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## Abstract

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# Chapter 1. Installing MySQL from Generic Binaries on Other Unix-Like Systems

Oracle provides a set of binary distributions of MySQL. These include binary distributions in the form of compressed `tar` files (files with a `.tar.gz` extension) for a number of platforms, as well as binaries in platform-specific package formats for selected platforms.

This section covers the installation of MySQL from a compressed `tar` file binary distribution. For other platform-specific package formats, see the other platform-specific sections. For example, for Windows distributions, see [Installing MySQL on Microsoft Windows](#).

To obtain MySQL, see [How to Get MySQL](#).

MySQL compressed `tar` file binary distributions have names of the form `mysql-VERSION-OS.tar.gz`, where `VERSION` is a number (for example, `5.0.96`), and `OS` indicates the type of operating system for which the distribution is intended (for example, `pc-linux-i686` or `winx64`).

To install MySQL from a compressed `tar` file binary distribution, your system must have GNU `gunzip` to uncompress the distribution and a reasonable `tar` to unpack it. If your `tar` program supports the `z` option, it can both uncompress and unpack the file.

GNU `tar` is known to work. The standard `tar` provided with some operating systems is not able to unpack the long file names in the MySQL distribution. You should download and install GNU `tar`, or if available, use a preinstalled version of GNU `tar`. Usually this is available as `gnutar`, `gtar`, or as `tar` within a GNU or Free Software directory, such as `/usr/sfw/bin` or `/usr/local/bin`. GNU `tar` is available from <http://www.gnu.org/software/tar/>.

## Warning

If you have previously installed MySQL using your operating system native package management system, such as `yum` or `apt-get`, you may experience problems installing using a native binary. Make sure your previous MySQL installation has been removed entirely (using your package management system), and that any additional files, such as old versions of your data files, have also been removed. You should also check the existence of configuration files such as `/etc/my.cnf` or the `/etc/mysql` directory have been deleted.

If you run into problems and need to file a bug report, please use the instructions in [How to Report Bugs or Problems](#).

To install and use a MySQL binary distribution, the basic command sequence looks like this:

```
shell> groupadd mysql
shell> useradd -r -g mysql mysql
shell> cd /usr/local
shell> tar zxvf /path/to/mysql-VERSION-OS.tar.gz
shell> ln -s full-path-to-mysql-VERSION-OS mysql
shell> cd mysql
shell> chown -R mysql .
shell> chgrp -R mysql .
shell> scripts/mysql_install_db --user=mysql
shell> chown -R root .
shell> chown -R mysql data
# Next command is optional
shell> cp support-files/my-medium.cnf /etc/my.cnf
shell> bin/mysqld_safe --user=mysql &
# Next command is optional
shell> cp support-files/mysql.server /etc/init.d/mysql.server
```

A more detailed version of the preceding description for installing a binary distribution follows.

## Note

This procedure assumes that you have `root` (administrator) access to your system. Alternatively, you can prefix each command using the `sudo` (Linux) or `pfexec` (OpenSolaris) command.

The procedure does not set up any passwords for MySQL accounts. After following the procedure, proceed to [Postinstallation Setup and Testing](#).

## Create a `mysql` User and Group

If your system does not already have a user and group for `mysqld` to run as, you may need to create one. The following commands add the `mysql` group and the `mysql` user. The syntax for `useradd` and `groupadd` may differ slightly on different versions of Unix, or they may have different names such as `adduser` and `addgroup`.

```
shell> groupadd mysql
shell> useradd -r -g mysql mysql
```

### Note

Because the user is required only for ownership purposes, not login purposes, the `useradd` command uses the `-r` option to create a user that does not have login permissions to your server. Omit this option to permit logins for the user (or if your `useradd` does not support the option).

You might want to call the user and group something else instead of `mysql`. If so, substitute the appropriate name in the preceding commands and in the following steps.

## Obtain and Unpack the Distribution

Pick the directory under which you want to unpack the distribution and change location into it. The example here unpacks the distribution under `/usr/local`. The instructions, therefore, assume that you have permission to create files and directories in `/usr/local`. If that directory is protected, you must perform the installation as `root`.

```
shell> cd /usr/local
```

Obtain a distribution file using the instructions in [How to Get MySQL](#). For a given release, binary distributions for all platforms are built from the same MySQL source distribution.

Unpack the distribution, which creates the installation directory. Then create a symbolic link to that directory. `tar` can uncompress and unpack the distribution if it has `z` option support:

```
shell> tar zxvf /path/to/mysql-VERSION-OS.tar.gz
shell> ln -s full-path-to-mysql-VERSION-OS mysql
```

The `tar` command creates a directory named `mysql-VERSION-OS`. The `ln` command makes a symbolic link to that directory. This enables you to refer more easily to the installation directory as `/usr/local/mysql`.

If your `tar` does not have `z` option support, use `gunzip` to unpack the distribution and `tar` to unpack it. Replace the preceding `tar` command with the following alternative command to uncompress and extract the distribution:

```
shell> gunzip < /path/to/mysql-VERSION-OS.tar.gz | tar xvf -
```

## Perform Postinstallation Setup

The remainder of the installation process involves setting up the configuration file, creating the core databases, and starting the MySQL server. For instructions, see [Postinstallation Setup and Testing](#).

