
Subject: Re: SQL access without Dataminer
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Jonathan Greenberg <greenberg@ucdavis.edu> wrote in message
news:<BA6AA308.13375%greenberg@ucdavis.edu>...
> Does anyone know if IDL has any SQL access capability without purchasing
> Dataminer? Are there any freeware SQL interface libraries for IDL?
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> --j

I'm interested in this too. I have some IDL -> Database -> Web applications in mind, so I started to learn PHP and MySQL, which are both pretty easy to use (and free!) Plus, they have very nice (also free) web-based administration programs out there. The IDL DataMiner (~\$500 US) claims support for SQL and ODBC. Without too much investigation, it seems to me that the core SQL grammar and MySQL grammar are similar if not identical. I haven't tested the overlap of the database-connection methods between the two, but they must be somewhat similar.

In my opinion, it would be great if IDL DataMiner would support MySQL explicitly (how hard could it be for them to do this?). Failing that, it may be possible to develop some PHP code from the command line to take SQL/MySQL queries generated within IDL and return results somehow.

Any takers?

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Some useful links:
<http://www.MySQL.com/>
<http://www.php.net/>
<http://www.phpmyadmin.net/>
And for Mac OS X users. . .
<http://www.entropy.ch/software/macosx/php/>
<http://aaronfaby.com/php4.php>
<http://aaronfaby.com/apache2.php>
