

## Re: I don't close my databases

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Andy Hassall <[andy@andyh.co.uk](mailto:andy@andyh.co.uk)> wrote in message  
news:<7cs210huim1phembmbjjhh9pomon6suaha@4ax.com>...  
> On Fri, 23 Jan 2004 10:09:45 GMT, [wallycantrell@hotmail.com](mailto:wallycantrell@hotmail.com) (wally canrell)  
> wrote:  
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> >Yes it is true ... nowhere in my code do I close a database.  
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> >This is based on instruction that followed this advice:  
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> ><quote>  
> >Using `mysql_close()` isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open  
> >links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution.  
> >See also freeing resources. </quote>  
> >  
> ><http://www.zend.com/manual/function.mysql-close.php>  
> >  
> >I am using a shared hosting environment and there is a lot of talk  
> >about closing databases.  
> >  
> >So .. do I need to close my databases or not?  
> >  
> >No, you don't need to. The manual is correct, it's closed for you at the end  
> >of the script.  
> >  
> >But it might be polite to do so if connections are limited, if you know that  
> >you don't need the database connection past a certain point in the page.  
> >  
> >If your page takes a second to run, and you only need it for the first tenth  
> >of a second, then freeing it up early makes it available to others.

Right, if you do lots of processing after the query you should close the db-connection. Otherwise, there is no benefit in closing connection at the end of file or before a call to exit. Because it will be done by PHP engine for you.

But i think you should close connections when you are done with the query. At least you will save some critical resource time (from close connection till the end of execution of page).

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But it isn't wise to close connection after each query in same script page.  
Write all your queries at one place and close connection after execution of all.

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Hope it will help,  
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