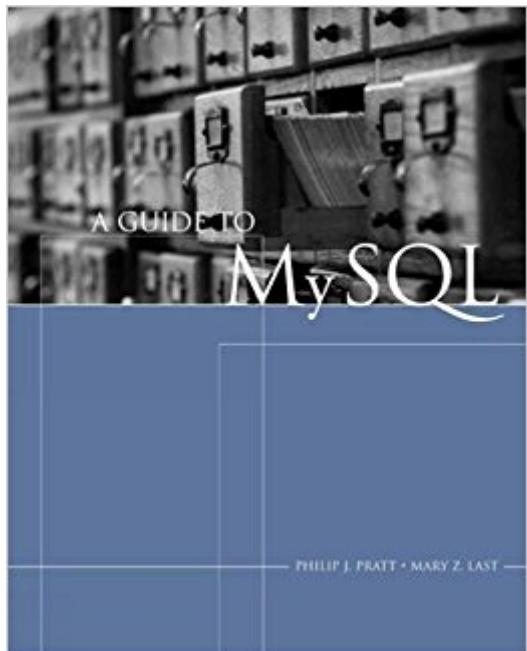


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# **A Guide To MySQL (Available Titles Skills Assessment Manager (SAM) - Office 2010)**



## **Synopsis**

The MySQL database has become the world's most popular open source database because of its consistent fast performance, high reliability, and ease of use. That's why best-selling authors Phil Pratt and Mary Last are pleased to introduce their latest database textbook - A Guide to MySQL. This straightforward text utilizes three case databases - Premiere Products, Henry Books, and Alexamara Marina Group - to teach the concepts and techniques of using MySQL. Your students will gain the skills to build professional quality MySQL databases, thanks to this real-world approach. Additional hands-on exercises at the end of each chapter offer students the opportunity to problem-solve based on what they've previously learned.

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Appendix A: SQL Reference  
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Appendix C: Answers to Odd-Numbered Review Questions

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This is a simple, straight-forward introduction to using MySQL. This is the text-book my Database Design teacher uses for CSIS-1550, and it's a good, practical, no-nonsense text. The author is good about pointing out the commands, syntax and functions that vary from one SQL implementation to the next, so that it's clear to the novice reader that SQL isn't 100% uniform from one vendor to the next. I've been very disappointed by a lot of the textbooks I've had to buy for my classes, but this book isn't one of them - I feel good about recommending this book.

This book is poorly constructed, and is a disservice to anyone that wishes to learn about MySQL. The authors appear to be more concerned with making you remember and recall the particulars of the imaginary companies (Henry Books, Premiere Products, Alexamara Marina) that they have created than actually teaching the material. The index at the back of the book is atrocious. Attempting to relocate critical information in this book is an exercise in frustration. It appears that they attempted to save paper by providing an incomplete index which is in no way representative of all of the features of MySQL. The accompanying curriculum to this book is also very poor. I ended up bringing an alternate book to class (MySQL (4th Edition) [Paperback] by Paul DuBois (Author), ISBN 0672329387) to find specific functions or reference when other students had questions that the textbook was unable to address. This book does have one positive quality. It is very light (288 pages) compared to the aforementioned comprehensive 1224 page book that I prefer. However, I ended up having to carry them both to class, making the weight savings irrelevant.

I sort of feel like I have to read too much to get to the point in this book. Over and over again I'll read a couple pages and think "I could have said that in one paragraph." Other than that, it seems to be a pretty solid book. The info is easy to understand, it gives examples and to be honest, the wordiness

of it is probably something that a lot of readers would appreciate. I've had a little experience with SQL, though, so maybe that was my problem. Mind you, the experience I had was doing basic queries and basic joins. That's it.

Book was needed for a class. Fair warning this book is for MySql 4.0 and higher. Migrate to 5.0, then other books are needed. The example covered most questions. The review questions are tricky. For example using and & or in a search query is not answered. Have few programming classes in your background will give you the answer. I answered them by going on line. I recommend 3W school.

I bought this book for a class I took. As far as textbooks go it was fine, I've certainly had worse, it presented information in an easy to understand way. I docked it one star only because it didn't have examples for all of the commands. Some operators would have detailed examples showing how to use them properly, others would just have a text description of what the operator does but not really show how to use it in a query.

Older but still useful. This book was required for my SQL class and we had to complete most of the problems from the book. Some of them were pretty challenging. I'll always remember the Henry's Books database. :)

This textbook would be nice if it came with an e-reader feature. I like the option for flashcards! For the money, this was a great deal for the semester.

I don't particularly enjoy this language but had to take this class for my degree. The book put the language in simplistic terms and was easy to understand.

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