MySQL Information Schema
Abstract

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Chapter 1 INFORMATION_SCHEMA Tables

**INFORMATION_SCHEMA** provides access to database metadata, information about the MySQL server such as the name of a database or table, the data type of a column, or access privileges. Other terms that are sometimes used for this information are *data dictionary* and *system catalog*.

**Usage Notes for the INFORMATION_SCHEMA Database**

**INFORMATION_SCHEMA** is a database within each MySQL instance, the place that stores information about all the other databases that the MySQL server maintains. The **INFORMATION_SCHEMA** database contains several read-only tables. They are actually views, not base tables, so there are no files associated with them, and you cannot set triggers on them. Also, there is no database directory with that name.

Although you can select **INFORMATION_SCHEMA** as the default database with a `USE` statement, you can only read the contents of tables, not perform `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, or `DELETE` operations on them.

**Example**

Here is an example of a statement that retrieves information from **INFORMATION_SCHEMA**:

```
mysql> SELECT table_name, table_type, engine
-> FROM information_schema.tables
-> WHERE table_schema = 'db5'
-> ORDER BY table_name;
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>table_name</th>
<th>table_type</th>
<th>engine</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>fk</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>InnoDB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>fk2</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>InnoDB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>goto</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>into</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>k</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kurs</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>loop</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pk</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>InnoDB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t2</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t3</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t7</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tables</td>
<td>BASE TABLE</td>
<td>MyISAM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>v</td>
<td>VIEW</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>v2</td>
<td>VIEW</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>v3</td>
<td>VIEW</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>v56</td>
<td>VIEW</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

17 rows in set (0.01 sec)

Explanation: The statement requests a list of all the tables in database *db5*, showing just three pieces of information: the name of the table, its type, and its storage engine.

**Character Set Considerations**

The definition for character columns (for example, **TABLES.TABLE_NAME**) is generally `VARCHAR(N) CHARACTER SET utf8` where `N` is at least 64. MySQL uses the default collation for this character set (`utf8_general_ci`) for all searches, sorts, comparisons, and other string operations on such columns.

Because some MySQL objects are represented as files, searches in **INFORMATION_SCHEMA** string columns can be affected by file system case sensitivity. For more information, see [Collation and INFORMATION_SCHEMA Searches](#).
INFORMATION_SCHEMA as Alternative to SHOW Statements

The `SELECT ... FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA` statement is intended as a more consistent way to provide access to the information provided by the various `SHOW` statements that MySQL supports (`SHOW DATABASES`, `SHOW TABLES`, and so forth). Using `SELECT` has these advantages, compared to `SHOW`:

- It conforms to Codd's rules, because all access is done on tables.
- You can use the familiar syntax of the `SELECT` statement, and only need to learn some table and column names.
- The implementor need not worry about adding keywords.
- You can filter, sort, concatenate, and transform the results from `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` queries into whatever format your application needs, such as a data structure or a text representation to parse.
- This technique is more interoperable with other database systems. For example, Oracle Database users are familiar with querying tables in the Oracle data dictionary.

Because `SHOW` is familiar and widely used, the `SHOW` statements remain as an alternative. In fact, along with the implementation of `INFORMATION_SCHEMA`, there are enhancements to `SHOW` as described in Chapter 27, Extensions to SHOW Statements.

Privileges

Each MySQL user has the right to access these tables, but can see only the rows in the tables that correspond to objects for which the user has the proper access privileges. In some cases (for example, the `ROUTINE_DEFINITION` column in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.ROUTINES` table), users who have insufficient privileges see `NULL`. These restrictions do not apply for InnoDB tables; you can see them with only the `PROCESS` privilege.

The same privileges apply to selecting information from `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` and viewing the same information through `SHOW` statements. In either case, you must have some privilege on an object to see information about it.

Performance Considerations

`INFORMATION_SCHEMA` queries that search for information from more than one database might take a long time and impact performance. To check the efficiency of a query, you can use `EXPLAIN`. For information about using `EXPLAIN` output to tune `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` queries, see `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` Optimization.

Standards Considerations

The implementation for the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` table structures in MySQL follows the ANSI/ISO SQL:2003 standard Part 11 Schemata. Our intent is approximate compliance with SQL:2003 core feature F021 Basic information schema.

Users of SQL Server 2000 (which also follows the standard) may notice a strong similarity. However, MySQL has omitted many columns that are not relevant for our implementation, and added columns that are MySQL-specific. One such column is the `ENGINE` column in the `INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES` table.

To avoid using any name that is reserved in the standard or in DB2, SQL Server, or Oracle, we changed the names of some columns marked “MySQL extension”. (For example, we changed `COLLATION` to
Conventions in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA Reference Sections

The following sections describe each of the tables and columns in INFORMATION_SCHEMA. For each column, there are three pieces of information:

- "INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name" indicates the name for the column in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA table. This corresponds to the standard SQL name unless the “Remarks” field says “MySQL extension.”

- “SHOW Name” indicates the equivalent field name in the closest SHOW statement, if there is one.

- “Remarks” provides additional information where applicable. If this field is NULL, it means that the value of the column is always NULL. If this field says “MySQL extension,” the column is a MySQL extension to standard SQL.

Many sections indicate what SHOW statement is equivalent to a SELECT that retrieves information from INFORMATION_SCHEMA. For SHOW statements that display information for the default database if you omit a FROM db_name clause, you can often select information for the default database by adding an AND TABLE_SCHEMA = SCHEMA() condition to the WHERE clause of a query that retrieves information from an INFORMATION_SCHEMA table.

For information about INFORMATION_SCHEMA tables specific to the NDB storage engine (MySQL Cluster), see INFORMATION_SCHEMA Tables for MySQL Cluster.

For answers to questions that are often asked concerning the INFORMATION_SCHEMA database, see Chapter 28, MySQL 5.1 FAQ: INFORMATION_SCHEMA.
Chapter 2 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA SCHEMATA Table

A schema is a database, so the SCHEMATA table provides information about databases.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CATALOG_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCHEMA_NAME</td>
<td>Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFAULT_CHARACTER_SET_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFAULT_COLLATION_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL_PATH</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following statements are equivalent:

```
SELECT SCHEMA_NAME AS 'Database'
    FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SCHEMATA
    [WHERE SCHEMA_NAME LIKE 'wild']
SHOW DATABASES
    [LIKE 'wild']
```
Chapter 3 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA TABLES Table

The TABLES table provides information about tables in databases.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA</th>
<th>SHOW</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td>Table_...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td>Table_...</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_TYPE</td>
<td>Engine</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGINE</td>
<td>Version</td>
<td>The version number of the table’s .frm file, MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VERSION</td>
<td>Row_format</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROW_FORMAT</td>
<td>Avg_row_length</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_ROWS</td>
<td>Data_length</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATA_LENGTH</td>
<td>Max_data_length</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAX_DATA_LENGTH</td>
<td>Index_length</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDEX_LENGTH</td>
<td>Data_free</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATA_FREE</td>
<td>Auto_increment</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUTO_INCREMENT</td>
<td>Create_time</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CREATE_TIME</td>
<td>Update_time</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UPDATE_TIME</td>
<td>Check_time</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHECK_TIME</td>
<td>Collation</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_COLLATION</td>
<td>Checksum</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHECKSUM</td>
<td>Create_options</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CREATE_OPTIONS</td>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_COMMENT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- **TABLE_SCHEMA and TABLE_NAME** are a single field in a SHOW display, for example Table_in_db1.
- **TABLE_TYPE** should be BASE TABLE or VIEW. The TABLES table does not list TEMPORARY tables.
- For partitioned tables, beginning with MySQL 5.1.9, the ENGINE column shows the name of the storage engine used by all partitions. (Previously, this column showed PARTITION for such tables.)
- The TABLE_ROWS column is NULL if the table is in the INFORMATION_SCHEMA database.
  
  For InnoDB tables, the row count is only a rough estimate used in SQL optimization. (This is also true if the InnoDB table is partitioned.)
- Prior to MySQL 5.1.12, MySQL Cluster allocated storage for variable-width columns in 10-page extents of 32 kilobytes each; thus, the DATA_LENGTH for such columns was reported in increments of 320 KB. Beginning with MySQL 5.1.12, the DATA_LENGTH column reflects the true amount of storage for variable-width columns of NDB tables. (Bug #18413)
For NDB tables, `DATA_LENGTH` includes data stored in main memory only; the `MAX_DATA_LENGTH` and `DATA_FREE` columns apply to Disk Data.

- Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.22 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.11, for MySQL Cluster Disk Data tables, `MAX_DATA_LENGTH` shows the space allocated for the disk part of a Disk Data table or fragment. (In-memory data resource usage is reported by the `DATA_LENGTH` column.)

- Beginning with MySQL 5.1.28, the `DATA_FREE` column shows the free space in bytes for InnoDB tables. Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.22 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.11, `DATA_FREE` shows the space allocated on disk for, but not used by, a Disk Data table or fragment on disk. (In-memory data resource usage is reported by the `DATA_LENGTH` column.)

- For partitioned InnoDB tables, the `CREATE_TIME`, `UPDATE_TIME`, and `CHECK_TIME` columns are always `NULL`.

- We have nothing for the table's default character set. `TABLE_COLLATION` is close, because collation names begin with a character set name.

- Beginning with MySQL 5.1.9, the `CREATE_OPTIONS` column shows `partitioned` if the table is partitioned.

The following statements are equivalent:

