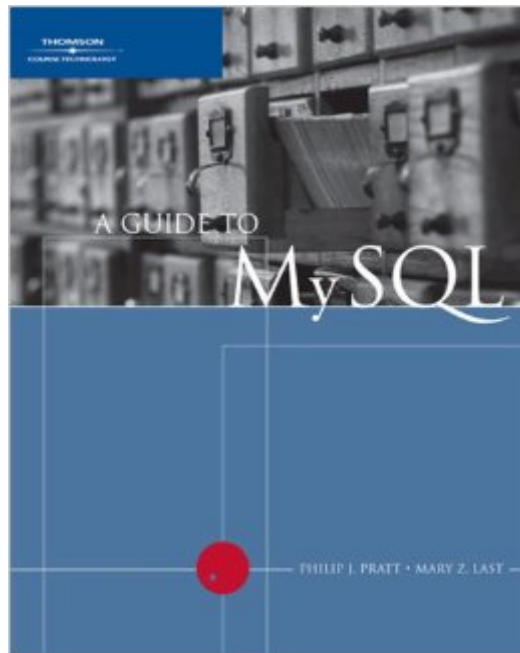# A Guide To MySQL (Available Titles Skills Assessment Manager (SAM) – Office 2010)

Synopsis

A Guide to MySQL, by Philip Pratt and Mary Last, is yet another step into the open-source arena, which is rapidly growing in the technology industry. Topics include design techniques, data definition, commands to query a database, updates, administration and client tools, and finally, MySQL special topics.Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great reference book. I have used this book in college frequently and am still using it in the work place. Easy to follow, organized very well, great examples. If you need a reference book this would be a good choice.

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 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.

I thought this book was horrible. It's difficult to follow and doesn't really provide any useful info. I didn't use it at all for my SQL course as there are far better resources (such as the internet) than this book for helping you learn SQL.

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. :)

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 asearch 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'm using this textbook for a MySQL course and it is definitely a keeper! If you are just starting out with it it's a good book but it is also worthwhile for those just wanting a reference. It follows three companies throughout the book, with exercises for each database at the end of each chapter which allows you to practice what you learned reading.

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