

# Constructing SQL Queries for AtoM

An overview of AtoM's data model and start constructing simple queries for reporting and data cleanup, among other uses, using MySQL Workbench.



# — Outline

Utilities to ease working with MySQL

Data model overview and resources

Explore the schema using SQL queries

Practical examples

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# MySQL Client Utilities

## MySQL command line interface

- Req command line access

## MySQL Workbench

- Runs locally
- Network connection to db

## PHPMyAdmin

- Web delivered
- Requires installation on server

## Sequel Pro (for macOS)

Today I'll be using **MySQL Workbench**

- Windows, macOS (OS X), Linux clients
- Don't really want to install anything directly on Vagrant box as I purge it frequently

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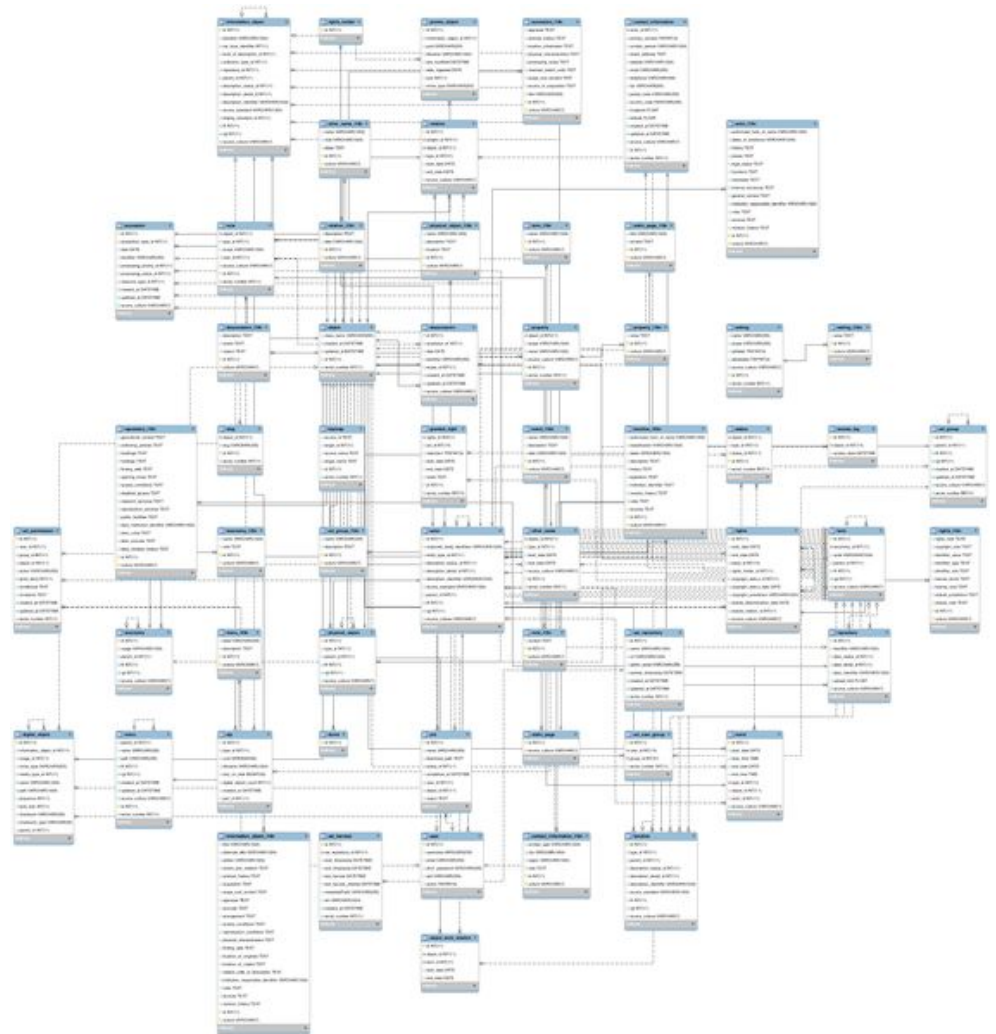
# MySQL Workbench

Installing for use with AtoM Vagrant box

- Download from:
  - <https://www.mysql.com/products/workbench/>
  - ...and run the installer
- Grant access to a user to connect to mysql from host machine
  - `mysql -u root -h localhost -p`
  - `GRANT ALL ON *.* to root@'10.10.10.1' IDENTIFIED BY 'root';`
  - `FLUSH PRIVILEGES;`
- Launch MySQL Workbench
  - **Connect to** 10.10.10.10
  - **User:** root
  - **Pw:** root