```sql
SELECT table_name FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES
WHERE table_schema = 'db_name'
[AND table_name LIKE 'wild']
SHOW TABLES
FROM db_name
[LIKE 'wild']
```
Chapter 4 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA COLUMNS Table

The COLUMNS table provides information about columns in tables.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLUMN_NAME</td>
<td>Field</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORDINAL_POSITION</td>
<td></td>
<td>see notes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLUMN_DEFAULT</td>
<td>Default</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_NULLABLE</td>
<td>Null</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATA_TYPE</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_MAXIMUM_LENGTH</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_OCTET_LENGTH</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUMERIC_PRECISION</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUMERIC_SCALE</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_SET_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLLATION_NAME</td>
<td>Collation</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>COLUMN_TYPE</td>
<td>Type</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
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<tr>
<td>COLUMN_KEY</td>
<td>Key</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXTRA</td>
<td>Extra</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRIVILEGES</td>
<td>Privileges</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLUMN_COMMENT</td>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- In SHOW, the Type display includes values from several different COLUMNS columns.
- ORDINAL_POSITION is necessary because you might want to say ORDER BY ORDINAL_POSITION. Unlike SHOW, SELECT does not have automatic ordering.
- CHARACTER_OCTET_LENGTH should be the same as CHARACTER_MAXIMUM_LENGTH, except for multibyte character sets.
- CHARACTER_SET_NAME can be derived from Collation. For example, if you say SHOW FULL COLUMNS FROM t, and you see in the Collation column a value of latin1_swedish_ci, the character set is what is before the first underscore: latin1.

The following statements are nearly equivalent:

```
SELECT COLUMN_NAME, DATA_TYPE, IS_NULLABLE, COLUMN_DEFAULT
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS
WHERE table_name = 'tbl_name'
[AND table_schema = 'db_name']
[AND column_name LIKE 'wild']
SHOW COLUMNS
FROM tbl_name
```
[FROM 
[LIKE 'wiid']
Chapter 5 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA STATISTICS Table

The **STATISTICS** table provides information about table indexes.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td>= Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td>Table</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NON_UNIQUE</td>
<td>Non_unique</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDEX_SCHEMA</td>
<td>= Database</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDEX_NAME</td>
<td>Key_name</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEQ_IN_INDEX</td>
<td>Seq_in_index</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLUMN_NAME</td>
<td>Column_name</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLLATION</td>
<td>Collation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CARDINALITY</td>
<td>Cardinality</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUB_PART</td>
<td>Sub_part</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>NULLABLE</td>
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<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>Index_type</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMMENT</td>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notes:**

- There is no standard table for indexes. The preceding list is similar to what SQL Server 2000 returns for `sp_statistics`, except that we replaced the name **QUALIFIER** with **CATALOG** and we replaced the name **OWNER** with **SCHEMA**.

  Clearly, the preceding table and the output from `SHOW INDEX` are derived from the same parent. So the correlation is already close.

The following statements are equivalent:

```sql
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.STATISTICS
  WHERE table_name = 'tbl_name'
  AND table_schema = 'db_name'
SHOW INDEX
  FROM tbl_name
  FROM db_name
```
Chapter 6 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA USER_PRIVILEGES Table

The USER_PRIVILEGES table provides information about global privileges. This information comes from the mysql.user grant table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GRANTEE</td>
<td></td>
<td>'user_name'@'host_name' value, MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td></td>
<td>NULL, MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRIVILEGE_TYPE</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_GRANTABLE</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- This is a nonstandard table. It takes its values from the mysql.user table.
Chapter 7 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA
SCHEMA_PRIVILEGES Table

The SCHEMA_PRIVILEGES table provides information about schema (database) privileges. This information comes from the mysql.db grant table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GRANTEE</td>
<td>'user_name'@'host_name'</td>
<td>value, MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRIVILEGE_TYPE</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_GRANTABLE</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- This is a nonstandard table. It takes its values from the mysql.db table.
Chapter 8 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA TABLE_PRIVILEGES Table

The TABLE_PRIVILEGES table provides information about table privileges. This information comes from the mysql.tables_priv grant table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GRANTEE</td>
<td></td>
<td>'user_name'@'host_name' value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td></td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRIVILEGE_TYPE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_GRANTABLE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

• PRIVILEGE_TYPE can contain one (and only one) of these values: SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, REFERENCES, ALTER, INDEX, DROP, CREATE VIEW.

The following statements are not equivalent:

```
SELECT ... FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_PRIVILEGES
SHOW GRANTS ...  
```
Chapter 9 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA COLUMN_PRIVILEGES Table

The COLUMN_PRIVILEGES table provides information about column privileges. This information comes from the mysql.columns_priv grant table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GRANTEE</td>
<td></td>
<td>'user_name'@'host_name' value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td></td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLUMN_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRIVILEGE_TYPE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_GRANTABLE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- In the output from SHOW FULL COLUMNS, the privileges are all in one field and in lowercase, for example, select, insert, update, references. In COLUMN_PRIVILEGES, there is one privilege per row, in uppercase.

- PRIVILEGE_TYPE can contain one (and only one) of these values: SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, REFERENCES.

- If the user has GRANT OPTION privilege, IS_GRANTABLE should be YES. Otherwise, IS_GRANTABLE should be NO. The output does not list GRANT OPTION as a separate privilege.

The following statements are not equivalent:

```
SELECT ... FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMN_PRIVILEGES
SHOW GRANTS ...
```
Chapter 10 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA CHARACTER_SETS Table

The CHARACTER_SETS table provides information about available character sets.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_SET_NAME</td>
<td>Charset</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFAULT_COLLATE_NAME</td>
<td>Default collation</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DESCRIPTION</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAXLEN</td>
<td>Maxlen</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following statements are equivalent:

```sql
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CHARACTER_SETS
    [WHERE CHARACTER_SET_NAME LIKE 'wild']
SHOW CHARACTER SET
    [LIKE 'wild']
```
The **COLLATIONS** table provides information about collations for each character set.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COLLATION_NAME</td>
<td>Collation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_SET_NAME</td>
<td>Charset</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID</td>
<td>Id</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_DEFAULT</td>
<td>Default</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_COMPILED</td>
<td>Compiled</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SORTLEN</td>
<td>Sortlen</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **COLLATION_NAME** is the collation name.
- **CHARACTER_SET_NAME** is the name of the character set with which the collation is associated.
- **ID** is the collation ID.
- **IS_DEFAULT** indicates whether the collation is the default for its character set.
- **IS_COMPILED** indicates whether the character set is compiled into the server.
- **SORTLEN** is related to the amount of memory required to sort strings expressed in the character set.

Collation information is also available from the **SHOW COLLATION** statement. The following statements are equivalent:

