

**NAME**

`mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` - load the time zone tables

**SYNOPSIS**

`mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` *arguments*

**DESCRIPTION**

The `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` program loads the time zone tables in the mysql database. It is used on systems that have a *zoneinfo* database (the set of files describing time zones). Examples of such systems are Linux, FreeBSD, Solaris, and OS X. One likely location for these files is the `/usr/share/zoneinfo` directory (`/usr/share/lib/zoneinfo` on Solaris). If your system does not have a *zoneinfo* database, you can use the downloadable package described in Section 5.1.12, “MySQL Server Time Zone Support”.

`mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` can be invoked several ways:

```
shell> mysql_tzinfo_to_sql tz_dir
shell> mysql_tzinfo_to_sql tz_file tz_name
shell> mysql_tzinfo_to_sql --leap tz_file
```

For the first invocation syntax, pass the *zoneinfo* directory path name to `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` and send the output into the `mysql` program. For example:

```
shell> mysql_tzinfo_to_sql /usr/share/zoneinfo | mysql -u root mysql
```

`mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` reads your systems time zone files and generates SQL statements from them. `mysql` processes those statements to load the time zone tables.

The second syntax causes `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` to load a single time zone file *tz\_file* that corresponds to a time zone name *tz\_name*:

```
shell> mysql_tzinfo_to_sql tz_file tz_name | mysql -u root mysql
```

If your time zone needs to account for leap seconds, invoke `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql` using the third syntax, which initializes the leap second information. *tz\_file* is the name of your time zone file:

```
shell> mysql_tzinfo_to_sql --leap tz_file | mysql -u root mysql
```

After running `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql`, it is best to restart the server so that it does not continue to use any previously cached time zone data.

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**SEE ALSO**

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