

## Leech (?) content of mySQL tables

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Well, thank you both for your reaction. I looked at Pedro's option, but i do not wish to work with UPDATE, because that would only slow down queries. (thanks for the effort anyway..)

So i looked at badr's option, and i'm really interested, but i found out that somehow my host doesn't support INNODB types.

What my main goal is to be able to sort the animals by name of the species.

Of course the species is referred to as an ID number. If species are birds (id 1), fishes (id 2), and ants (id 3),

The ouput has to be: Instead of:

Forest ant (ants) Eagle

Red ant (ants) Forest Ant

Hawk (birds) Hawk

Eagle (birds) Red Ant

Shark (fishes) Shark

Whale (fishes) Whale

So the animals have to be ordered by something that's not in their own table, and ordering by species id also is impossible because they are not entered in alphabetaly order...

Later on, the website's admin has to be able to turn species AND animals on and off, so the query should be this in theory:

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SELECT species_names, animal_names FROM animals WHERE  
species_status=on AND animal_status=on ORDER BY species_name
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Where the species\_names and species\_status are only defined in the 'species'-table.

I hope it's clear, and that i'm not asking to much... (and that it's not impossible...)

Greetings knoak