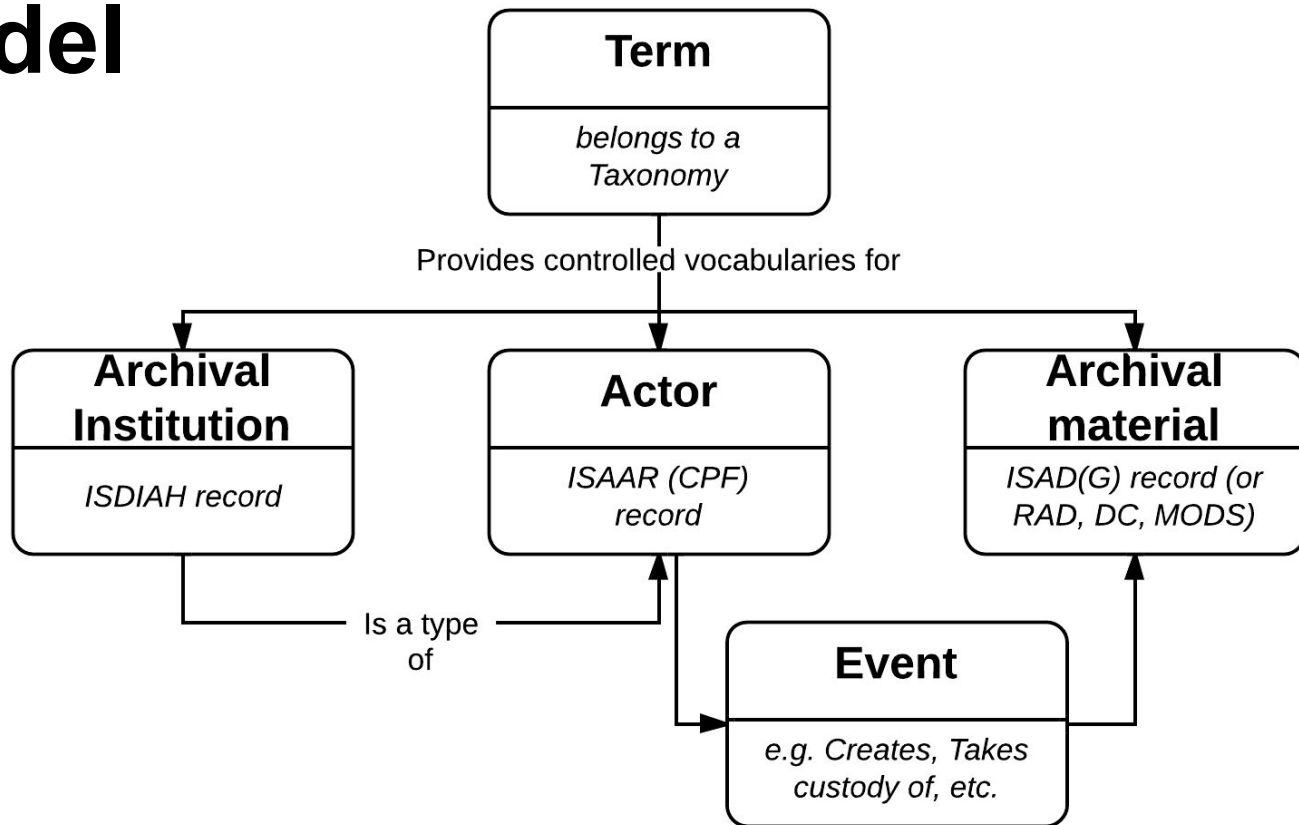
# AtoM's ERD

We are going to focus on a few specific tables



<https://wiki.accesstomemory.org/Development/ERDs>

# Entity Model



# Examine an Archival Description

## Tables:

- slug
- information\_object

Let's look at an Archival description in AtoM:

- Fred Wah Fonds
- Examine the URL:
- <http://10.10.10.10/fred-wah-fonds>
- Slug is "fred-wah-fonds"