```sql
SELECT COLLATION_NAME FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLLATIONS
WHERE COLLATION_NAME LIKE 'wild'
SHOW COLLATION
[LIKE 'wild']
```
The **COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY** table indicates what character set is applicable for what collation. The columns are equivalent to the first two display fields that we get from `SHOW COLLATION`.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COLLATION_NAME</td>
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<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_SET_NAME</td>
<td>Charset</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 13 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA TABLE_CONSTRAINTS Table

The TABLE_CONSTRAINTS table describes which tables have constraints.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
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<td>CONSTRAINT_CATALOG</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_TYPE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- The CONSTRAINT_TYPE value can be UNIQUE, PRIMARY KEY, or FOREIGN KEY.
- The UNIQUE and PRIMARY KEY information is about the same as what you get from the Key_name field in the output from SHOW INDEX when the Non_unique field is 0.
- The CONSTRAINT_TYPE column can contain one of these values: UNIQUE, PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY, CHECK. This is a CHAR (not ENUM) column. The CHECK value is not available until we support CHECK.
Chapter 14 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA
KEY_COLUMN_USAGE Table

The KEY_COLUMN_USAGE table describes which key columns have constraints.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_CATALOG</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
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<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLUMN_NAME</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORDINAL_POSITION</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REFERENCED_TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REFERENCED_COLUMN_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- If the constraint is a foreign key, then this is the column of the foreign key, not the column that the foreign key references.

- The value of ORDINAL_POSITION is the column's position within the constraint, not the column's position within the table. Column positions are numbered beginning with 1.

- The value of POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT is NULL for unique and primary-key constraints. For foreign-key constraints, it is the ordinal position in key of the table that is being referenced.

Suppose that there are two tables name t1 and t3 that have the following definitions:

```sql
CREATE TABLE t1
(
    s1 INT,
    s2 INT,
    s3 INT,
    PRIMARY KEY(s3)
) ENGINE=InnoDB;
CREATE TABLE t3
(
    s1 INT,
    s2 INT,
    s3 INT,
    KEY(s1),
    CONSTRAINT CO FOREIGN KEY (s2) REFERENCES t1(s3)
) ENGINE=InnoDB;
```

For those two tables, the KEY_COLUMN_USAGE table has two rows:

- One row with CONSTRAINT_NAME = 'PRIMARY', TABLE_NAME = 't1', COLUMN_NAME = 's3', ORDINAL_POSITION = 1, POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT = NULL.
• One row with CONSTRAINT_NAME = 'CO', TABLE_NAME = 't3', COLUMN_NAME = 's2',
  ORDINAL_POSITION = 1, POSITION_IN_UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT = 1.
Chapter 15 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA ROUTINES Table

The ROUTINES table provides information about stored routines (both procedures and functions). The ROUTINES table does not include user-defined functions (UDFs).

The column named "mysql.proc name" indicates the mysql.proc table column that corresponds to the INFORMATION_SCHEMA.ROUTINES table column, if any.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>mysql.proc Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SPECIFIC_NAME</td>
<td>specific_name</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE_CATALOG</td>
<td>db</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE_SCHEMA</td>
<td>db</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE_NAME</td>
<td>name</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE_TYPE</td>
<td>type</td>
<td>(PROCEDURE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DTD_IDENTIFIER</td>
<td></td>
<td>data type descriptor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE_BODY</td>
<td>SQL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE_DEFINITION</td>
<td>body or body_utf8</td>
<td>see Notes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXTERNAL_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXTERNAL_LANGUAGE</td>
<td>language</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAMETER_STYLE</td>
<td>SQL</td>
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</tr>
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<td>IS_DETERMINISTIC</td>
<td>is_deterministic</td>
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</tr>
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<td>SQL_DATA_ACCESS</td>
<td>sql_data_access</td>
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<td>SQL_PATH</td>
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<td>security_type</td>
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</tr>
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<td>CREATED</td>
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<tr>
<td>LAST_ALTERED</td>
<td>modified</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL_MODE</td>
<td>sql_mode</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROUTINE_COMMENT</td>
<td>comment</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFINER</td>
<td>definer</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLLATION_CONNECTION</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATABASE_COLLATION</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- MySQL calculates EXTERNAL_LANGUAGE thus:
  - If mysql.proc.language='SQL', EXTERNAL_LANGUAGE is NULL
  - Otherwise, EXTERNAL_LANGUAGE is what is in mysql.proc.language. However, we do not have external languages yet, so it is always NULL.

- ROUTINE_DEFINITION is what is in mysql.proc.body_utf8 as of MySQL 5.1.21, mysql.proc.body before 5.1.21.

- CREATED: The date and time when the routine was created. This is a TIMESTAMP value.
• **LAST_ALTERED**: The date and time when the routine was last modified. This is a **TIMESTAMP** value. If the routine has not been modified since its creation, this column holds the same value as the **CREATED** column.

• **SQL_MODE**: The SQL mode in effect when the routine was created or altered, and under which the routine executes. For the permitted values, see [Server SQL Modes](#).

• **CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT**: The session value of the `character_set_client` system variable when the routine was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

• **COLLATION_CONNECTION**: The session value of the `collation_connection` system variable when the routine was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

• **DATABASE_COLLATION**: The collation of the database with which the routine is associated. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.
Chapter 16 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA VIEWS Table

The VIEWS table provides information about views in databases. You must have the SHOW VIEW privilege to access this table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VIEW_DEFINITION</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHECK_OPTION</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IS_UPDATABLE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFINER</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>SECURITY_TYPE</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT</td>
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<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLLATION_CONNECTION</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- The VIEW_DEFINITION column has most of what you see in the Create Table field that SHOW CREATE VIEW produces. Skip the words before SELECT and skip the words WITH CHECK OPTION. Suppose that the original statement was:

```plaintext
CREATE VIEW v AS
  SELECT s2,s1 FROM t
  WHERE s1 > 5
  ORDER BY s1
  WITH CHECK OPTION;
```

Then the view definition looks like this:

```plaintext
SELECT s2,s1 FROM t WHERE s1 > 5 ORDER BY s1
```

- The CHECK_OPTION column has a value of NONE, CASCADE, or LOCAL.

- MySQL sets a flag, called the view updatability flag, at CREATE VIEW time. The flag is set to YES (true) if UPDATE and DELETE (and similar operations) are legal for the view. Otherwise, the flag is set to NO (false). The IS_UPDATABLE column in the VIEWS table displays the status of this flag. It means that the server always knows whether a view is updatable.

If a view is not updatable, statements such UPDATE, DELETE, and INSERT are illegal and will be rejected. (Note that even if a view is updatable, it might not be possible to insert into it; for details, refer to Updatable and Insertable Views.)

- DEFINER: The account of the user who created the view, in 'user_name'@'host_name' format. SECURITY_TYPE has a value of DEFINER or INVOKER.

- CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT: The session value of the character_set_client system variable when the view was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

- COLLATION_CONNECTION: The session value of the collation_connection system variable when the view was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.
MySQL lets you use different `sql_mode` settings to tell the server the type of SQL syntax to support. For example, you might use the `ANSI` SQL mode to ensure MySQL correctly interprets the standard SQL concatenation operator, the double bar (\|\|), in your queries. If you then create a view that concatenates items, you might worry that changing the `sql_mode` setting to a value different from `ANSI` could cause the view to become invalid. But this is not the case. No matter how you write out a view definition, MySQL always stores it the same way, in a canonical form. Here is an example that shows how the server changes a double bar concatenation operator to a `CONCAT()` function:

```
mysql> SET sql_mode = 'ANSI';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> CREATE VIEW test.v AS SELECT 'a' || 'b' as col1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT VIEW_DEFINITION FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.VIEWS
    --> WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = 'test' AND TABLE_NAME = 'v';
+----------------------------------+
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VIEW_DEFINITION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>select concat('a','b') AS <code>col1</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
+----------------------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

The advantage of storing a view definition in canonical form is that changes made later to the value of `sql_mode` will not affect the results from the view. However an additional consequence is that comments prior to `SELECT` are stripped from the definition by the server.
Chapter 17 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA TRIGGERS Table

The TRIGGERS table provides information about triggers. You must have the TRIGGER privilege to access this table (prior to MySQL 5.1.23, you must have the SUPER privilege). You can see information only for databases and tables for which you have the TRIGGER privilege, or (prior to MySQL 5.1.23) if you have the SUPER privilege.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
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<tr>
<td>TRIGGER_SCHEMA</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRIGGER_NAME</td>
<td>Trigger</td>
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<tr>
<td>EVENT_MANIPULATION</td>
<td>Event</td>
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Notes:

- The names in the "SHOW Name" column refer to the SHOW TRIGGERS statement, not SHOW CREATE TRIGGER. See SHOW TRIGGERS Syntax.
- TRIGGER_SCHEMA and TRIGGER_NAME: The name of the database in which the trigger occurs and the trigger name, respectively.
- EVENT_MANIPULATION: The trigger event. This is the type of operation on the associated table for which the trigger activates. The value is 'INSERT' (a row was inserted), 'DELETE' (a row was deleted), or 'UPDATE' (a row was modified).
- EVENT_OBJECT_SCHEMA and EVENT_OBJECT_TABLE: As noted in Using Triggers, every trigger is associated with exactly one table. These columns indicate the database in which this table occurs, and the table name, respectively.
- **ACTION_ORDER**: The ordinal position of the trigger’s action within the list of all similar triggers on the same table. This value is always 0, because it is not possible to have more than one trigger with the same **EVENT_MANIPULATION** and **ACTION_TIMING** on the same table.