### Note

The accounts that are listed in the MySQL grant tables initially have no passwords. After starting the server, you should set up passwords for them using the instructions in [Postinstallation Setup and Testing](#).

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## Chapter 2. Installing MySQL from RPM Packages on Linux

The recommended way to install MySQL on RPM-based Linux distributions is by using the RPM packages. The RPMs that we provide to the community should work on all versions of Linux that support RPM packages and use `glibc` 2.3. We also provide RPMs with binaries that are statically linked to a patched version of `glibc` 2.2, but only for the x86 (32-bit) architecture. To obtain RPM packages, see [How to Get MySQL](#).

For non-RPM Linux distributions, you can install MySQL using a `.tar.gz` package. See [Chapter 1, Installing MySQL from Generic Binaries on Other Unix-Like Systems](#).

We do provide some platform-specific RPMs; the difference between a platform-specific RPM and a generic RPM is that a platform-specific RPM is built on the targeted platform and is linked dynamically whereas a generic RPM is linked statically with `LinuxThreads`.

### Note

RPM distributions of MySQL are also provided by other vendors. Be aware that they may differ from those built by us in features, capabilities, and conventions (including communication setup), and that the instructions in this manual do not necessarily apply to installing them. The vendor's instructions should be consulted instead. Because of these differences, RPM packages built by us check whether such RPMs built by other vendors are installed. If so, the RPM does not install and produces a message explaining this.

If you have problems with an RPM file (for example, if you receive the error `Sorry, the host 'xxxx' could not be looked up`), see [Section 3.2, “Linux Binary Distribution Notes”](#).

In most cases, you need to install only the `MySQL-server` and `MySQL-client` packages to get a functional MySQL installation. The other packages are not required for a standard installation.

For upgrades, if your installation was originally produced by installing multiple RPM packages, it is best to upgrade all the packages, not just some. For example, if you previously installed the server and client RPMs, do not upgrade just the server RPM.

If you get a dependency failure when trying to install MySQL packages (for example, `error: removing these packages would break dependencies: libmysqlclient.so.10 is needed by ...`), you should also install the `MySQL-shared-compat` package, which includes the shared libraries for older releases for backward compatibility.

Some Linux distributions still ship with MySQL 3.23 and they usually link applications dynamically to save disk space. If these shared libraries are in a separate package (for example, `MySQL-shared`), it is sufficient to simply leave this package installed and just upgrade the MySQL server and client packages (which are statically linked and do not depend on the shared libraries). For distributions that include the shared libraries in the same package as the MySQL server (for example, Red Hat Linux), you could either install our 3.23 `MySQL-shared` RPM, or use the `MySQL-shared-compat` package instead. (Do not install both.)

The RPM packages shown in the following list are available. The names shown here use a suffix of `.glibc23.i386.rpm`, but particular packages can have different suffixes, as described later. Packages that have `community` in the names are Community Server builds, available from MySQL 5.0.27 on.

- `MySQL-server-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-server-community-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

The MySQL server. You need this unless you only want to connect to a MySQL server running on another machine.

- `MySQL-client-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-client-community-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

The standard MySQL client programs. You probably always want to install this package.

- `MySQL-bench-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

Tests and benchmarks. Requires Perl and the `DBI` and `DBD:mysql` modules.

- `MySQL-devel-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-devel-community-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

The libraries and include files that are needed if you want to compile other MySQL clients, such as the Perl modules.

- `MySQL-debuginfo-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`,  
`MySQL-community-debuginfo-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

This package contains debugging information. `debuginfo` RPMs are never needed to use MySQL software; this is true both for the server and for client programs. However, they contain additional information that might be needed by a debugger to analyze a crash.

- `MySQL-shared-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-shared-community-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`



This package contains the shared libraries (`libmysqlclient.so*`) that certain languages and applications need to dynamically load and use MySQL. It contains single-threaded and thread-safe libraries. If you install this package, do not install the `MySQL-shared-compat` package.

- `MySQL-shared-compat-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

This package includes the shared libraries for older releases, up to the current release. It contains single-threaded and thread-safe libraries. Install this package instead of `MySQL-shared` if you have applications installed that are dynamically linked against older versions of MySQL but you want to upgrade to the current version without breaking the library dependencies.

- `MySQL-clustermanagement-communityVERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-cluster-storage-communityVERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-clustertools-communityVERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-clusterextra-communityVERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

Packages that contain additional files for MySQL Cluster installations. These are platform-specific RPMs, in contrast to the platform-independent `ndb-xxx` RPMs.

### Note

The `MySQL-clustertools` RPM requires a working installation of perl and the `DBI` and `HTML::Template` packages. See [Perl Installation Notes](#), and `<command>ndb_size.pl</command>`, for more information.

- `MySQL-ndb-management-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-ndb-storage-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-ndb-tools-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`, `MySQL-ndb-extra-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

Packages that contain additional files for MySQL Cluster installations. These are platform-independent RPMs, in contrast to the platform-specific `clusterxxx-community` RPMs.

- `MySQL-test-community-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm`

This package includes the MySQL test suite.

- `MySQL-VERSION.src.rpm`

This contains the source code for all of the previous packages. It can also be used to rebuild the RPMs on other architectures (for example, Alpha or SPARC).

