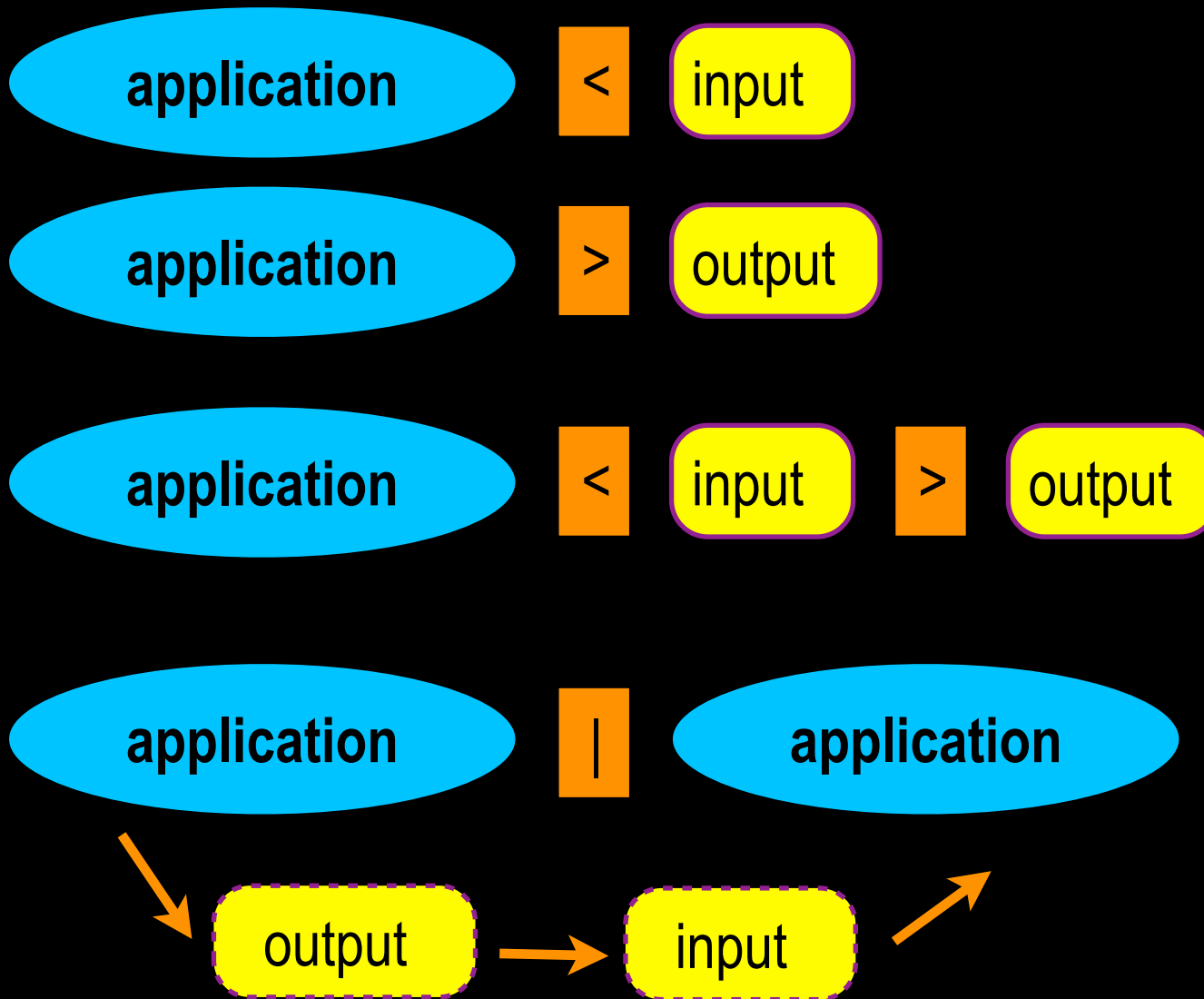
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Unix pipes = parallel processing