- **ACTION_STATEMENT**: The trigger body; that is, the statement executed when the trigger activates. This text uses UTF-8 encoding.

- **ACTION_ORIENTATION**: Always contains the value 'ROW'.

- **ACTION_TIMING**: Whether the trigger activates before or after the triggering event. The value is 'BEFORE' or 'AFTER'.

- **ACTION_REFERENCE_OLD_ROW** and **ACTION_REFERENCE_NEW_ROW**: The old and new column identifiers, respectively. This means that **ACTION_REFERENCE_OLD_ROW** always contains the value 'OLD' and **ACTION_REFERENCE_NEW_ROW** always contains the value 'NEW'.

- **SQL_MODE**: The SQL mode in effect when the trigger was created, and under which the trigger executes. For the permitted values, see Server SQL Modes.

- **DEFINER**: The account of the user who created the trigger, in 'user_name'@'host_name' format. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.2.

- **CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT**: The session value of the character_set_client system variable when the trigger was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

- **COLLATION_CONNECTION**: The session value of the collation_connection system variable when the trigger was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

- **DATABASE_COLLATION**: The collation of the database with which the trigger is associated. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

- The following columns currently always contain NULL: **TRIGGER_CATALOG**, **EVENT_OBJECT_CATALOG**, **ACTION_CONDITION**, **ACTION_REFERENCE_OLD_TABLE**, **ACTION_REFERENCE_NEW_TABLE**, and **CREATED**.

Example, using the **ins_sum** trigger defined in Using Triggers:

```sql
mysql> SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TRIGGERS
-> WHERE TRIGGER_SCHEMA='test' AND TRIGGER_NAME='ins_sum';

*************************** 1. row ***************************
TRIGGER_CATALOG: def
TRIGGER_SCHEMA: test
TRIGGER_NAME: ins_sum
EVENT_MANIPULATION: INSERT
EVENT_OBJECT_CATALOG: def
EVENT_OBJECT_SCHEMA: test
EVENT_OBJECT_TABLE: account
ACTION_ORDER: 0
ACTION_CONDITION: NULL
ACTION_STATEMENT: SET @sum = @sum + NEW.amount
ACTION_ORIENTATION: ROW
ACTION_TIMING: BEFORE
ACTION_REFERENCE_OLD_TABLE: NULL
ACTION_REFERENCE_NEW_TABLE: NULL
ACTION_REFERENCE_OLD_ROW: OLD
ACTION_REFERENCE_NEW_ROW: NEW
CREATED: NULL
SQL_MODE: "DEFINER: me@localhost
CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT: utf8
```
COLLATION_CONNECTION: utf8_general_ci
DATABASE_COLLATION: latin1_swedish_ci
Chapter 18 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA PLUGINS Table

The PLUGINS table provides information about server plugins.

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Notes:

- The PLUGINS table is a nonstandard table. It was added in MySQL 5.1.5.
- PLUGIN_NAME is the name used to refer to the plugin in statements such as INSTALL PLUGIN and UNINSTALL PLUGIN.
- PLUGIN_VERSION is the version from the plugin's general type descriptor.
- PLUGIN_STATUS indicates the plugin status, one of ACTIVE, INACTIVE, DISABLED, or DELETED.
- PLUGIN_TYPE indicates the type of plugin, such as STORAGE ENGINE or INFORMATION_SCHEMA.
- PLUGIN_TYPE_VERSION is the version from the plugin's type-specific descriptor.
- PLUGIN_LIBRARY is the name of the plugin shared object file. This is the name used to refer to the plugin file in statements such as INSTALL PLUGIN and UNINSTALL PLUGIN. This file is located in the directory named by the plugin_dir system variable. If the library name is NULL, the plugin is compiled in and cannot be uninstalled with UNINSTALL PLUGIN.
- PLUGIN_LIBRARY_VERSION indicates the plugin API interface version.
- PLUGIN_AUTHOR names the plugin author.
- PLUGIN_DESCRIPTION provides a short description of the plugin.
- PLUGIN_LICENSE indicates how the plugin is licensed; for example, GPL. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.12.

For plugins installed with INSTALL PLUGIN, the PLUGIN_NAME and PLUGIN_LIBRARY values are also registered in the mysql.plugin table.

These statements are equivalent:

```
SELECT PLUGIN_NAME, PLUGIN_STATUS, PLUGIN_TYPE,
```
For information about plugin data structures that form the basis of the information in the `PLUGINS` table, see The MySQL Plugin API.

Plugin information is also available using the `SHOW PLUGINS` statement. See SHOW PLUGINS Syntax.
Chapter 19 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA ENGINES Table

The **ENGINES** table provides information about storage engines.

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Notes:

- The **ENGINES** table is a nonstandard table. It was added in MySQL 5.1.5. Its contents correspond to the columns of the **SHOW ENGINES** statement. For descriptions of its columns, see **SHOW ENGINES Syntax**.

See also **SHOW ENGINES Syntax**.
Chapter 20 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA PARTITIONS Table

The PARTITIONS table provides information about table partitions. See Partitioning, for more information about partitioning tables.

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Notes:

- The PARTITIONS table is a nonstandard table. It was added in MySQL 5.1.6.
  Each record in this table corresponds to an individual partition or subpartition of a partitioned table.
- TABLE_CATALOG: This column is always NULL.
- TABLE_SCHEMA: This column contains the name of the database to which the table belongs.
- TABLE_NAME: This column contains the name of the table containing the partition.
- PARTITION_NAME: The name of the partition.
• **SUBPARTITION_NAME**: If the PARTITIONS table record represents a subpartition, then this column contains the name of subpartition; otherwise it is **NULL**.

• **PARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION**: All partitions are indexed in the same order as they are defined, with 1 being the number assigned to the first partition. The indexing can change as partitions are added, dropped, and reorganized; the number shown is this column reflects the current order, taking into account any indexing changes.

• **SUBPARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION**: Subpartitions within a given partition are also indexed and reindexed in the same manner as partitions are indexed within a table.

• **PARTITION_METHOD**: One of the values **RANGE**, **LIST**, **HASH**, **LINEAR HASH**, **KEY**, or **LINEAR KEY**; that is, one of the available partitioning types as discussed in **Partitioning Types**.

• **SUBPARTITION_METHOD**: One of the values **HASH**, **LINEAR HASH**, **KEY**, or **LINEAR KEY**; that is, one of the available subpartitioning types as discussed in **Subpartitioning**.

• **PARTITION_EXPRESSION**: This is the expression for the partitioning function used in the CREATE TABLE or ALTER TABLE statement that created the table's current partitioning scheme.

For example, consider a partitioned table created in the test database using this statement:

```
CREATE TABLE tp (  
    c1 INT,  
    c2 INT,  
    c3 VARCHAR(25)  
)  
PARTITION BY HASH(c1 + c2)  
PARTITIONS 4;
```

The **PARTITION_EXPRESSION** column in a PARTITIONS table record for a partition from this table displays `c1 + c2`, as shown here:

```
mysql> SELECT DISTINCT PARTITION_EXPRESSION  
    -> FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PARTITIONS  
    -> WHERE TABLE_NAME='tp' AND TABLE_SCHEMA='test';  
+----------------------+  
| PARTITION_EXPRESSION |
+----------------------+  
| c1 + c2              |  
+----------------------+  
1 row in set (0.09 sec)
```

• **SUBPARTITION_EXPRESSION**: This works in the same fashion for the subpartitioning expression that defines the subpartitioning for a table as **PARTITION_EXPRESSION** does for the partitioning expression used to define a table's partitioning.

If the table has no subpartitions, then this column is **NULL**.

• **PARTITION_DESCRIPTION**: This column is used for **RANGE** and **LIST** partitions. For a **RANGE** partition, it contains the value set in the partition's **VALUES LESS THAN** clause, which can be either an integer or **MAXVALUE**. For a **LIST** partition, this column contains the values defined in the partition's **VALUES IN** clause, which is a comma-separated list of integer values.