The suffix of RPM package names (following the `VERSION` value) has the following syntax:

```
[ .PLATFORM ] .CPU .rpm
```

The `PLATFORM` and `CPU` values indicate the type of system for which the package is built. `PLATFORM`, if present, indicates the platform, and `CPU` indicates the processor type or family.

If the `PLATFORM` value is missing (for example, `MySQL-server-VERSION.i386.rpm`), the package is statically linked against a version of `glibc` 2.2 that has been patched to handle larger numbers of threads with larger stack sizes than the stock library.

If `PLATFORM` is present, the package is dynamically linked against `glibc` 2.3 and the `PLATFORM` value indicates whether the package is platform independent or intended for a specific platform, as shown in the following table.

<code>PLATFORM</code> Value	Intended Use
<code>glibc23</code>	Platform independent, should run on any Linux distribution that supports <code>glibc</code> 2.3
<code>rhel4, rhel5</code>	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 or 5
<code>sles10</code>	SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 10

The `CPU` value indicates the processor type or family for which the package is built.

<code>CPU</code> Value	Intended Processor Type or Family
<code>i386, i586, i686</code>	Pentium processor or better, 32 bit
<code>x86_64</code>	64-bit x86 processor
<code>ia64</code>	Itanium (IA-64) processor

To see all files in an RPM package (for example, a `MySQL-server` RPM), run a command like this:

```
shell> rpm -qpl MySQL-server-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm
```

To perform a standard minimal installation, install the server and client RPMs:

```
shell> rpm -i MySQL-server-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm
shell> rpm -i MySQL-client-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm
```

To install only the client programs, install just the client RPM:

```
shell> rpm -i MySQL-client-VERSION.glibc23.i386.rpm
```

RPM provides a feature to verify the integrity and authenticity of packages before installing them. If you would like to learn more about this feature, see [Verifying Package Integrity Using MD5 Checksums](#) or `<literal>GnuPG</literal>`.

The server RPM places data under the `/var/lib/mysql` directory. The RPM also creates a login account for a user named `mysql` (if one does not exist) to use for running the MySQL server, and creates the appropriate entries in `/etc/init.d/` to start the server automatically at boot time. (This means that if you have performed a previous installation and have made changes to its startup script, you may want to make a copy of the script so that you do not lose it when you install a newer RPM.) See [Section 8.2, “Starting and Stopping MySQL Automatically”](#), for more information on how MySQL can be started automatically on system startup.

If the RPM files that you install include `MySQL-server`, the `mysqld` server should be up and running after installation. You should be able to start using MySQL.

If something goes wrong, you can find more information in the binary installation section. See [Chapter 1, Installing MySQL from Generic Binaries on Other Unix-Like Systems](#).

### Note

The accounts that are listed in the MySQL grant tables initially have no passwords. After starting the server, you should set up passwords for them using the instructions in [Postinstallation Setup and Testing](#).

During RPM installation, a user named `mysql` and a group named `mysql` are created on the system. This is done using the `useradd`, `groupadd`, and `usermod` commands. Those commands require appropriate administrative privileges, which is ensured for locally managed users and groups (as listed in the `/etc/passwd` and `/etc/group` files) by the RPM installation process being run by `root`.

If you log in as the `mysql` user, you may find that MySQL displays “Invalid (old?) table or database name” errors that mention `.mysqlgui`, `lost+found`, `.mysqlgui`, `.bash_history`, `.fonts.cache-1`, `.lesshtst`, `.mysql_history`, `.profile`, `.viminfo`, and similar files created by MySQL or operating system utilities. You can safely ignore these error messages or remove the files or directories that cause them if you do not need them.

For nonlocal user management (LDAP, NIS, and so forth), the administrative tools may require additional authentication (such as a password), and will fail if the installing user does not provide this authentication. Even if they fail, the RPM installation will not abort but succeed, and this is intentional. If they failed, some of the intended transfer of ownership may be missing, and it is recommended that the system administrator then manually ensures some appropriate user and group exists and manually transfers ownership following the actions in the RPM spec file.

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## Chapter 3. Linux Notes

This section discusses issues that have been found to occur on Linux. The first few subsections describe general operating system-related issues, problems that can occur when using binary or source distributions, and postinstallation issues. The remaining subsections discuss problems that occur with Linux on specific platforms.

Note that most of these problems occur on older versions of Linux. If you are running a recent version, you may see none of them.

### 3.1. Linux Operating System Notes

MySQL needs at least Linux version 2.0.

#### Warning

We have seen some strange problems with Linux 2.2.14 and MySQL on SMP systems. We also have reports from some MySQL users that they have encountered serious stability problems using MySQL with kernel 2.2.14. If you are using this kernel, you should upgrade to 2.2.19 (or newer) or to a 2.4 kernel. If you have a multiple-CPU box, you should seriously consider using 2.4 because it gives you a significant speed boost. Your system should be more stable.

When using LinuxThreads, you should see a minimum of three `mysqld` processes running. These are in fact threads. There is one thread for the LinuxThreads manager, one thread to handle connections, and one thread to handle alarms and signals.

### 3.2. Linux Binary Distribution Notes

The Linux-Intel binary and RPM releases of MySQL are configured for the highest possible speed. We are always trying to use the fastest stable compiler available.