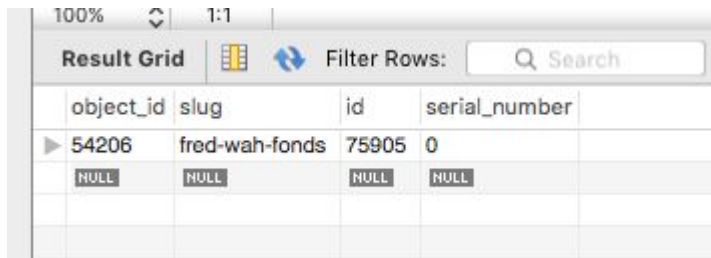
```
SELECT * FROM slug WHERE slug.slug = "fred-wah-fonds";
```

We can browse all the slugs in this table:

- ```
SELECT * FROM slug;
```

Use slug.object\_id to find the description:

```
SELECT * FROM information_object WHERE id = 54206;
```



The screenshot shows a database interface with a 'Result Grid' tab. The grid displays the results of a query, showing a single record for the Fred Wah Fonds. The columns are object\_id, slug, id, and serial\_number. The first row contains the values 54206, fred-wah-fonds, 75905, and 0. Below this row, there are two rows with NULL values in the slug and serial\_number columns, and one empty row at the bottom.

| object_id | slug           | id    | serial_number |
|-----------|----------------|-------|---------------|
| 54206     | fred-wah-fonds | 75905 | 0             |
|           | NULL           | NULL  | NULL          |
|           |                |       |               |

# Object Table

A short diversion...

Recalling the ORM discussion earlier:

- Most models extend 'object' model
- Object table row represented by object class/model
- Id's for extended classes are derived from object class
- Ensures id's are unique across different object types
- `SELECT * FROM object;`
- Note: class\_name, id

```
SELECT * FROM slug
INNER JOIN object ON object.id = slug.object_id
INNER JOIN information_object ON information_object.id = object.id
WHERE slug.slug = "fred-wah-fonds";
```

Or drop the join on object entirely:

```
SELECT * FROM slug
INNER JOIN information_object ON information_object.id = slug.object_id
WHERE slug.slug = "fred-wah-fonds";
```





# I18n

## Culture and translations

The i18n tables contain translated strings

- 1 to many relationship between a table and i18n equivalent
- If a translation record is not available for chosen culture
  - Display strings from default culture i18n record
- If a translation record is available for chosen culture
  - Strings will be populated from this record based on selected culture
  - If the string is null for a specific field within i18n row
    - Fall back to i18n record matching system default culture

Looking at the record for 'fred-wah-fonds':

```
SELECT * FROM slug
INNER JOIN information_object ON information_object.id = slug.object_id
INNER JOIN information_object_i18n
ON information_object_i18n.id = information_object.id
WHERE slug.slug = "fred-wah-fonds";
```

Look for 'extent\_and\_medium'

Note values for field 'culture'

# I18n

i18n translatable string examples from  
information\_object\_i18n

Identity area

Reference code

CA SFL MSc 17

Title

Fred Wah fonds

Date(s)

• 1927, 1960-2013 (Creation)

Level of description

Fonds

Extent and medium

8.8 m of textual records and other material

Context area

Name of creator

Wah, Fred

Biographical history:  
Fred Wah (born January 23, 1939) is a Canadian badass, poet, novelist, and scholar involved in the post-modern literary scene in Canada, both as teacher and writer. He was born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, but raised in the interior of British ...

Name of creator

Untitled

Biographical history:  
Fred Wah (born January 23, 1939) is a Canadian poet, novelist, and scholar involved in the post-modern literary scene in Canada, both as teacher and writer. He was born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, but raised in the interior of British Columbia. His ...

Repository

Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books

Archival history

The records were in the custody of Fred Wah until their acquisition by Simon Fraser University Library, Special Collections and Rare Books. Accession a was acquired in 1994; accession b in 2001; accession c in 2006; and accession d in 2013.

Content and structure area

Scope and content

Fonds consists of correspondence, written works and published materials by Wah and other writers, photographs, and other records accumulated by Wah during his lifetime, arising from both personal and professional activities. Records include poems, essays ...

