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- 4 OPEN SOURCE MYSQL BROWSER FOR OPEN INNOVATION
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Abstract.

4 OUR PURPOSE IS TO CROSS-COMPILE MYSQL DRIVER SOURCE CODE FOR LINUX ON WINDOWS ARCHITECTURE USING A TOOLCHAIN IN ORDER TO BUILD A NEUTRAL VALID GRAPHIC INTERFACE ON 32 BITS.

Once achieving this goal we could 4 SAY THAT EVERY POSSIBLE OPEN
SOURCE APPLICATION CAN BE BUILT AND RUN ON WINDOWS WITH
MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY

concerning costs and resource.

This browser is an example of open innovation because its source code is freefor anybody willing to develop new software apps for business and uses only Open source tools.

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M15 IT ManagementOpen source methodology is gaining popularity in the business processes owned by modern

companies.

The benefits derive from its free availability, low-cost implementation and rapid business valuegrowth.

Open source business model inspires small companies that have not enough funds to invest intechnology.

Even big companies like IBM base their development strategies on Open source in order toobtain feedback from every specialist around the World and to facilitate the process of open innovation.

The growing success of this paradigm explains the author's decision to develop MySQL Browser.

1.

MySQL APIThe MySQL API[2] consists of wrapping classes to Native API where the most important data structure

is st\_mysql\_res which points the current row and some metadata, and contains the following data fields:

Table 1.

ST\_MYSQL\_RES Structmy\_ulonglong row\_count

### 5 MYSQL\_FIELD \* FIELDS

MYSQL\_DATA \* data

MYSQL\_ROWS \* data\_cursor

unsigned long \* lengths

MYSQL\* handle

MEM\_ROOT field\_alloc

unsigned int field\_count

unsigned int current\_field

MYSQL\_ROW row

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MYSQL\_ROW current\_row

my\_bool eof

my\_bool unbuffered\_fetch\_cancelled

const struct st\_mysql\_methods \* methods

Accessing rows is done iteratively, every row being linked with the next one through the following

st\_mysql\_rows structure:

Table 2.

ST\_MYSQL\_ROWS Structst\_mysql\_rows \* next

MYSQL\_ROW data

#### 5 UNSIGNED LONG LENGTH

The standard method to get records from database is calling the next() method of the RecordSet

object, like in the following example:

res = stmt->executeQuery(str);

if(res->next())

```
{
if(strncmp("char",res->getString(1).c_str(),4)==0)
TypeArr[i]=G_TYPE_STRING;
.
```

This method translates itself into the following instruction:

row = result->fetch\_row(), where result is a NativeResultsetWrapper instance and row has the MYSQL\_ROW type, structure implemented as an array

of counted byte strings.

After calling the executeQuery() method upon a NativeStatementWrapper object, the get\_resultset()

method is called and assigns the use\_result()/store\_result() return value - called upon a

NativeConnectionWrapper proxy object - to a result instance.

store\_result() translates into a lower levelmethod to obtain a Recordset by executing the following line:

::st\_mysql\_res \* raw= api->store\_result(mysql), where the st\_mysql\_res object is initialized.

2.

Building libmysqlcppconn library from scratchAfter install, mingw toolchain[3] will contain GCC compiler, linker and make tools.

CMake[4] islaunched to generate a valid Makefile, after extracting MySQL driver archive

into a folder.

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valid paths to gcc and g++ compilers, linker and MySQL Server include and lib folders.

For higher versions ofmysql driver, it will ask for Boost library path but unfortunately this is poorly compatible with our shipped

version of GCC compiler(4.6.2).

Fig.

1. CMake configure windowMake command is launched to build the project and raised errors will be treated appropriately.

There are two types of errors encountered, one type concerning data definitions redundancy in header files

(macro's, functions, and managed data types), and another, dealing with templates occurrences in extern C

context.

If the build succeeds, both static (libmysqlcppconn.dll.a) and dynamic (libmysqlcppconn.dll)libraries are created.

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3.

Creating a GUI for MySQL driverGTK+[5] is a multi-platform toolkit for creating graphical user interfaces.

Offering a complete set ofwidgets in combination with the Glade GUI builder, it provides an effective method of rapid application

development.

We create a My\_GUI class with the methods described in the class diagram below: Fig.

2. My\_GUI Class diagramAfter calling the gtk\_init() method that initializes the library for use, sets up default signal handlers,

and checks the arguments passed to the application on the command line, we create the main window,

fallowing the steps:

6 WINDOW = GTK\_WINDOW\_NEW (GTK\_WINDOW\_TOPLEVEL);

GTK\_WINDOW\_SET\_TITLE (GTK\_WINDOW (WINDOW),
"MYSQLBROWSER");

GTK\_CONTAINER\_SET\_BORDER\_WIDTH (GTK\_CONTAINER (WINDOW), 5);

then add the window to the container and set its size:

6 GTK\_CONTAINER\_ADD (GTK\_CONTAINER (WINDOW), VBOX);

GTK\_WINDOW\_SET\_DEFAULT\_SIZE (GTK\_WINDOW (WINDOW), 320, 200);

We call then the gtk\_main() that runs the main loop.

It will not return until gtk\_main\_quit() is called. For showing the results in a grid form we use a tree view GtkWidget that connects to the real data through

a GtkTreeModel object initialized before by calling create\_items\_model method.

After adding the menubar and a couple of modal dialog windows, we get the next picture:

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Fig.

3. 4 MYSQL BROWSER FOR WINDOWSThe overall dependencies graph of the main classes (MySQL and MyGUI) and the environment types is

shown below:

Fig.

4. Dependencies graph generated with Doxygen[7]It is worth mentioning that GTK libs use UTF-8 international encoding standard, resulting back and

forth conversions between back-end (MySQL Server) and front-end (GTK interface).

The system requirements for development are as follows:

• MySQL driver source code (ex.

mysql-connector-c++-1.1.3.tar.gz)• GTK+ project (ex.

gtk+-bundle\_2.24.10-20120208\_win32.zip)• mingw toolchain (ex.

mingw-get-inst-20120426.exe) 1 (ONLINE) = ISSN 2285 - 3642

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• Boost C++libraries[6] (ex.

boost\_1\_55\_o.zip)• Makefile CMake builder(ex.

cmake-2.8.11.2-win32-x86.exe)Most of the .dll's are easy to find in MinGW\bin and GTK+\bin folders.

Others are free to download(libmysql.dll) in case some have limited privileges on the computer (and have XAMPP installed).

4.

ConclusionsThis paper proves the effectiveness of complementary Open source tools in developing useful apps to

improve business value and competitiveness.

The project have been implemented and shared on the Microsoft Codeplex Open source website [1] where is browsed and downloaded by numerous developers.

5.

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