The binary release is linked with `-static`, which means you do not normally need to worry about which version of the system libraries you have. You need not install LinuxThreads, either. A program linked with `-static` is slightly larger than a dynamically linked program, but also slightly faster (3% to 5%). However, one problem with a statically linked program is that you can't use user-defined functions (UDFs). If you are going to write or use UDFs (this is something for C or C++ programmers only), you must compile MySQL yourself using dynamic linking.

A known issue with binary distributions is that on older Linux systems that use `libc` (such as Red Hat 4.x or Slackware), you get some (nonfatal) issues with host name resolution. If your system uses `libc` rather than `glibc2`, you probably will encounter some difficulties with host name resolution and `getpwnam()`. This happens because `glibc` (unfortunately) depends on some external libraries to implement host name resolution and `getpwnam()`, even when compiled with `-static`. These problems manifest themselves in two ways:

- You may see the following error message when you run `mysql_install_db`:

```
Sorry, the host 'xxxx' could not be looked up
```

You can deal with this by executing `mysql_install_db --force`, which does not execute the `resolveip` test in `mysql_install_db`. The downside is that you cannot use host names in the grant tables: except for `localhost`, you must use IP addresses instead. If you are using an old version of MySQL that does not support `--force`, you must manually remove the `resolveip` test in `mysql_install_db` using a text editor.

- You also may see the following error when you try to run `mysqld` with the `--user` option:

```
getpwnam: No such file or directory
```

To work around this problem, start `mysqld` by using the `su` command rather than by specifying the `--user` option. This causes the system itself to change the user ID of the `mysqld` process so that `mysqld` need not do so.

Another solution, which solves both problems, is not to use a binary distribution. Obtain a MySQL source distribution (in RPM or `.tar.gz` format) and install that instead.

On some Linux 2.2 versions, you may get the error `Resource temporarily unavailable` when clients make a great many new connections to a `mysqld` server over TCP/IP. The problem is that Linux has a delay between the time that you close a TCP/IP socket and the time that the system actually frees it. There is room for only a finite number of TCP/IP slots, so you encounter the resource-unavailable error if clients attempt too many new TCP/IP connections over a short period of time. For example, you may see the error when you run the MySQL `test-connect` benchmark over TCP/IP.

We have inquired about this problem a few times on different Linux mailing lists but have never been able to find a suitable resolu-

tion. The only known “fix” is for clients to use persistent connections, or, if you are running the database server and clients on the same machine, to use Unix socket file connections rather than TCP/IP connections.

### 3.3. Linux Source Distribution Notes

The following notes regarding `glibc` apply only to the situation when you build MySQL yourself. If you are running Linux on an x86 machine, in most cases it is much better for you to use our binary. We link our binaries against the best patched version of `glibc` we can find and with the best compiler options, in an attempt to make it suitable for a high-load server. For a typical user, even for setups with a lot of concurrent connections or tables exceeding the 2GB limit, our binary is the best choice in most cases. After reading the following text, if you are in doubt about what to do, try our binary first to determine whether it meets your needs. If you discover that it is not good enough, you may want to try your own build. In that case, we would appreciate a note about it so that we can build a better binary next time.

MySQL uses LinuxThreads on Linux. If you are using an old Linux version that doesn't have `glibc2`, you must install LinuxThreads before trying to compile MySQL. You can obtain LinuxThreads from <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/os-linux.html>.

Note that `glibc` versions before and including version 2.1.1 have a fatal bug in `pthread_mutex_timedwait()` handling, which is used when `INSERT DELAYED` statements are issued. Do not use `INSERT DELAYED` before upgrading `glibc`.

Note that Linux kernel and the LinuxThread library can by default handle a maximum of 1,024 threads. If you plan to have more than 1,000 concurrent connections, you need to make some changes to LinuxThreads, as follows:

- Increase `PTHREAD_THREADS_MAX` in `sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/bits/local_lim.h` to 4096 and decrease `STACK_SIZE` in `linuxthreads/internals.h` to 256KB. The paths are relative to the root of `glibc`. (Note that MySQL is not stable with 600 to 1000 connections if `STACK_SIZE` is the default of 2MB.)
- Recompile LinuxThreads to produce a new `libpthread.a` library, and relink MySQL against it.

There is another issue that greatly hurts MySQL performance, especially on SMP systems. The mutex implementation in LinuxThreads in `glibc` 2.1 is very poor for programs with many threads that hold the mutex only for a short time. This produces a paradoxical result: If you link MySQL against an unmodified LinuxThreads, removing processors from an SMP actually improves MySQL performance in many cases. We have made a patch available for `glibc` 2.1.3 to correct this behavior (<http://dev.mysql.com/Downloads/Linux/linuxthreads-2.1-patch>).

With `glibc` 2.2.2, MySQL uses the adaptive mutex, which is much better than even the patched one in `glibc` 2.1.3. Be warned, however, that under some conditions, the current mutex code in `glibc` 2.2.2 overspins, which hurts MySQL performance. The likelihood that this condition occurs can be reduced by re-nicing the `mysqld` process to the highest priority. We have also been able to correct the overspin behavior with a patch, available at <http://dev.mysql.com/Downloads/Linux/linuxthreads-2.2.2.patch>. It combines the correction of overspin, maximum number of threads, and stack spacing all in one. You need to apply it in the `linuxthreads` directory with `patch -p0 </tmp/linuxthreads-2.2.2.patch`. We hope it is included in some form in future releases of `glibc` 2.2. In any case, if you link against `glibc` 2.2.2, you still need to correct `STACK_SIZE` and `PTHREAD_THREADS_MAX`. We hope that the defaults is corrected to some more acceptable values for high-load MySQL setup in the future, so that the commands needed to produce your own build can be reduced to `./configure; make; make install`.