For partitions whose **PARTITION_METHOD** is other than **RANGE** or **LIST**, this column is always **NULL**.

• **TABLE_ROWS**: The number of table rows in the partition.
For partitioned InnoDB tables, the row count given in the TABLE_ROWS column is only an estimated value used in SQL optimization, and may not always be exact.

Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.22 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.11, TABLE_ROWS shows correct information for NDB tables. Previously, for partitions of NDB tables, the TABLE_ROWS column value was always 0.

For NDB tables, you can also obtain this information using the ndb_desc utility.

- **AVG_ROW_LENGTH**: The average length of the rows stored in this partition or subpartition, in bytes.

  This is the same as DATA_LENGTH divided by TABLE_ROWS.

  Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.22 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.11, AVG_ROW_LENGTH includes statistics for partitions of NDB tables, whether the tables use implicit or explicit partitioning. (Previously the value of this column was always 0 for partitions of NDB tables.)

  You can also obtain equivalent information using the ndb_desc utility.

- **DATA_LENGTH**: The total length of all rows stored in this partition or subpartition, in bytes—that is, the total number of bytes stored in the partition or subpartition.

  Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.22 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.11, DATA_LENGTH shows correct information for in-memory data in NDB tables. Previously, for partitions of NDB tables, the DATA_LENGTH column value was always 0.

  For NDB tables, you can also obtain this information using the ndb_desc utility.

- **MAX_DATA_LENGTH**: The maximum number of bytes that can be stored in this partition or subpartition.

  Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.22 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.11, MAX_DATA_LENGTH shows the space allocated for the disk part of a MySQL Cluster Disk Data table or fragment. (Previously, for partitions of NDB tables, the MAX_DATA_LENGTH column value was always NULL.)

  For NDB tables, you can also obtain this information using the ndb_desc utility.

- **INDEX_LENGTH**: The length of the index file for this partition or subpartition, in bytes.

  For partitions of NDB tables, whether the tables use implicit or explicit partitioning, the INDEX_LENGTH column value is always 0. However, you can obtain equivalent information using the ndb_desc utility.

- **DATA_FREE**: The number of bytes allocated to the partition or subpartition but not used.

  For MySQL Cluster Disk Data tables, beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.22 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.11, DATA_FREE shows the space allocated on disk for, but not used by, a Disk Data table or fragment on disk. (Previously, for partitions of NDB tables, the value of this column was always 0.)

  For NDB tables, you can also obtain this information using the ndb_desc utility.

- **CREATE_TIME**: The time of the partition's or subpartition's creation.

  For partitioned InnoDB tables, this column is always NULL.

- **UPDATE_TIME**: The time that the partition or subpartition was last modified.

  For partitioned InnoDB tables, this column is always NULL.

- **CHECK_TIME**: The last time that the table to which this partition or subpartition belongs was checked.
For partitioned InnoDB tables, this column is always NULL.

- **CHECKSUM**: The checksum value, if any; otherwise, this column is NULL.

- **PARTITION_COMMENT**: This column contains the text of any comment made for the partition.

  In MySQL 5.1, the display width of this column is 80 characters, and partition comments which exceed this length are truncated to fit. This issue is fixed in MySQL 5.6. (Bug #11748924, Bug #37728)

  The default value for this column is an empty string.

- **NODEGROUP**: This is the nodegroup to which the partition belongs. This is relevant only to MySQL Cluster tables; otherwise the value of this column is always 0.

- **TABLESPACE_NAME**: This column contains the name of the tablespace to which the partition belongs. The value of this column is always DEFAULT.

  **Important**

  If any partitioned tables created in a MySQL version prior to MySQL 5.1.6 are present following an upgrade to MySQL 5.1.6 or later, it is not possible to SELECT from, SHOW, or DESCRIBE the PARTITIONS table. See the Release Notes for MySQL 5.1.6 before upgrading from MySQL 5.1.5 or earlier to MySQL 5.1.6 or later.

- A nonpartitioned table has one record in INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PARTITIONS; however, the values of the PARTITION_NAME, SUBPARTITION_NAME, PARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION, SUBPARTITION_ORDINAL_POSITION, PARTITION_METHOD, SUBPARTITION_METHOD, PARTITION_EXPRESSION, SUBPARTITION_EXPRESSION, and PARTITION_DESCRIPTION columns are all NULL. (The PARTITION_COMMENT column in this case is blank.)

  In MySQL 5.1, there is also only one record in the PARTITIONS table for a table using the NDBCLUSTER storage engine. The same columns are also NULL (or empty) as for a nonpartitioned table.
Chapter 21 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA EVENTS Table

The EVENTS table provides information about scheduled events, which are discussed in Using the Event Scheduler. The SHOW Name values correspond to column names of the SHOW EVENTS statement.

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Notes:

- The EVENTS table is a nonstandard table. It was added in MySQL 5.1.6.
- EVENT_CATALOG: The value of this column is always NULL.
- EVENT_SCHEMA: The name of the schema (database) to which this event belongs.
- EVENT_NAME: The name of the event.
- DEFINER: The account of the user who created the event, in 'user_name'@'host_name' format.
- TIME_ZONE: The event time zone, which is the time zone used for scheduling the event and that is in effect within the event as it executes. The default value is SYSTEM.
This column was added in MySQL 5.1.17. See Release Notes for MySQL 5.1.17 for important information if you are using the Event Scheduler and are upgrading to MySQL 5.1.17 or later from an earlier version.

- **EVENT_BODY**: The language used for the statements in the event's `DO` clause; in MySQL 5.1, this is always SQL.

This column was added in MySQL 5.1.12. It is not to be confused with the column of the same name (now named **EVENT_DEFINITION**) that existed in earlier MySQL versions.

- **EVENT_DEFINITION**: The text of the SQL statement making up the event's `DO` clause; in other words, the statement executed by this event.

  **Note**
  
  Prior to MySQL 5.1.12, this column was named **EVENT_BODY**.

- **EVENT_TYPE**: The event repetition type, either **ONE TIME** (transient) or **RECURRING** (repeating).

- **EXECUTE_AT**: For a one-time event, this is the `DATETIME` value specified in the `AT` clause of the `CREATE EVENT` statement used to create the event, or of the last `ALTER EVENT` statement that modified the event. The value shown in this column reflects the addition or subtraction of any `INTERVAL` value included in the event's `AT` clause. For example, if an event is created using `ON SCHEDULE AT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP + '1:6' DAY.HOUR`, and the event was created at 2006-02-09 14:05:30, the value shown in this column would be `2006-02-10 20:05:30`.

  If the event's timing is determined by an `EVERY` clause instead of an `AT` clause (that is, if the event is recurring), the value of this column is **NULL**.

- **INTERVAL_VALUE**: For recurring events, this column contains the numeric portion of the event's `EVERY` clause.

  For a one-time event (that is, an event whose timing is determined by an `AT` clause), this column is **NULL**.

- **INTERVAL_FIELD**: For recurring events, this column contains the units portion of the `EVERY` clause governing the timing of the event. Thus, this column contains a value such as `YEAR`, `QUARTER`, `DAY`, and so on.

  **Note**
  
  In early MySQL 5.1 releases, this value was prefixed with `INTERVAL_`, and was displayed as `INTERVAL_YEAR`, `INTERVAL_QUARTER`, `INTERVAL_DAY`, and so on.

  For a one-time event (that is, an event whose timing is determined by an `AT` clause), this column is **NULL**.

- **SQL_MODE**: The SQL mode in effect when the event was created or altered, and under which the event executes. For the permitted values, see Server SQL Modes.

- **STARTS**: For a recurring event whose definition includes a `STARTS` clause, this column contains the corresponding `DATETIME` value. As with the `EXECUTE_AT` column, this value resolves any expressions used.

  If there is no `STARTS` clause affecting the timing of the event, this column is **NULL**. (Prior to MySQL 5.1.8, it contained 0000-00-00 00:00:00 in such cases.)
• **ENDS**: For a recurring event whose definition includes an **ENDS** clause, this column contains the corresponding **DATETIME** value. As with the **EXECUTE_AT** column, this value resolves any expressions used.

If there is no **ENDS** clause affecting the timing of the event, this column is **NULL**.

• **STATUS**: One of the three values **ENABLED**, **DISABLED**, or **SLAVESIDE_DISABLED**.