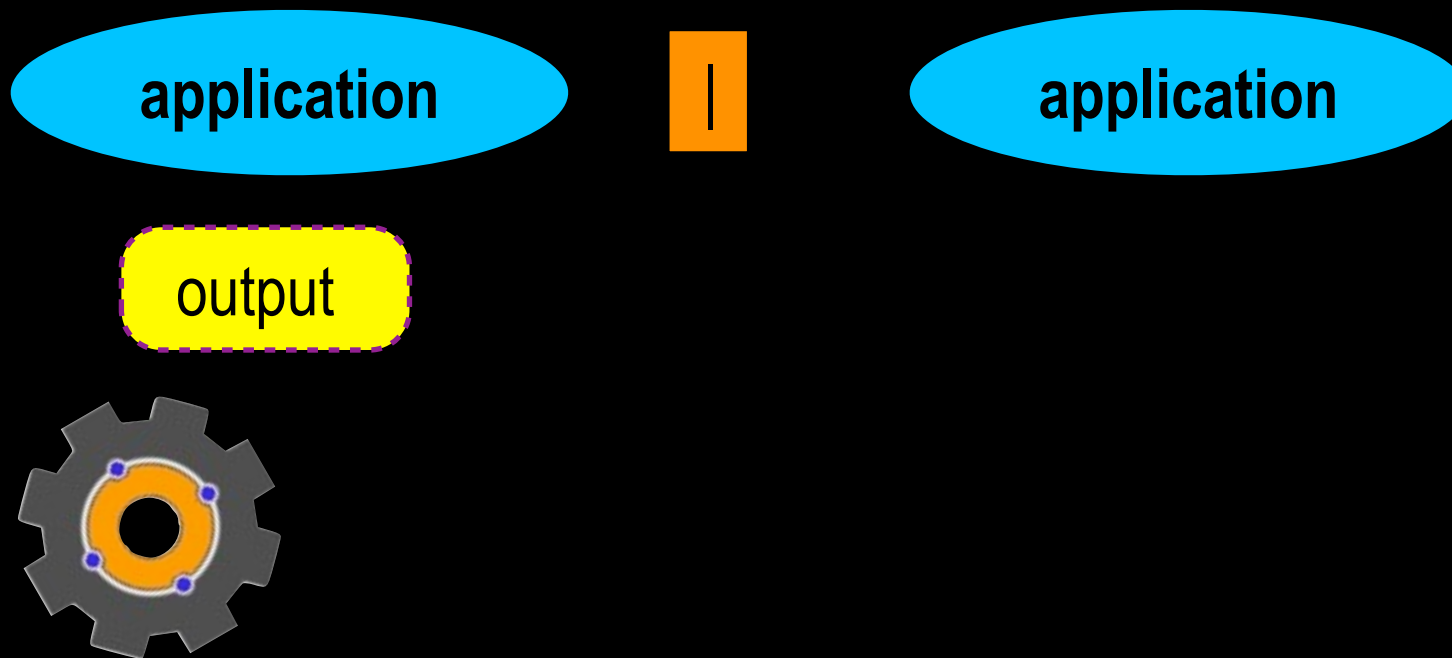
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