If you use these patches to build a special static version of `libpthread.a`, use it only for statically linking against MySQL. We know that these patches are safe for MySQL and significantly improve its performance, but we cannot say anything about their effects on other applications. If you link other applications that require LinuxThreads against the patched static version of the library, or build a patched shared version and install it on your system, you do so at your own risk.

If you experience any strange problems during the installation of MySQL, or with some common utilities hanging, it is very likely that they are either library or compiler related. If this is the case, using our binary resolves them.

If you link your own MySQL client programs, you may see the following error at runtime:

```
ld.so.1: fatal: libmysqlclient.so.#:
open failed: No such file or directory
```

This problem can be avoided by one of the following methods:

- Link clients with the `-Wl,r/full/path/to/libmysqlclient.so` flag rather than with `-Lpath`).
- Copy `libmysqlclient.so` to `/usr/lib`.
- Add the path name of the directory where `libmysqlclient.so` is located to the `LD_RUN_PATH` environment variable before running your client.

If you are using the Fujitsu compiler ([fcc/FCC](#)), you may have some problems compiling MySQL because the Linux header files are very [gcc](#) oriented. The following [configure](#) line should work with [fcc/FCC](#):

```
CC=fcc CFLAGS="-O -K fast -K lib -K omitfp -Kpreex -D_GNU_SOURCE \
-DCONST=const -DNO_STRTOLL_PROTO" \
CXX=FCC CXXFLAGS="-O -K fast -K lib \
-K omitfp -K preex --no_exceptions --no_rtti -D_GNU_SOURCE \
-DCONST=const -Dalloca=__builtin_alloca -DNO_STRTOLL_PROTO \
'-D_EXTERN_INLINE=static __inline'" \
./configure \
--prefix=/usr/local/mysql --enable-assembler \
--with-mysqld-ldflags=-all-static --disable-shared \
--with-low-memory
```

## 3.4. Linux Postinstallation Notes

[mysql.server](#) can be found in the [support-files](#) directory under the MySQL installation directory or in a MySQL source tree. You can install it as [/etc/init.d/mysql](#) for automatic MySQL startup and shutdown. See [Section 8.2, “Starting and Stopping MySQL Automatically”](#).

If MySQL cannot open enough files or connections, it may be that you have not configured Linux to handle enough files.

In Linux 2.2 and onward, you can check the number of allocated file handles as follows:

```
shell> cat /proc/sys/fs/file-max
shell> cat /proc/sys/fs/dquot-max
shell> cat /proc/sys/fs/super-max
```

If you have more than 16MB of memory, you should add something like the following to your init scripts (for example, [/etc/init.d/boot.local](#) on SuSE Linux):

```
echo 65536 > /proc/sys/fs/file-max
echo 8192 > /proc/sys/fs/dquot-max
echo 1024 > /proc/sys/fs/super-max
```

You can also run the [echo](#) commands from the command line as [root](#), but these settings are lost the next time your computer restarts.

Alternatively, you can set these parameters on startup by using the [sysctl](#) tool, which is used by many Linux distributions (including SuSE Linux 8.0 and later). Put the following values into a file named [/etc/sysctl.conf](#):

```
# Increase some values for MySQL
fs.file-max = 65536
fs.dquot-max = 8192
fs.super-max = 1024
```

You should also add the following to [/etc/my.cnf](#):

```
[mysqld_safe]
open-files-limit=8192
```

This should enable a server limit of 8,192 for the combined number of connections and open files.

The [STACK\\_SIZE](#) constant in LinuxThreads controls the spacing of thread stacks in the address space. It needs to be large enough so that there is plenty of room for each individual thread stack, but small enough to keep the stack of some threads from running into the global [mysqld](#) data. Unfortunately, as we have experimentally discovered, the Linux implementation of [mmap\(\)](#) successfully unmaps a mapped region if you ask it to map out an address currently in use, zeroing out the data on the entire page instead of returning an error. So, the safety of [mysqld](#) or any other threaded application depends on the “gentlemanly” behavior of the code that creates threads. The user must take measures to make sure that the number of running threads at any given time is sufficiently low for thread stacks to stay away from the global heap. With [mysqld](#), you should enforce this behavior by setting a reasonable value for the [max\\_connections](#) variable.

If you build MySQL yourself, you can patch LinuxThreads for better stack use. See [Section 3.3, “Linux Source Distribution Notes”](#). If you do not want to patch LinuxThreads, you should set [max\\_connections](#) to a value no higher than 500. It should be even less if you have a large key buffer, large heap tables, or some other things that make [mysqld](#) allocate a lot of memory, or if you are running a 2.2 kernel with a 2GB patch. If you are using our binary or RPM version, you can safely set [max\\_connections](#) at 1500, assuming no large key buffer or heap tables with lots of data. The more you reduce [STACK\\_SIZE](#) in LinuxThreads the more threads you can safely create. Values between 128KB and 256KB are recommended.