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

System of arrangement

Arrangement of the files into series and sub-series provided by the first is stated.

| Result Grid     |         |                                             |                                                   |             |                                                   |           |                 |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| alternate_title | edition | extent_and_medium                           | archival_history                                  | acquisition | scope_and_content                                 | appraisal | accruals        |
| NULL            | NULL    | 8.8 m of textual records and other material | The records were in the custody of Fred Wah un... | NULL        | Fonds consists of correspondence, written work... | NULL      | Further accrual |
| NULL            | NULL    | les photos.                                 | NULL                                              | NULL        | NULL                                              | NULL      | NULL            |

# Events and Actors

From information\_object, dates are linked to creators

- Dates → event table
- Creators → actor table

Add join from information\_object to event table:

```
SELECT * FROM slug
INNER JOIN information_object ON information_object.id = slug.object_id
INNER JOIN event ON event.object_id = information_object.id
WHERE slug.slug = "example-fonds";
```

Add a join to actor table:

```
SELECT * FROM slug
INNER JOIN information_object ON information_object.id = slug.object_id
INNER JOIN event ON event.object_id = information_object.id
INNER JOIN actor ON actor.id = event.actor_id
INNER JOIN actor_i18n ON actor_i18n.id = actor.id
WHERE slug.slug = "example-fonds";
```

1. Let's add a new event (creation date) to the information object
  - A new event row is created
2. Let's add an authority record event
  - A new event record and an associated actor record created
3. Now add an authority record without dates
  - Event and actor created, but event will have null dates

# Terms

## Associating terms with objects



- Cross-reference table `object_term_relation`
- `Example-fonds` has an id of `57671`

```
SELECT * FROM object_term_relation
WHERE object_term_relation.object_id = 57671;
```

| id  | taxonomy_id | code | parent_id | lft | rgt | source_culture |
|-----|-------------|------|-----------|-----|-----|----------------|
| 443 | 35          | NULL | 110       | 616 | 617 | en             |
| 445 | 35          | NULL | 110       | 618 | 619 | en             |
| 447 | 42          | NULL | 110       | 620 | 621 | en             |
| 449 | 42          | NULL | 110       | 622 | 623 | en             |
| 451 | 78          | NULL | 110       | 624 | 625 | en             |
| 453 | 78          | NULL | 110       | 626 | 627 | en             |

Join in the `term` table:

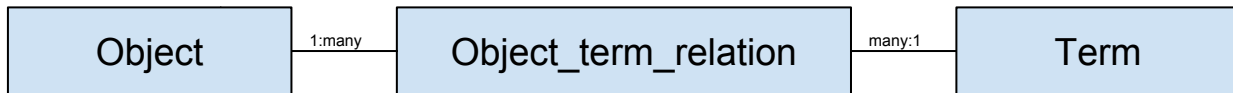
```
SELECT * FROM object_term_relation
INNER JOIN term ON term.id = object_term_relation.term_id
WHERE object_term_relation.object_id = 57671;
```

| Result Grid |       |  |  | Filter Rows: | <input type="text" value="Search"/> |
|-------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
|             | id    | object_id                                                                           | term_id                                                                             | start_date   | end_date                            |
| ▶           | 57673 | 57671                                                                               | 443                                                                                 | NULL         | NULL                                |
|             | 57674 | 57671                                                                               | 445                                                                                 | NULL         | NULL                                |
|             | 57675 | 57671                                                                               | 447                                                                                 | NULL         | NULL                                |
|             | 57676 | 57671                                                                               | 449                                                                                 | NULL         | NULL                                |
|             | 57677 | 57671                                                                               | 451                                                                                 | NULL         | NULL                                |
|             | 57678 | 57671                                                                               | 453                                                                                 | NULL         | NULL                                |

| name      | id  | culture |
|-----------|-----|---------|
| Subject 1 | 443 | en      |
| Subject 2 | 445 | en      |
| Place 1   | 447 | en      |
| Place 2   | 449 | en      |
| Genre A   | 451 | en      |
| Genre B   | 453 | en      |

Add another join to the `term_i18n` table:

```
SELECT * FROM slug
INNER JOIN information_object ON information_object.id = slug.object_id
INNER JOIN object_term_relation ON object_term_relation.object_id = slug.object_id
INNER JOIN term ON term.id = object_term_relation.term_id
INNER JOIN term_i18n ON term_i18n.id = term.id
WHERE slug.slug = "example-fonds";
```