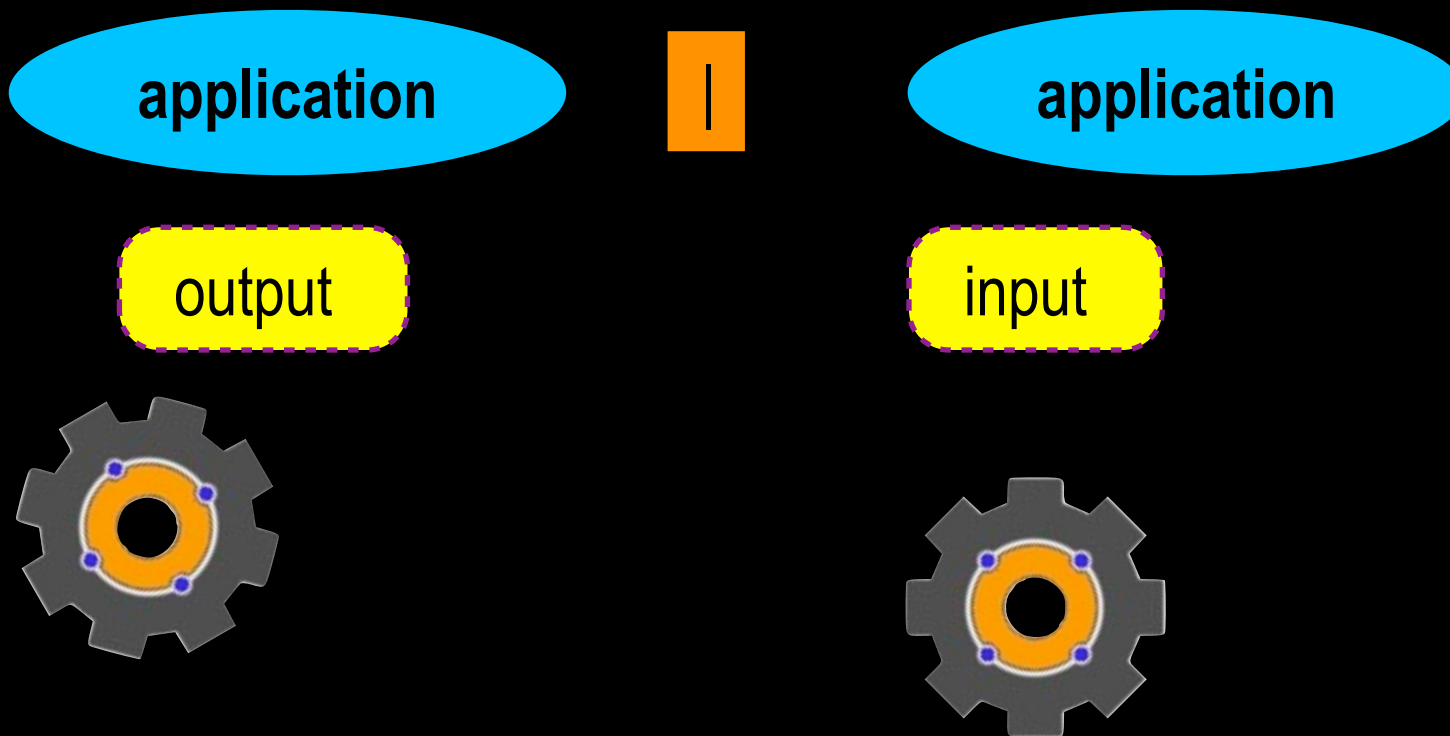
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Who gets what