If you use a lot of concurrent connections, you may suffer from a “feature” in the 2.2 kernel that attempts to prevent fork bomb attacks by penalizing a process for forking or cloning a child. This causes MySQL not to scale well as you increase the number of concurrent clients. On single-CPU systems, we have seen this manifest as very slow thread creation; it may take a long time to con-

nect to MySQL (as long as one minute), and it may take just as long to shut it down. On multiple-CPU systems, we have observed a gradual drop in query speed as the number of clients increases. In the process of trying to find a solution, we have received a kernel patch from one of our users who claimed it helped for his site. This patch is available at <http://dev.mysql.com/Downloads/Patches/linux-fork.patch>. We have done rather extensive testing of this patch on both development and production systems. It has significantly improved MySQL performance without causing any problems and is recommended for users who still run high-load servers on 2.2 kernels.

This issue has been fixed in the 2.4 kernel, so if you are not satisfied with the current performance of your system, rather than patching your 2.2 kernel, it might be easier to upgrade to 2.4. On SMP systems, upgrading also gives you a nice SMP boost in addition to fixing the fairness bug.

We have tested MySQL on the 2.4 kernel on a two-CPU machine and found MySQL scales *much* better. There was virtually no slowdown on query throughput all the way up to 1,000 clients, and the MySQL scaling factor (computed as the ratio of maximum throughput to the throughput for one client) was 180%. We have observed similar results on a four-CPU system: Virtually no slowdown as the number of clients was increased up to 1,000, and a 300% scaling factor. Based on these results, for a high-load SMP server using a 2.2 kernel, it is definitely recommended to upgrade to the 2.4 kernel at this point.

We have discovered that it is essential to run the `mysqld` process with the highest possible priority on the 2.4 kernel to achieve maximum performance. This can be done by adding a `renice -20 $$` command to `mysqld_safe`. In our testing on a four-CPU machine, increasing the priority resulted in a 60% throughput increase with 400 clients.

We are currently also trying to collect more information on how well MySQL performs with a 2.4 kernel on four-way and eight-way systems. If you have access such a system and have done some benchmarks, please send an email message to [<benchmarks@mysql.com>](mailto:benchmarks@mysql.com) with the results. We will review them for inclusion in the manual.

If you see a dead `mysqld` server process with `ps`, this usually means that you have found a bug in MySQL or you have a corrupted table. See [What to Do If MySQL Keeps Crashing](#).

To get a core dump on Linux if `mysqld` dies with a `SIGSEGV` signal, you can start `mysqld` with the `--core-file` option. Note that you also probably need to raise the core file size by adding `ulimit -c 1000000` to `mysqld_safe` or starting `mysqld_safe` with `--core-file-size=1000000`. See `<command>mysqld_safe</command>`.

## 3.5. Linux x86 Notes

MySQL requires `libc` 5.4.12 or newer. It is known to work with `libc` 5.4.46. `glibc` 2.0.6 and later should also work. There have been some problems with the `glibc` RPMs from Red Hat, so if you have problems, check whether there are any updates. The `glibc` 2.0.7-19 and 2.0.7-29 RPMs are known to work.

If you are using Red Hat 8.0 or a new `glibc` 2.2.x library, you may see `mysqld` die in `gethostbyaddr()`. This happens because the new `glibc` library requires a stack size greater than 128KB for this call. To fix the problem, start `mysqld` with the `--thread-stack=192K` option. This stack size is the default on MySQL 4.0.10 and above, so you should not see the problem.

If you are using `gcc` 3.0 and above to compile MySQL, you must install the `libstdc++v3` library before compiling MySQL; if you do not do this, you get an error about a missing `__cxa_pure_virtual` symbol during linking.

On some older Linux distributions, `configure` may produce an error like this:

```
Syntax error in sched.h. Change _P to __P in the
/usr/include/sched.h file.
See the Installation chapter in the Reference Manual.
```

Just do what the error message says. Add an extra underscore to the `_P` macro name that has only one underscore, and then try again.

You may get some warnings when compiling. Those shown here can be ignored:

```
mysqld.cc -o objs-thread/mysqld.o
mysqld.cc: In function `void init_signals()':
mysqld.cc:315: warning: assignment of negative value `-1' to
`long unsigned int'
mysqld.cc: In function `void * signal_hand(void *)':
mysqld.cc:346: warning: assignment of negative value `-1' to
`long unsigned int'
```

If `mysqld` always dumps core when it starts, the problem may be that you have an old `/lib/libc.a`. Try renaming it, and then remove `sql/mysqld` and do a new `make install` and try again. This problem has been reported on some Slackware installations.

If you get the following error when linking `mysqld`, it means that your `libg++.a` is not installed correctly:

```
/usr/lib/libc.a(putc.o): In function `__IO_putc':
putc.o(.text+0x0): multiple definition of `__IO_putc'
```



You can avoid using `libg++.a` by running `configure` like this:

```
shell> CXX=gcc ./configure
```

## 3.6. Linux SPARC Notes

In some implementations, `readdir_r()` is broken. The symptom is that the `SHOW DATABASES` statement always returns an empty set. This can be fixed by removing `HAVE_READDIR_R` from `config.h` after configuring and before compiling.

## 3.7. Linux Alpha Notes

We have tested MySQL 5.0 on Alpha with our benchmarks and test suite, and it appears to work well.