# Taxonomy

| id  | taxonomy_id | code | parent_id | lft | rgt | source_culture |
|-----|-------------|------|-----------|-----|-----|----------------|
| 443 | 35          | NULL | 110       | 616 | 617 | en             |
| 445 | 35          | NULL | 110       | 618 | 619 | en             |
| 447 | 42          | NULL | 110       | 620 | 621 | en             |
| 449 | 42          | NULL | 110       | 622 | 623 | en             |
| 451 | 78          | NULL | 110       | 624 | 625 | en             |
| 453 | 78          | NULL | 110       | 626 | 627 | en             |

That leads us to the taxonomy table

- Each **term** belongs to a **taxonomy**
- So when we found the terms on the previous slide:

```
SELECT * FROM object_term_relation
INNER JOIN term ON term.id = object_term_relation.term_id
WHERE object_term_relation.object_id = 57671;
```

We have the taxonomy\_id from the term table

Let's add the taxonomy table with a join:

```
SELECT * FROM object_term_relation
INNER JOIN term ON term.id = object_term_relation.term_id
INNER JOIN taxonomy ON taxonomy.id = term.taxonomy_id
INNER JOIN taxonomy_i18n ON taxonomy_i18n.id = taxonomy.id
WHERE object_term_relation.object_id = 57671
AND taxonomy_i18n.culture = 'en';
```

| name     | note                                             | id | culture |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Subjects | NULL                                             | 35 | en      |
| Subjects | NULL                                             | 35 | en      |
| Places   | NULL                                             | 42 | en      |
| Places   | NULL                                             | 42 | en      |
| Genre    | Genre terms drawn from appropriate vocabulari... | 78 | en      |
| Genre    | Genre terms drawn from appropriate vocabulari... | 78 | en      |

# Notes and Properties

| object_id | type_id | scope | user_id | source_culture | id  | serial_number | content                         | id  |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|----------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 57671     | 174     | NULL  | NULL    | en             | 631 | 0             | Example Fonds language note     | 631 |
| 57671     | 120     | NULL  | NULL    | en             | 632 | 0             | Example Fonds publication note  | 632 |
| 57671     | 125     | NULL  | NULL    | en             | 633 | 0             | Example Fonds general note      | 633 |
| 57671     | 124     | NULL  | NULL    | en             | 634 | 0             | Example Fonds archivist's notes | 634 |

| id  | taxonomy_id | code | parent_id | lft | rgt | source_culture | name          | id  | culture |
|-----|-------------|------|-----------|-----|-----|----------------|---------------|-----|---------|
| 174 | 37          | NULL | 110       | 16  | 17  | en             | Language note | 174 | en      |

| object_id | scope                  | name                  | source_culture | id  | serial_number | value                            | id  | culture |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|---------|
| 57671     | NULL                   | language              | en             | 420 | 0             | a:2:{i:0;s:2:"en";i:1;s:2:"fr"}; | 420 | en      |
| 57671     | NULL                   | script                | en             | 421 | 0             | a:1:{i:0;s:4:"latn"};            | 421 | en      |
| 57671     | NULL                   | languageOfDescription | en             | 422 | 0             | a:2:{i:0;s:2:"en";i:1;s:2:"fr"}; | 422 | en      |
| 57671     | alternativeIdentifiers | Alternative Label A   | en             | 423 | 0             | alt_id1                          | 423 | en      |

Both Notes and Properties have object\_id as foreign key

Tying these records back to the objects is simply:

```
SELECT * FROM note
INNER JOIN note_i18n ON note_i18n.id = note.id
WHERE note.object_id = 57671;
```

Have a look at type\_id → maps to terms table:

```
SELECT * FROM term
INNER JOIN term_i18n ON term_i18n.id = term.id
WHERE term.id = 174 AND term_i18n.culture = 'en';
```

Similarly for properties:

```
SELECT * FROM property
INNER JOIN property_i18n ON property_i18n.id = property.id
WHERE property.object_id = 57671;
```

# Repository

| id    | identifier     | desc_status_id | desc_detail_id | desc_identifi... | upload_limit | source_culture |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 57203 | Example Repo 1 | NULL           | NULL           | NULL             | -1           | en             |
| NULL  | NULL           | NULL           | NULL           | NULL             | NULL         | NULL           |

| geocultural_context                    | collecting_polic... | buildings | holdings | finding_aids | opening_times | a |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------|---|
| Some geographical and cultural context | Record policies     | NULL      | NULL     | NULL         | M-F 9am- 5pm  | l |

| authorized_form_of_na... | dates_of_existence | history                   | places | legal_status | functions | mandates | internal_structur... | g |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|---|
| Example Repository       | NULL               | This is relevant history. | NULL   | NULL         | NULL      | Mandate  | Admin Structure      | l |