- shell
- application
- database server
- pager

who gets what

shell prompt
`$ mysql`

mysql client

mysql server

who gets what

any host

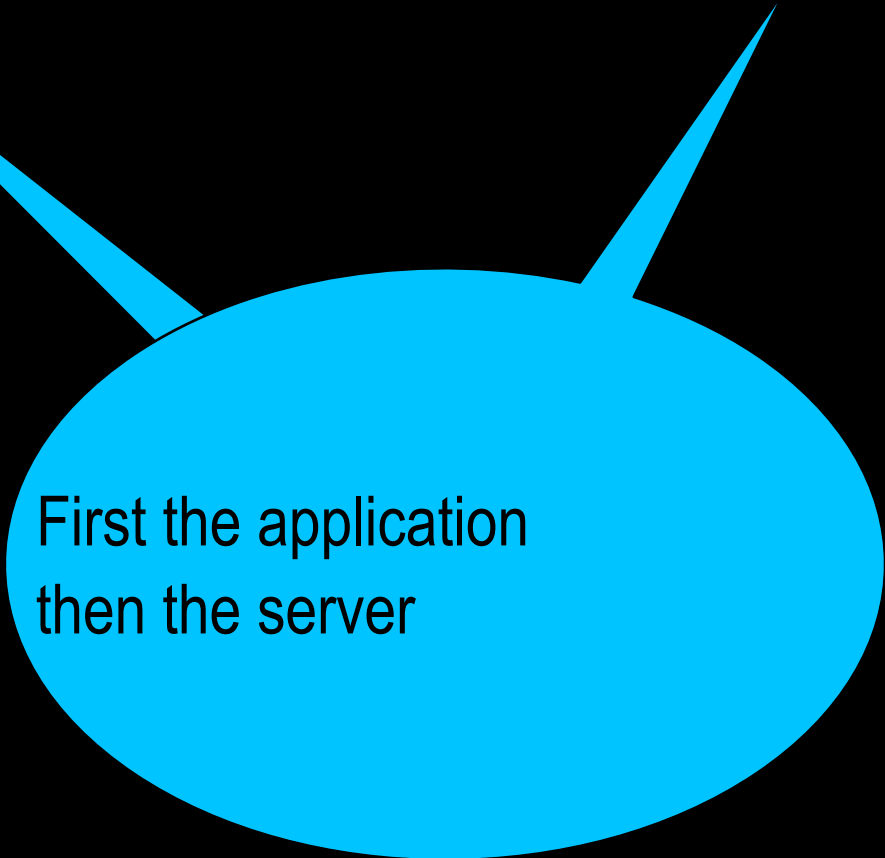
mysql server

shell

mysql client

who gets what

```
$ mysql -u username -ppassword
```



First the application
then the server

who gets what

```
$ mysql -u username -ppassword \  
-e "select VERSION()"
```

goes to the server

goes to the client, then the server

who gets what

```
mysql> help  
mysql> pager less  
mysql> select 1;
```



goes to the client only



goes to the server



the command line

readline

readline

- Common component
 - > shell
 - > mysql client
 - > many CLI applications

Main cursor movements

Ctrl A Ctrl E	Start/End of line
Meta B Meta F	Back/Forward one word
↑ ↓	previous/next command
Ctrl L	clear screen and take current line on top

Changing text

Meta U	Uppercase word
Meta L	Lowercase word
Ctrl D	delete word
Ctrl K	delete to end of line
Ctrl -	undo

for more tips:

\$ man readline

Some conventions in this talk

\$ command

at the shell

mysql> command

at the mysql prompt



the Bash shell

bash

components

- commands
- aliases
- variables
- functions

commands

```
$ echo "something"  
something
```

aliases

```
$ alias mydate='mysql -e "select NOW()"'
```

```
$ mydate
```

```
+-----+  
| now() |  
+-----+  
| 2010-04-12 07:14:19 |  
+-----+
```

aliases

```
$ alias myself='mysql '  
$ myself -e "select NOW() "'  
+-----+  
| now() |  
+-----+  
| 2010-04-12 07:14:19 |  
+-----+
```

variables

```
$ MYBATCH='mysql -N -B'  
$ MYQUERY='select curdate() '  
$ $MYBATCH -e "$MYQUERY"  
2010-04-12
```

nesting variables

```
# t.sh
```

```
CMD="SELECT TABLE_NAME"
```

```
TBL='information_schema.tables'
```

```
WHC1="TABLE_SCHEMA='mysql' "
```

```
WHC2="TABLE_NAME like 'u%' "
```

```
Q1="$CMD FROM $TBL"
```

```
Q2="WHERE $WHC1 AND $WHC2"
```

```
Q="$Q1 $Q2"
```

```
echo $Q
```

```
echo $Q | mysql
```

nesting variables

```
$ sh t.sh
```

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME FROM  
information_schema.tables WHERE  
TABLE_SCHEMA='mysql' AND TABLE_NAME like  
'u%'
```

```
TABLE_NAME
```

```
user
```

the *mysql* command line client

mysql

SQL commands from a file

```
$ mysql < filename.sql  
mysql> source filename.sql
```

- executes the commands contained in filename.sql
- commands can be queries understood by the server
- and commands for the client

SQL commands at the command line

```
$ application | mysql
```

```
$ echo "SELECT 1" | mysql
```

```
$ mysql -e "SELECT 1"
```

- executes the commands from standard input
- commands can be queries understood by the server
- and commands for the client

batch mode

```
$ echo "select curdate()" | mysql  
curdate()  
2010-04-12
```

table mode

```
$ echo "select curdate()" | mysql -t
+-----+
| curdate() |
+-----+
| 2010-04-12 |
+-----+
```

table mode

```
$ mysql -e "select curdate () "
```

```
+-----+  
| curdate () |  
+-----+  
| 2010-04-12 |  
+-----+
```

Forcing batch mode

```
mysql -B -e 'select curdate() '  
curdate()  
2010-04-12
```

Forcing batch mode - no header