We currently build the MySQL binary packages on SuSE Linux 7.0 for AXP, kernel 2.4.4-SMP, Compaq C compiler (V6.2-505) and Compaq C++ compiler (V6.3-006) on a Compaq DS20 machine with an Alpha EV6 processor.

You can find the preceding compilers at <http://www.support.compaq.com/alpha-tools/>. By using these compilers rather than `gcc`, we get about 9% to 14% better MySQL performance.

For MySQL on Alpha, we use the `-arch generic` flag to our compile options, which ensures that the binary runs on all Alpha processors. We also compile statically to avoid library problems. The `configure` command looks like this:

```
CC=ccc CFLAGS="-fast -arch generic" CXX=cxx \  
CXXFLAGS="-fast -arch generic -noexceptions -nortti" \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --disable-shared \  
--with-extra-charsets=complex --enable-thread-safe-client \  
--with-mysqld-ldflags=-non_shared --with-client-ldflags=-non_shared
```

Some known problems when running MySQL on Linux-Alpha:

- Debugging threaded applications like MySQL does not work with `gdb 4.18`. You should use `gdb 5.1` instead.
- If you try linking `mysqld` statically when using `gcc`, the resulting image dumps core at startup time. In other words, *do not* use `--with-mysqld-ldflags=-all-static` with `gcc`.

## 3.8. Linux PowerPC Notes

MySQL should work on MkLinux with the newest `glibc` package (tested with `glibc 2.0.7`).

## 3.9. Linux MIPS Notes

To get MySQL to work on Qube2 (Linux Mips), you need the newest `glibc` libraries. `glibc-2.0.7-29C2` is known to work. You must also use `gcc 2.95.2` or newer).

## 3.10. Linux IA-64 Notes

To get MySQL to compile on Linux IA-64, we use the following `configure` command for building with `gcc 2.96`:

```
CC=gcc \  
CFLAGS="-O3 -fno-omit-frame-pointer" \  
CXX=gcc \  
CXXFLAGS="-O3 -fno-omit-frame-pointer -felide-constructors \  
-fno-exceptions -fno-rtti" \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql \  
"--with-comment=Official MySQL binary" \  
--with-extra-charsets=complex
```

On IA-64, the MySQL client binaries use shared libraries. This means that if you install our binary distribution at a location other than `/usr/local/mysql`, you need to add the path of the directory where you have `libmysqlclient.so` installed either to the `/etc/ld.so.conf` file or to the value of your `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable.

See [Problems Linking to the MySQL Client Library](#).

## 3.11. SELinux Notes

RHEL4 comes with SELinux, which supports tighter access control for processes. If SELinux is enabled (`SELINUX` in /

`etc/selinux/config` is set to `enforcing`, `SELINUXTYPE` is set to either `targeted` or `strict`), you might encounter problems installing Oracle Corporation RPM packages.

Red Hat has an update that solves this. It involves an update of the “security policy” specification to handle the install structure of the RPMs provided by Oracle Corporation. For further information, see [https://bugzilla.redhat.com/bugzilla/show\\_bug.cgi?id=167551](https://bugzilla.redhat.com/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=167551) and <http://rhn.redhat.com/errata/RHBA-2006-0049.html>.



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## Chapter 4. Installing MySQL on Solaris

To obtain a binary MySQL distribution for Solaris in tarball or PKG format, <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/5.0.html>.

If you install MySQL using a binary tarball distribution on Solaris, you may run into trouble even before you get the MySQL distribution unpacked, as the Solaris `tar` cannot handle long file names. This means that you may see errors when you try to unpack MySQL.

If this occurs, you must use GNU `tar` (`gtar`) to unpack the distribution.

You can install MySQL on Solaris using a binary package in PKG format instead of the binary tarball distribution. Before installing using the binary PKG format, you should create the `mysql` user and group, for example:

```
groupadd mysql
useradd -g mysql mysql
```

Some basic PKG-handling commands follow:

- To add a package:

```
pkgadd -d package_name.pkg
```

- To remove a package:

```
pkgrm package_name
```

- To get a full list of installed packages:

```
pkginfo
```

- To get detailed information for a package:

```
pkginfo -l package_name
```

- To list the files belonging to a package:

```
pkgchk -v package_name
```

- To get packaging information for an arbitrary file:

```
pkgchk -l -p file_name
```

For additional information about installing MySQL on Solaris, see [Chapter 5, \*Solaris Notes\*](#).

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## Chapter 5. Solaris Notes

For information about installing MySQL on Solaris using PKG distributions, see [Chapter 4, Installing MySQL on Solaris](#).

On Solaris, you may run into trouble even before you get the MySQL distribution unpacked, as the Solaris `tar` cannot handle long file names. This means that you may see errors when you try to unpack MySQL.

If this occurs, you must use GNU `tar` (`gtar`) to unpack the distribution.

If you get the following error from `configure`, it means that you have something wrong with your compiler installation:

```
checking for restartable system calls... configure: error can not
run test programs while cross compiling
```

In this case, you should upgrade your compiler to a newer version. You may also be able to solve this problem by inserting the following row into the `config.cache` file:

```
ac_cv_sys_restartable_syscalls=${ac_cv_sys_restartable_syscalls='no'}
```

If you are using Solaris on a SPARC, the recommended compiler is `gcc` 2.95.2 or 3.2. You can find this at <http://gcc.gnu.org/>. Note that `gcc` 2.8.1 does not work reliably on SPARC.