**SLAVESIDE_DISABLED** was added to the list of possible values for this column in MySQL 5.1.18. This value indicates that the creation of the event occurred on another MySQL server acting as a replication master and was replicated to the current MySQL server which is acting as a slave, but the event is not presently being executed on the slave. See Replication of Invoked Features, for more information.

• **ON_COMPLETION**: One of the two values **PRESERVE** or **NOT PRESERVE**.

• **CREATED**: The date and time when the event was created. This is a **TIMESTAMP** value.

• **LAST_ALTERED**: The date and time when the event was last modified. This is a **TIMESTAMP** value. If the event has not been modified since its creation, this column holds the same value as the **CREATED** column.

• **LAST_EXECUTED**: The date and time when the event last executed. A **DATETIME** value. If the event has never executed, this column is **NULL**.

Before MySQL 5.1.23, **LAST_EXECUTED** indicates when event finished executing. As of 5.1.23, **LAST_EXECUTED** instead indicates when the event started. As a result, the **ENDS** column is never less than **LAST_EXECUTED**.

• **EVENT_COMMENT**: The text of a comment, if the event has one. If not, the value of this column is an empty string.

• **ORIGINATOR**: The server ID of the MySQL server on which the event was created; used in replication. The default value is 0. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.18.

• **CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT**: The session value of the **character_set_client** system variable when the event was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

• **COLLATION_CONNECTION**: The session value of the **collation_connection** system variable when the event was created. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

• **DATABASE_COLLATION**: The collation of the database with which the event is associated. This column was added in MySQL 5.1.21.

**Example**: Suppose that the user **jon@ghidora** creates an event named **e_daily**, and then modifies it a few minutes later using an **ALTER EVENT** statement, as shown here:

```
DELIMITER |
CREATE EVENT e_daily
    ON SCHEDULE
    EVERY 1 DAY
    COMMENT 'Saves total number of sessions then clears the table each day'
    DO
        BEGIN
            INSERT INTO site_activity.totals (time, total)
            SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, COUNT(*)
            FROM site_activity.sessions;
            DELETE FROM site_activity.sessions;
        END |
DELIMITER ;
```
ALTER EVENT e_daily
    ENABLED;

(Note that comments can span multiple lines.)

This user can then run the following SELECT statement, and obtain the output shown:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.EVENTS
    > WHERE EVENT_NAME = 'e_daily'
    > AND EVENT_SCHEMA = 'myschema'
G
*************************** 1. row ***************************
EVENT_CATALOG: NULL
EVENT_SCHEMA: test
EVENT_NAME: e_daily
  DEFINER: me@localhost
  TIME_ZONE: SYSTEM
  EVENT_BODY: SQL
EVENT_DEFINITION: BEGIN
  INSERT INTO site_activity.totals (time, total)
  SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, COUNT(*)
  FROM site_activity.sessions;
  DELETE FROM site_activity.sessions;
END
EVENT_TYPE: RECURRING
EXECUTE_AT: NULL
INTERVAL_VALUE: 1
INTERVAL_FIELD: DAY
SQL_MODE:
  STARTS: 2008-09-03 12:13:39
  ENDS: NULL
  STATUS: ENABLED
ON_COMPLETION: NOT PRESERVE
CREATED: 2008-09-03 12:13:39
LAST_ALTERED: 2008-09-03 12:13:39
LAST_EXECUTED: NULL
EVENT_COMMENT: Saves total number of sessions then clears the
table each day
ORIGINATOR: 1
CHARACTER_SET_CLIENT: latin1
COLLATION_CONNECTION: latin1_swedish_ci
DATABASE_COLLATION: latin1_swedish_ci
```

Times in the EVENTS table are displayed using the event time zone or the current session time zone. Prior to MySQL 5.1.17, some of the times are displayed in UTC rather than the event time zone. For details, see Event Metadata.

See also SHOW EVENTS Syntax.
Chapter 22 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA FILES Table

The FILES table provides information about the files in which MySQL NDB Disk Data tables are stored.

**Note**

This table provides information about Disk Data files only; you cannot use it for determining disk space allocation or availability for individual NDB tables. However, beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 6.3.27 and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.8, it is possible to see how much space is allocated for each NDB table having data stored on disk, as well as how much remains available for storage of data on disk for that table, using `ndb_desc`. For more information, see `ndb_desc — Describe NDB Tables`.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FILE_ID</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FILE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FILE_TYPE</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLESPACE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_CATALOG</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOGFILE_GROUP_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOGFILE_GROUP_NUMBER</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGINE</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FULLTEXT_KEYS</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DELETED_ROWS</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UPDATE_COUNT</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FREE_EXTENTS</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL_EXTENTS</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXTENT_SIZE</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
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<td>INITIAL_SIZE</td>
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<tr>
<td>MAXIMUM_SIZE</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUTOEXTEND_SIZE</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CREATION_TIME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAST_UPDATE_TIME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAST_ACCESS_TIME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RECOVER_TIME</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSACTION_COUNTER</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VERSION</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROW_FORMAT</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_ROWS</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AVG_ROW_LENGTH</td>
<td></td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name | SHOW Name | Remarks
---|---|---
DATA_LENGTH | | MySQL extension
MAX_DATA_LENGTH | | MySQL extension
INDEX_LENGTH | | MySQL extension
DATA_FREE | | MySQL extension
CREATE_TIME | | MySQL extension
UPDATE_TIME | | MySQL extension
CHECK_TIME | | MySQL extension
CHECKSUM | | MySQL extension
STATUS | | MySQL extension
EXTRA | | MySQL extension

**Notes:**

- **FILE_ID** column values are auto-generated.
- **FILE_NAME** is the name of an UNDO log file created by `CREATE LOGFILE GROUP` or `ALTER LOGFILE GROUP`, or of a data file created by `CREATE TABLESPACE` or `ALTER TABLESPACE`.
- **FILE_TYPE** is one of the values UNDOFILE or DATAFILE.

  Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 6.2.19, MySQL Cluster NDB 6.3.32, MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.13, and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.2, this column can also have the value TABLESPACE.
- **TABLESPACE_NAME** is the name of the tablespace with which the file is associated.
- The value of the **TABLESPACE_CATALOG** column is always NULL.
- **TABLE_NAME** is the name of the Disk Data table with which the file is associated, if any.
- The **LOGFILE_GROUP_NAME** column gives the name of the log file group to which the log file or data file belongs.
- For an UNDO log file, the **LOGFILE_GROUP_NUMBER** contains the auto-generated ID number of the log file group to which the log file belongs.
- For a MySQL Cluster Disk Data log file or data file, the value of the **ENGINE** column is always NDB or NDBCLUSTER.
- For a MySQL Cluster Disk Data log file or data file, the value of the **FULLTEXT_KEYS** column is always empty.
- The **FREE EXTENTS** column displays the number of extents which have not yet been used by the file. The **TOTAL EXTENTS** column show the total number of extents allocated to the file.

  The difference between these two columns is the number of extents currently in use by the file:

  ```sql
  SELECT TOTAL_EXTENTS - FREE_EXTENTS AS extents_used
  FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES
  WHERE FILE_NAME = 'myfile.dat';
  ```

  You can approximate the amount of disk space in use by the file by multiplying this difference by the value of the **EXTENT_SIZE** column, which gives the size of an extent for the file in bytes:
```
SELECT (TOTAL_EXTENTS - FREE_EXTENTS) * EXTENT_SIZE AS bytes_used
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES
WHERE FILE_NAME = 'myfile.dat';
```

Similarly, you can estimate the amount of space that remains available in a given file by multiplying `FREE_EXTENTS` by `EXTENT_SIZE`:

