

## Re: Efficiency of mysql\_close()

---

*Source:* <http://coding.derkeiler.com/Archive/PHP/comp.lang.php/2007-06/msg00206.html>

---

- *From:* ZeldorBlat <zeldorblat@xxxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* Mon, 04 Jun 2007 16:27:59 -0000
- 

On Jun 4, 12:23 pm, huckphin <chad.rhy...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hello,

I am working on a script for PHP that handles mysql\_connections. Right now, each time I query the database, i open the connection using mysql\_connect(), and after I get my resource result, I use mysql\_close(). I have heard from many people that it is common practice to open a connection at the beginning of the script, and since the connection closes at the end of the script, it is then closed.

My question is this: Which is the better way? To open the script at the top, and then let the connection close at the bottom? As this may be a controversial issue, and if no answer is found, what are the advantages?

Does anyone know if the resources used, and the time elapsed to make a db connection is significant enough to warrant leaving the connection open the entire time?

What are the advantages?

Thank you.

Open the connection once at the top, then forget about it. Opening it for each and every query is wasteful (the overhead to connect is generally high). You don't need to close it explicitly, either -- it will be closed automatically when the script is done.

.