

Make daily Linux MySQL database backups with shell script

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Some time ago, I've written a tiny shell script which does dumps of Complete (SQL Script) MySQL databases. There are plenty of ways to backup MySQL database and plenty of scripts on the net but I like doing it my own way. I have few backup scripts. I prefer script database over keeping binary logs, or using some un-traditional backup methods like backing all binary data in `/var/lib/mysql`.

One was intended to backup with `mysqldump` whole database and later [upload to a central server running tsh \(shell\)](#). Using `tsh` maybe not the best method to upload, but the script can easily be modified to use `ssh` passwordless authentication as a method to upload.

I'm not a pro shell scripter, but MySQLBackupper script can be used as useful for learning *some simple bash shell scripting*.

To use the script as intended you will have to build `tsh` from source. `Tsh` is in very early development stage (ver 0.2) but as far as I tested it before some years it does great what it is intended for. You can [MySQLBackupper.sh script from here](#).

Earlier, I used MySQLBackupper.sh to upload all SQL dumps to `/backups` directory on central backup storage server, thus I had written secondary script to classify uploaded backups based on backup archive name. Script used is [mysqldumps-classify.sh and can be viewed here](#). Though this way of making backups, needs a bit of custom work for managing backups up to 10 / 20 servers it worked well.

I have written also another `mysqlbackup` script which is much more simplistic and only dumps with **mysqldump** and stores copies on hard disk in **tar.gz** archive. You can [download my other simple mysqlbackup.sh here](#).

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Only inconvenient thing about above scripts is they dump all SQL databases. Hence whether necessary to [get content for single database from \(complete\) All database SQL \(script backup\)](#), I use [SED \(stream editor\) one liner script](#).

It is interesting to hear how others prepare their MySQL db backups.