```
mysql -N -B -e 'select curdate() '  
2010-04-12
```

IMPORTANT!

Shell + mysql

```
$ echo "The current server's date is  
'mysql -N -B -e 'select curdate()'`."
```

```
$ echo "The current server's date is  
$(mysql -N -B -e 'select curdate  
()')`."
```

advanced command line techniques

loops

loops basics

```
$ for N in 1 2 3
```

```
> do
```

```
> echo $N
```

```
> done
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

loops basics

```
$ for N in 1 2 3 ; do echo $N ; done
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

loops basics

```
$ for N in `seq 1 3` ;\  
do echo "this is number $N" ;\  
done
```

```
this is number 1  
this is number 2  
this is number 3
```

loops from file

```
$ head /usr/share/dict/words
```

A

a

aa

aal

aalii

aam

Aani

aardvark

aardwolf

loops from file

```
$ for U in \  
`head /usr/share/dict/words` ; do  
perl -le 'print uc shift' $U ; done
```

A

A

AA

AAL

AALII

AAM

AANI

loops from mysql results

```
$ mysql -B -N -e 'show tables from world'
```

```
City
```

```
Country
```

```
CountryLanguage
```

loops from mysql results

```
$ for T in `mysql -B -N -e 'show  
tables from world'` ;\  
> do echo "CREATE TABLE world2.$T  
LIKE world.$T;" ; done
```

```
CREATE TABLE world2.City LIKE  
world.City;
```

```
CREATE TABLE world2.Country LIKE  
world.Country;
```

```
CREATE TABLE world2.CountryLanguage  
LIKE world.CountryLanguage;
```

pipering loops back into mysql

```
$ for T in `mysql -B -N -e 'show  
tables from world'` ;\  
> do echo "CREATE TABLE world2.$T  
LIKE world.$T;" ; done | mysql -vv
```

advanced command line techniques

nested
loops

doing something for every table in every database

```
$ mysql -e "show databases"
```

```
+-----+  
| Database |  
+-----+  
| information_schema |  
| mysql |  
| sakila |  
| world |  
+-----+
```

doing something for every table in every database

```
$ mysql -e "show tables from world"
```

```
+-----+  
| Tables_in_world |  
+-----+  
| City             |  
| Country          |  
| CountryLanguage |  
+-----+
```

pseudocode

```
for each database
  do
    for each table
      do
        print the table name
```

actual code

```
alias mybatch='mysql -B -N'  
for D in `mybatch -e "SHOW SCHEMAS" `  
do  
    for T in \  
        `mybatch -e "SHOW TABLES FROM $D" `  
    do  
        echo "$D.$T"  
    done  
done
```

advanced command line techniques

options
files

Default option files

`/etc/my.cnf`

`/etc/mysql/my.cnf` (Debian, Ubuntu)

`$BASEDIR/my.cnf`

`$HOME/.my.cnf`

Custom option files

```
$ mysql --no-defaults
```

```
$ mysql --defaults-file=filename
```

```
$ mysql --defaults-extra-file=filename
```

Option files sections

```
[mysqld]
```

```
# option for server
```

```
[client]
```

```
# option for any mysql client
```

```
[mysql]
```

```
# options specific to 'mysql' CLI app
```

Option files example

```
[client]
```

```
user=myname
```

```
password=mypassword
```

```
[mysql]
```

```
prompt="mysql (\h) {\u} [\d] > "
```

Option files: caution

```
# protect your option files!
```

```
$ chmod 600 $HOME/.my.cnf
```

```
$ ls -l .my.cnf
```

```
-rw----- 1 [...] 10:04 .my.cnf
```

prompt

```
mysql> prompt gm (\h) {\u} [\d] >  
PROMPT set to 'gm (\h) {\u} [\d] > '  
gm (localhost) {root} [(none)] > use  
test
```

Database changed

```
gm (localhost) {root} [test] >
```

```
# \h -> host
```

```
# \u -> user
```

```
# \d -> database
```

advanced command line techniques

aliases

An useful alias

