

# How To Guides for MySQL

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## MySQL client commands

### Show available commands

```
mysql> help  
-> \?
```

### Access a specified database

```
mysql> use dbname  
-> \u dbname
```

### Clear SQL buffer

```
mysql> clear  
-> \c
```

### Edit SQL in buffer

```
mysql> edit  
-> \e
```

### Execute SQL buffer

```
mysql> go  
-> \g
```

### Start and stop logging to an output file

A copy of all screen activity will be written to the specified file, appending to the file if the output file already exists.

```
mysql> tee filepath  
-> \T filepath  
mysql> notee  
-> \t
```

### Execute an SQL script

```
mysql> source filepath  
-> \. filepath
```

### Execute an operating system command

```
mysql> system command  
-> \! command
```

### Exit MySQL client and return to operating system

```
mysql> exit  
mysql> quit  
-> \q
```

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