```
SELECT FREE_EXTENTS * EXTENT_SIZE AS bytes_free
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES
WHERE FILE_NAME = 'myfile.dat';
```

**Important**

The byte values produced by the preceding queries are approximations only, and their precision is inversely proportional to the value of `EXTENT_SIZE`. That is, the larger `EXTENT_SIZE` becomes, the less accurate the approximations are.

It is also important to remember that once an extent is used, it cannot be freed again without dropping the data file of which it is a part. This means that deletes from a Disk Data table do not release disk space.

The extent size can be set in a `CREATE TABLESPACE` statement. See `CREATE TABLESPACE Syntax`, for more information.

- The `INITIAL_SIZE` column shows the size in bytes of the file. This is the same value that was used in the `INITIAL_SIZE` clause of the `CREATE LOGFILE GROUP`, `ALTER LOGFILE GROUP`, `CREATE TABLESPACE`, or `ALTER TABLESPACE` statement used to create the file.

  For MySQL Cluster Disk Data files, the value of the `MAXIMUM_SIZE` column is always the same as `INITIAL_SIZE`, and the `AUTOEXTEND_SIZE` column is always empty.

- The `CREATION_TIME` column shows the date and time when the file was created. The `LAST_UPDATE_TIME` column displays the date and time when the file was last modified. The `LAST_ACCESSED` column provides the date and time when the file was last accessed by the server.

  The values of these columns are as reported by the operating system, and are not supplied by the NDB storage engine. Where no value is provided by the operating system, these columns display `0000-00-00 00:00:00`.

- For MySQL Cluster Disk Data files, the value of the `RECOVER_TIME` and `TRANSACTION_COUNTER` columns is always `0`.

- For MySQL Cluster Disk Data files, the following columns are always `NULL`:
  - `VERSION`
  - `ROW_FORMAT`
  - `TABLE_ROWS`
  - `AVG_ROW_LENGTH`
  - `DATA_LENGTH`
  - `MAX_DATA_LENGTH`
• INDEX_LENGTH
• DATA_FREE
• CREATE_TIME
• UPDATE_TIME
• CHECK_TIME
• CHECKSUM

• For MySQL Cluster Disk Data files, the value of the STATUS column is always NORMAL.

• For MySQL Cluster Disk Data files, the EXTRA column shows which data node the file belongs to, as each data node has its own copy of the file. Suppose that you use this statement on a MySQL Cluster with four data nodes:

```sql
CREATE LOGFILE GROUP mygroup
    ADD UNDOFILE 'new_undo.dat'
    INITIAL_SIZE 2G
    ENGINE NDB;
```

After running the CREATE LOGFILE GROUP statement successfully, you should see a result similar to the one shown here for this query against the FILES table:

```sql
mysql> SELECT LOGFILE_GROUP_NAME, FILE_TYPE, EXTRA
            FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES
            WHERE FILE_NAME = 'new_undo.dat';
+--------------------+-------------+----------------+
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LOGFILE_GROUP_NAME</th>
<th>FILE_TYPE</th>
<th>EXTRA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>mygroup</td>
<td>UNDO FILE</td>
<td>CLUSTER_NODE=3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mygroup</td>
<td>UNDO FILE</td>
<td>CLUSTER_NODE=4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mygroup</td>
<td>UNDO FILE</td>
<td>CLUSTER_NODE=5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mygroup</td>
<td>UNDO FILE</td>
<td>CLUSTER_NODE=6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
+--------------------+-------------+----------------+
4 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

• The FILES table is a nonstandard table. It was added in MySQL 5.1.6.

• Beginning with MySQL 5.1.14, an additional row is present in the FILES table following the creation of a logfile group. This row has NULL for the value of the FILE_NAME column. For this row, the value of the FILE_ID column is always 0, that of the FILE_TYPE column is always UNDO_FILE, and that of the STATUS column is always NORMAL. The value of the ENGINE column is always NDBCLUSTER.

The FREE_EXTENTS column in this row shows the total number of free extents available to all undo files belonging to a given log file group whose name and number are shown in the LOGFILE_GROUP_NAME and LOGFILE_GROUP_NUMBER columns, respectively.

Suppose there are no existing log file groups on your MySQL Cluster, and you create one using the following statement:

```sql
mysql> CREATE LOGFILE GROUP lg1
    -> ADD UNDOFILE 'undofile.dat'
    -> INITIAL_SIZE = 16M
    -> UNDO_BUFFER_SIZE = 1M
    -> ENGINE = NDB;
```
You can now see this NULL row when you query the FILES table:

```
mysql> SELECT DISTINCT
-> FILE_NAME AS File,
-> FREE_EXTENTS AS Free,
-> TOTAL_EXTENTS AS Total,
-> EXTENT_SIZE AS Size,
-> INITIAL_SIZE AS Initial
-> FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES;
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File</th>
<th>Free</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Size</th>
<th>Initial</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>undofile.dat</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>4194304</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16777216</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>4184068</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

The total number of free extents available for undo logging is always somewhat less than the sum of the TOTAL_EXTENTS column values for all undo files in the log file group due to overhead required for maintaining the undo files. This can be seen by adding a second undo file to the log file group, then repeating the previous query against the FILES table:

```
mysql> ALTER LOGFILE GROUP lg1
-> ADD UNDOFILE 'undofile02.dat'
-> INITIAL_SIZE = 4M
-> ENGINE = NDB;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (1.02 sec)
mysql> SELECT DISTINCT
-> FILE_NAME AS File,
-> FREE_EXTENTS AS Free,
-> TOTAL_EXTENTS AS Total,
-> EXTENT_SIZE AS Size,
-> INITIAL_SIZE AS Initial
-> FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES;
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File</th>
<th>Free</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Size</th>
<th>Initial</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>undofile.dat</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>4194304</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16777216</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>undofile02.dat</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>1048576</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4194304</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>5223944</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>NULL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3 rows in set (0.01 sec)

The amount of free space in bytes which is available for undo logging by Disk Data tables using this log file group can be approximated by multiplying the number of free extents by the initial size:

```
mysql> SELECT
-> FREE_EXTENTS AS 'Free Extents',
-> FREE_EXTENTS * EXTENT_SIZE AS 'Free Bytes'
-> FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES
-> WHERE LOGFILE_GROUP_NAME = 'lg1'
-> AND FILE_NAME IS NULL;
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Free Extents</th>
<th>Free Bytes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5223944</td>
<td>20895776</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1 row in set (0.02 sec)
If you create a MySQL Cluster Disk Data table and then insert some rows into it, you can see approximately how much space remains for undo logging afterward, for example:

```sql
mysql> CREATE TABLESPACE ts1
-> ADD DATAFILE 'data1.dat'
-> USE LOGFILE GROUP lg1
-> INITIAL_SIZE 512M
-> ENGINE = NDB;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (8.71 sec)
mysql> CREATE TABLE dd
-> (c1 INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
-> c2 INT,
-> c3 DATE
-> )
-> TABLESPACE ts1 STORAGE DISK
-> ENGINE = NDB;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (2.11 sec)
mysql> INSERT INTO dd VALUES
-> (NULL, 1234567890, '2007-02-02'),
-> (NULL, 1126789005, '2007-02-03'),
-> (NULL, 1357924680, '2007-02-04'),
-> (NULL, 1642097531, '2007-02-05');
Query OK, 4 rows affected (0.01 sec)
mysql> SELECT
-> FREE_EXTENTS AS 'Free Extents',
-> FREE_EXTENTS * EXTENT_SIZE AS 'Free Bytes'
-> FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.FILES
-> WHERE LOGFILE_GROUP_NAME = 'lg1'
-> AND FILE_NAME IS NULL;
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Free Extents</th>
<th>Free Bytes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5207565</td>
<td>20830260</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

• Beginning with MySQL Cluster NDB 6.2.19, MySQL Cluster NDB 6.3.32, MySQL Cluster NDB 7.0.13, and MySQL Cluster NDB 7.1.2, an additional row is present in the FILES table for any tablespace, whether or not any data files are associated with the tablespace. This row has NULL for the value of the FILE_NAME column. For this row, the value of the FILE_ID column is always 0, that of the FILE_TYPE column is always TABLESPACE, and that of the STATUS column is always NORMAL. The value of the ENGINE column is always NDBCLUSTER.

• There are no SHOW statements associated with the FILES table.

• For additional information, and examples of creating and dropping MySQL Cluster Disk Data objects, see MySQL Cluster Disk Data Tables.
Chapter 23 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA PROCESSLIST Table

The **PROCESSLIST** table provides information about which threads are running.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ID</td>
<td>Id</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>USER</td>
<td>User</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HOST</td>
<td>Host</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DB</td>
<td>db</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMMAND</td>
<td>Command</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td>Time</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATE</td>
<td>State</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFO</td>
<td>Info</td>
<td>MySQL extension</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For an extensive description of the table columns, see [SHOW PROCESSLIST Syntax](#).

**Notes:**

- The **PROCESSLIST** table is a nonstandard table. It was added in MySQL 5.1.7.

- Like the output from the corresponding **SHOW** statement, the **PROCESSLIST** table will only show information about your own threads, unless you have the **PROCESS** privilege, in which case you will see information about other threads, too. As an anonymous user, you cannot see any rows at all.