```
$ alias mysql_as_root=\
'mysql --
defaults_file=~/.my_as_root.cnf'
```

```
mysql_as_root -e "select user()"
```

```
+-----+
| user() |
+-----+
| root@localhost |
+-----+
```

An useful alias

```
#.my_as_root.cnf'  
[client]  
user=root  
password=your_mysql_root_password  
  
[mysql]  
prompt="### [\h] {\u} (\d) > "
```

Another useful alias

```
alias mybatch='mysql -B -N '
```

```
mybatch -e "select version()"  
5.1.45-log
```



advanced command line techniques

functions

functions

- like aliases, but with parameters

sample function

```
function grant_new {  
    mysql_as_root -e \  
        "GRANT $1 on $2 to $3 identified  
by \"$4\" "  
}
```

```
$ grant_new SELECT "world.*" john \  
john_secret
```

sample function

```
$ mysql_as_root \  
-e 'show grants for john\G'  
*** 1. row ***  
Grants for john@%: GRANT USAGE ON *.*  
TO 'john'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD  
'*73A88CE13374128844E3ABB500F439A9C02C  
53A3'  
*** 2. row ***  
Grants for john@%: GRANT SELECT ON  
'world'.* TO 'john'@'%'
```

advanced command line techniques

getting

query

details

which query is being executed?

```
# wrong.sql  
# this script has one error  
use test ;  
drop table if exists t1 ;  
create table t1 (id int);  
insert into t1 values (a);
```

which query is being executed?

```
$ mysql < wrong.sql
```

```
ERROR 1054 (42S22) at line 4: Unknown  
column 'a' in 'field list'
```

```
# WHERE IS THE ERROR?
```

which query is being executed?

```
$ mysql -v < wrong.sql
```

```
-----  
drop table if exists t1  
-----  
-----
```

```
create table t1 (id int)  
-----  
-----
```

```
insert into t1 values (a)  
-----
```

```
ERROR 1054 (42S22) at line 4: Unknown column  
'a' in 'field list'
```

getting execution times

```
$ mysql -vv -e \  
'select rating,count(*) from sakila.film  
group by rating'
```

rating	count(*)
G	178
PG	194
PG-13	223
R	195
NC-17	210

```
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

getting execution times (batch mode)

```
$echo 'select rating,count(*) from sakila.film group  
by rating' | mysql -vv
```

```
-----  
select rating,count(*) from sakila.film group by  
rating  
-----
```

```
rating    count(*)
```

```
G 178
```

```
PG 194
```

```
PG-13 223
```

```
R 195
```

```
NC-17 210
```

```
5 rows in set
```

getting execution times (batch mode)

```
$ echo 'select rating,count(*) from sakila.film group  
by rating' | mysql -vvvB
```

```
-----
```

```
select rating,count(*) from sakila.film group by  
rating
```

```
-----
```

```
+-----+-----+  
| rating | count(*) |  
+-----+-----+  
| G      |      178 |  
| PG     |      194 |  
| PG-13  |      223 |  
| R      |      195 |  
| NC-17  |      210 |
```

```
+-----+-----+
```

```
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

advanced command line techniques

getting
distinct
results

getting a single value

```
$ mysql -e "show variables like 'port'"
```

Variable_name	Value
port	3306

```
# Here, we only want the port number
```

getting a single value

```
$ mysql -NB -e "show variables like 'port'"
```

```
port          3306
```

```
# still two values
```

getting a single value

```
$ mysql -NB \  
-e "show variables like 'port'" \  
| awk '{print $2}'
```

3306

```
$ mysql -NB \  
-e "show variables like 'port'" \  
| perl -lane 'print $F[1]'
```

3306

getting a single value: is replication working?

```
$ mysql \  
-e "show slave status \G" \  
| grep -i "slave_io_running"
```

```
Slave_IO_Running: Yes
```

```
# too many things.  
# We only want a 'yes' or 'no'
```

getting a single value: is replication working?