Repository details are contained in both the repository and actor tables

- Repositories have some fields in common with actor
- Need both to get all details

```
SELECT * FROM repository
WHERE repository.id = 57203;
```

Add in the translatable strings:

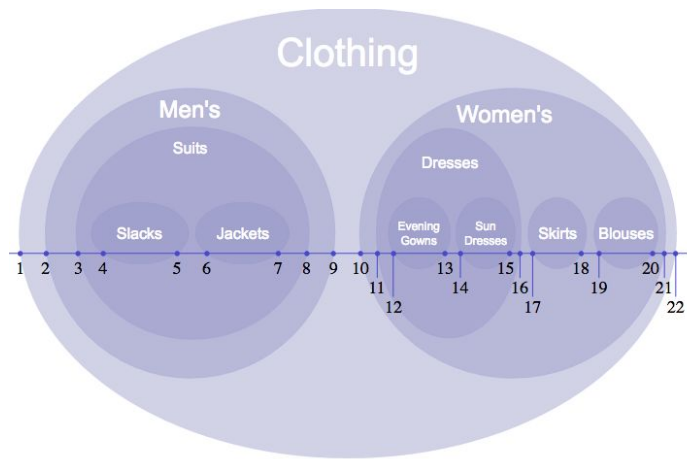
```
SELECT * FROM repository
INNER JOIN repository_i18n ON repository_i18n.id = repository.id
WHERE repository.id = 57203;
```

Add in the fields from actor & actor\_i18n:

```
SELECT * FROM repository
INNER JOIN repository_i18n ON repository_i18n.id = repository.id
INNER JOIN actor ON actor.id = repository.id
INNER JOIN actor_i18n ON actor.id = actor_i18n.id
WHERE repository.id = 57203;
```



# Nested Sets



What are all those lft and rgt fields?

- Nested Sets!
- A way to record hierarchical relationships among similar entities
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nested\\_set\\_model](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nested_set_model)

E.g. Information objects

- These are hierarchical objects
- Levels of Description (fonds, collection, item, part, series, etc)

Let's find a top level information\_object

- Example-fonds (id: 57671, lft: 1638, rgt: 1641)
- Fred-wah-fonds (id: 54206, lft: 2, rgt: 1517)

Let's find all objects included in this object's hierarchy:

```
SELECT * FROM information_object
WHERE information_object.lft >= 1638
AND information_object.rgt <= 1641
ORDER BY information_object.lft;
```

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# Update Queries Caution!

- Backups!
- Know how to restore from backups!
- Practice on a backup or offline copy
- Depending on what you've done, might need to:
  - Rebuild nested sets
  - Re-index

# What's next?

- Set all 'Draft' status objects to 'Published':
  - `UPDATE status SET status_id=160 WHERE type_id=158;`
- Find info object id when slug not known:
  - `SELECT id FROM information_object_i18n WHERE title='TITLEHERE';`
  - `SELECT id FROM information_object_i18n WHERE title LIKE 'TITLEHE%';`
- Get a count of descriptions in database:
  - `SELECT COUNT(*) FROM information_object_i18n;`
- Find titles containing quote characters:
  - `SELECT io.title, s.slug FROM information_object_i18n io JOIN slug s ON io.id = s.object_id WHERE io.title like '%" %';`
- See all note type terms and get a count of each:
  - `SELECT term.id, term_i18n.name, COUNT(note.type_id) FROM term  
INNER JOIN term_i18n ON term.id = term_i18n.id  
INNER JOIN note ON term.id = note.type_id  
WHERE culture='en'  
GROUP BY note.type_id;`

See <https://www.accesstomemory.org/docs/latest/admin-manual/maintenance/cli-tools/#common-atom-database-queries>

SQL Join reference: <http://www.codeproject.com/Articles/33052/Visual-Representation-of-SQL-Joins>

The background of the slide is a complex, dense network diagram. It consists of numerous small, rectangular nodes, each containing text that appears to be code or technical specifications. These nodes are interconnected by a web of thin, light-colored lines, creating a highly structured and interconnected visual field. The overall color scheme is dark, with the nodes and lines appearing in shades of gray and white against a black background.

# Q&A

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