

Re: Creating Mysql DB with PHP

even to create other userIDs. The only exception to this (that I'm aware of, at least) is during the initial setup of MySQL, when you have to define the 'root' user.

The practical end of all this is that anyone who would be installing your program would already have a userID & password for MySQL.

The biggest potential problem you face is that their userID would not have privileges to create a database, in which case the attempt to create the database would fail. You would have to provide some checking for that, and offer instructions on what to do in that case (which would be to create the database manually).

Another potential problem you face is that the database has already been created by the user before running your setup script. Again, you would have to do some checking for that, and if the database exists, you would skip the database creation process and move along to the table creation & population. I would recommend a failsafe check confirming that the user really wants to do this, however, on the odd chance that they may already have a database with the same name in use.

Given what you are trying to accomplish, I would strongly recommend getting a better grounding in MySQL. I don't know of any web tutorials online other than the official stuff at the MySQL website, but I'm sure there are plenty – try www.w3schools.com for starters. Also, I have found the book "PHP 5 / MySQL Programming for the Absolute Beginner" to be a really good start – and since it includes instructions to install a MySQL server, it should help you learn your way around from the ground up.

Hope that's some help –

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