```
$ mysql \  
-e "show slave status \G" \  
| grep -i "slave_io_running" \  
| awk '{print $2}'
```

Yes

```
# yes!
```



advanced command line techniques

combining
column
names

combining column names

```
$ mysql -N -e 'desc world.City'
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      ID | int(11) | NO  | PRI |
|   Name  | char(35) | NO  |     |
| CountryCode | char(3) | NO  |     |
|  District | char(20) | NO  |     |
| Population | int(11) | NO  |     |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

combining column names

```
# We want:  
# SELECT CONCAT_WS(' | ',  
# ID, Name, CountryCode, District,  
# Population) from City
```

combining column names (I)

```
echo "select concat_ws('|',  
  `mysql -N -e 'desc world.City' | \  
  perl -lane 'push @f, $F[0];' \  
  -e 'END{print join \",\", @f}'` \  
from world.City"
```

combining column names (II)

```
echo "select concat_ws('|', `
mysql -NB -e 'select group_concat
(column_name) from
information_schema.columns where
table_name="City" and
table_schema="world" '` ) from
world.City"
```

advanced command line techniques

dumping
data

dumping a tab delimited data set

```
# the naive way
$ mysql \
  -e "SELECT *
      into outfile '/tmp/city_data'
from world.City"

# it works only if:
# * /tmp/city_data does not exist
# * /tmp is world writable
```

dumping a tab delimited data set

```
$ mysql -B -N \  
-e "SELECT * from world.City" \  
> /tmp/city_data
```

```
# it works always
```

```
# if you omit the "-N" it also
```

```
# includes a header
```

dumping a CSV

```
$ mysql -B \  
-e "SELECT * from world.City" \  
| perl -F"\t" -lane \  
'print join ",", \  
map {s/"/"/"/g; \  
    /^[\d.]+$/? $_ : qq("$$_")} \  
@F ' \  
> /tmp/city_data
```

advanced command line techniques

script it

use the `mysql.sh` script

- The companion code for this tutorial
- <http://tinyurl.com/cli-tut-code-2010>
- It will save you much typing
- But use it at your own risk!

Usage

- download the script
- load it

```
$ source mysql.sh
```

mysql.sh functions

- **my_batch "query"**
- returns the result of the query.
- Without header
- Without box

```
$ my_batch "SELECT * FROM test.t1"
```

mysql.sh functions

- **my_value "what"**
- returns a single value

- e.g.

```
$ my_value "version()"
```

```
$ my_value "@@server_id"
```

mysql.sh functions

- **my_var "what"**
- returns the value of a given variable

- e.g.

```
$ my_var port
```

```
$ my_var datadir
```

mysql.sh functions

- **my_status "what"**
- returns the value of a given status item

- e.g.

```
$ my_status com_select
```

```
$ my_status connections
```

mysql.sh functions

- **my_dump_dataset "query" [header]**
- returns the values of a given query separated by tabs
- if a header is requested, it will be part of the result

- e.g.

```
$ my_dump_dataset "select *  
from world.City"
```

mysql.sh functions

- **my_csv "query" [separator]**
- returns the values of a given query separated by commas, or by a given separator
- e.g.

```
$ my_csv "select * from world.City"
```



inside the command line client

handling
output

pager

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM world.City;
```

```
rec ...
```

```
rec ...
```

```
rec ...
```

```
4000 + records
```

```
unreadable
```

pager

```
mysql> pager less
```

```
PAGER set to 'less'
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM world.City;
```

```
# [ records in a manageable window ]
```

```
mysql> nopager
```

```
PAGER set to stdout
```

```
# back to normal
```

More pager tricks

```
mysql> pager vim -
```

```
# like 'less', but you can also edit  
# the results and eventually save  
# them
```

More pager tricks

```
mysql> pager md5sum
```

```
mysql> pager sha1sum
```

```
# produce a CRC for the result set  
# instead of displaying it.  
# Useful for data comparison.  
# (Thanks to Baron Schwartz)
```

More pager tricks

```
mysql> pager cat > /tmp/t1.txt
mysql> select "one" union select
"two";
mysql> pager cat > /tmp/t2.txt
mysql> select "one" union select
"two";
mysql> nopager
mysql> \! vimdiff -o /tmp/t[12].txt
```

```
# see the difference between two
# datasets
```

logging sessions

```
mysql> tee mylog.txt
```

```
# logs everything that you see on  
# the screen.
```

```
# your commands, the results,  
# warnings, error messages, and so on.
```

```
mysql> notee
```


```
# back to normal
```

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