- If an SQL statement refers to **INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST**, MySQL populates the entire table once, when statement execution begins, so there is read consistency during the statement. There is no read consistency for a multi-statement transaction, though.

The following statements are equivalent:

```sql
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.PROCESSLIST
SHOW FULL PROCESSLIST
```
Chapter 24 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS Table

The REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS table provides information about foreign keys.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_CATALOG</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSTRAINT_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_CATALOG</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MATCH_OPTION</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UPDATE_RULE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DELETE_RULE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- The REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS table was added in MySQL 5.1.10. The REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME column was added in MySQL 5.1.16.

- TABLE_NAME has the same value as TABLE_NAME in INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_CONSTRAINTS.

- CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA and CONSTRAINT_NAME identify the foreign key.

- UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_SCHEMA, UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_NAME, and REFERENCED_TABLE_NAME identify the referenced key. (Note: Before MySQL 5.1.16, UNIQUE_CONSTRAINT_NAME incorrectly named the referenced table, not the constraint.)

- The only valid value at this time for MATCH_OPTION is NONE.

- The possible values for UPDATE_RULE or DELETE_RULE are CASCADE, SET NULL, SET DEFAULT, RESTRICT, NO ACTION.
Chapter 25 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA GLOBAL_STATUS and SESSION_STATUS Tables

The GLOBAL_STATUS and SESSION_STATUS tables provide information about server status variables. Their contents correspond to the information produced by the SHOW GLOBAL STATUS and SHOW SESSION STATUS statements (see SHOW STATUS Syntax).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name</th>
<th>SHOW Name</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>VARIABLE_NAME</td>
<td>Variable_name</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARIABLE_VALUE</td>
<td>Value</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

- The GLOBAL_STATUS and SESSION_STATUS tables were added in MySQL 5.1.12.

- The VARIABLE_VALUE column for each of these tables is defined as VARCHAR(1024). Previously, this column had the data type DECIMAL(22,7), but was changed to VARCHAR(20480) in 5.1.19 to avoid loss of data when working with status variables whose values were strings, and shortened to VARCHAR(1024) in 5.1.31 to improve performance.
Chapter 26 The INFORMATION_SCHEMA GLOBAL_VARIABLES and SESSION_VARIABLES Tables

The GLOBAL_VARIABLES and SESSION_VARIABLES tables provide information about server status variables. Their contents correspond to the information produced by the SHOW GLOBAL VARIABLES and SHOW SESSION VARIABLES statements (see SHOW VARIABLES Syntax).

### INFORMATION_SCHEMA Name | SHOW Name | Remarks
--- | --- | ---
VARIABLE_NAME | Variable_name |  
VARIABLE_VALUE | Value |  

Notes:

- The GLOBAL_VARIABLES and SESSION_VARIABLES tables were added in MySQL 5.1.12.

- The VARIABLE_VALUE column for each of these tables is defined as VARCHAR(1024). Previously, this column had the data type LONGTEXT; this was changed in MySQL 5.1.19 to VARCHAR(20480) and in 5.1.31 to VARCHAR(1024) to make these tables consistent with the GLOBAL_STATUS and SESSION_STATUS tables, whose definitions were changed in those versions (see Chapter 25, The INFORMATION_SCHEMA GLOBAL_STATUS and SESSION_STATUS Tables).

For variables with very long values that are not completely displayed, use SELECT as a workaround. For example:

```sql
SELECT @@GLOBAL.innodb_data_file_path;
```
Chapter 27 Extensions to SHOW Statements

Some extensions to SHOW statements accompany the implementation of INFORMATION_SCHEMA:

- SHOW can be used to get information about the structure of INFORMATION_SCHEMA itself.
- Several SHOW statements accept a WHERE clause that provides more flexibility in specifying which rows to display.

INFORMATION_SCHEMA is an information database, so its name is included in the output from SHOW DATABASES. Similarly, SHOW TABLES can be used with INFORMATION_SCHEMA to obtain a list of its tables:

```
mysql> SHOW TABLES FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA;
+---------------------------------------+
| Tables_in_INFORMATION_SCHEMA          |
+---------------------------------------+
| CHARACTER_SETS                        |
| COLLATIONS                            |
| COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY |
| COLUMNS                               |
| COLUMN_PRIVILEGES                     |
| ENGINES                               |
| EVENTS                                |
| FILES                                 |
| GLOBAL_STATUS                         |
| GLOBAL_VARIABLES                      |
| KEY_COLUMN_USAGE                      |
| PARTITIONS                            |
| PLUGINS                               |
| PROCESSLIST                           |
| REFERENTIAL_CONSTRAINTS               |
| ROUTINES                              |
| SCHEMATA                              |
| SCHEMA_PRIVILEGES                     |
| SESSION_STATUS                        |
| SESSION_VARIABLES                     |
| STATISTICS                            |
| TABLES                                |
| TABLE_CONSTRAINTS                     |
| TABLE_PRIVILEGES                      |
| TRIGGERS                              |
| USER_PRIVILEGES                       |
| VIEWS                                 |
+---------------------------------------+
27 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

SHOW COLUMNS and DESCRIBE can display information about the columns in individual INFORMATION_SCHEMA tables.

SHOW statements that accept a LIKE clause to limit the rows displayed also permit a WHERE clause that specifies more general conditions that selected rows must satisfy:
SHOW STATUS
SHOW TABLE STATUS
SHOW TABLES
SHOW TRIGGERS
SHOW VARIABLES

The `WHERE` clause, if present, is evaluated against the column names displayed by the `SHOW` statement. For example, the `SHOW CHARACTER SET` statement produces these output columns:

```
mysql> SHOW CHARACTER SET;
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Charset</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Default collation</th>
<th>Maxlen</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>big5</td>
<td>Big5 Traditional Chinese</td>
<td>big5_chinese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dec8</td>
<td>DEC West European</td>
<td>dec8_swedish_ci</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cp850</td>
<td>DOS West European</td>
<td>cp850_general_ci</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hp8</td>
<td>HP West European</td>
<td>hp8_english_ci</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>koi8r</td>
<td>KOI8-R Relcom Russian</td>
<td>koi8r_general_ci</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>latin1</td>
<td>cp1252 West European</td>
<td>latin1_swedish_ci</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>latin2</td>
<td>ISO 8859-2 Central European</td>
<td>latin2_general_ci</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>...</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To use a `WHERE` clause with `SHOW CHARACTER SET`, you would refer to those column names. As an example, the following statement displays information about character sets for which the default collation contains the string 'japanese':

```
mysql> SHOW CHARACTER SET WHERE `Default collation` LIKE '%japanese%';
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Charset</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Default collation</th>
<th>Maxlen</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ujis</td>
<td>EUC-JP Japanese</td>
<td>ujis_japanese_ci</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sjis</td>
<td>Shift-JIS Japanese</td>
<td>sjis_japanese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cp932</td>
<td>SJIS for Windows Japanese</td>
<td>cp932_japanese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eucjpms</td>
<td>UJIS for Windows Japanese</td>
<td>eucjpms_japanese_ci</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This statement displays the multibyte character sets:

```
mysql> SHOW CHARACTER SET WHERE Maxlen > 1;
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Charset</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Default collation</th>
<th>Maxlen</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>big5</td>
<td>Big5 Traditional Chinese</td>
<td>big5_chinese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ujis</td>
<td>EUC-JP Japanese</td>
<td>ujis_japanese_ci</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sjis</td>
<td>Shift-JIS Japanese</td>
<td>sjis_japanese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>euckr</td>
<td>EUC-KR Korean</td>
<td>euckr_korean_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gb2312</td>
<td>GB2312 Simplified Chinese</td>
<td>gb2312_chinese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gbk</td>
<td>GBK Simplified Chinese</td>
<td>gbk_chinese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>utf8</td>
<td>UTF-8 Unicode</td>
<td>utf8_general_ci</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ucs2</td>
<td>UCS-2 Unicode</td>
<td>ucs2_general_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cp932</td>
<td>SJIS for Windows Japanese</td>
<td>cp932_japanese_ci</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eucjpms</td>
<td>UJIS for Windows Japanese</td>
<td>eucjpms_japanese_ci</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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See Chapter 1, INFORMATION_SCHEMA Tables

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28.4: What is the difference between the Oracle Data Dictionary and MySQL's INFORMATION_SCHEMA?

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