The recommended `configure` line when using `gcc` 2.95.2 is:

```
CC=gcc CFLAGS="-O3" \
CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS="-O3 -felide-constructors -fno-exceptions -fno-rtti" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --with-low-memory \
--enable-asmbl
```

If you have an UltraSPARC system, you can get 4% better performance by adding `-mcpu=v8 -Wa,-xarch=v8plusa` to the `CFLAGS` and `CXXFLAGS` environment variables.

If you have Sun's Forte 5.0 (or newer) compiler, you can run `configure` like this:

```
CC=cc CFLAGS="-Xa -fast -native -xstrconst -mt" \
CXX=CC CXXFLAGS="-noex -mt" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --enable-asmbl
```

To create a 64-bit binary with Sun's Forte compiler, use the following configuration options:

```
CC=cc CFLAGS="-Xa -fast -native -xstrconst -mt -xarch=v9" \
CXX=CC CXXFLAGS="-noex -mt -xarch=v9" ASFLAGS="-xarch=v9" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --enable-asmbl
```

To create a 64-bit Solaris binary using `gcc`, add `-m64` to `CFLAGS` and `CXXFLAGS` and remove `--enable-asmbl` from the `configure` line.

In the MySQL benchmarks, we obtained a 4% speed increase on UltraSPARC when using Forte 5.0 in 32-bit mode, as compared to using `gcc` 3.2 with the `-mcpu` flag.

If you create a 64-bit `mysqld` binary, it is 4% slower than the 32-bit binary, but can handle more threads and memory.

When using Solaris 10 for x86\_64, you should mount any file systems on which you intend to store `InnoDB` files with the `for-cedirectio` option. (By default mounting is done without this option.) Failing to do so will cause a significant drop in performance when using the `InnoDB` storage engine on this platform.

If you get a problem with `fdatasync` or `sched_yield`, you can fix this by adding `LIBS=-lrt` to the `configure` line

For compilers older than Workshop 5.3, you might have to edit the `configure` script. Change this line:

```
#if !defined(__STDC__) || __STDC__ != 1
```

To this:

```
#if !defined(__STDC__)
```

If you turn on `__STDC__` with the `-xc` option, the Sun compiler can't compile with the Solaris `pthread.h` header file. This is a Sun bug (broken compiler or broken include file).

If `mysqld` issues the following error message when you run it, you have tried to compile MySQL with the Sun compiler without enabling the `-mt` multi-thread option:

```
libc internal error: _rmutex_unlock: rmutex not held
```

Add `-mt` to `CFLAGS` and `CXXFLAGS` and recompile.

If you are using the SFW version of `gcc` (which comes with Solaris 8), you must add `/opt/sfw/lib` to the environment variable `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` before running `configure`.

If you are using the `gcc` available from [sunfreeware.com](http://sunfreeware.com), you may have many problems. To avoid this, you should recompile `gcc` and GNU `binutils` on the machine where you are running them.

If you get the following error when compiling MySQL with `gcc`, it means that your `gcc` is not configured for your version of Solaris:

```
shell> gcc -O3 -g -O2 -DDEBUG_OFF -o thr_alarm ...
./thr_alarm.c: In function `signal_hand':
./thr_alarm.c:556: too many arguments to function `sigwait'
```

The proper thing to do in this case is to get the newest version of `gcc` and compile it with your current `gcc` compiler. At least for Solaris 2.5, almost all binary versions of `gcc` have old, unusable include files that break all programs that use threads, and possibly other programs as well.

Solaris does not provide static versions of all system libraries (`libpthreads` and `libdl`), so you cannot compile MySQL with `--static`. If you try to do so, you get one of the following errors:

```
ld: fatal: library -ldl: not found
undefined reference to `dlopen'
cannot find -lrt
```

If you link your own MySQL client programs, you may see the following error at runtime:

```
ld.so.1: fatal: libmysqlclient.so.#:
open failed: No such file or directory
```

This problem can be avoided by one of the following methods:

- Link clients with the `-Wl,r/full/path/to/libmysqlclient.so` flag rather than with `-Lpath`).
- Copy `libmysqlclient.so` to `/usr/lib`.
- Add the path name of the directory where `libmysqlclient.so` is located to the `LD_RUN_PATH` environment variable before running your client.

If you have problems with `configure` trying to link with `-lz` when you do not have `zlib` installed, you have two options:

- If you want to be able to use the compressed communication protocol, you need to get and install `zlib` from [ftp.gnu.org](http://ftp.gnu.org).
- Run `configure` with the `--with-named-z-libs=no` option when building MySQL.

If you are using `gcc` and have problems with loading user-defined functions (UDFs) into MySQL, try adding `-lgcc` to the link line for the UDF.

If you would like MySQL to start automatically, you can copy `support-files/mysql.server` to `/etc/init.d` and create a symbolic link to it named `/etc/rc3.d/S99mysql.server`.

If too many processes try to connect very rapidly to `mysqld`, you should see this error in the MySQL log:

```
Error in accept: Protocol error
```

You might try starting the server with the `--back_log=50` option as a workaround for this. (Use `-O back_log=50` before MySQL 4.)

To configure the generation of core files on Solaris you should use the `coreadm` command. Because of the security implications of generating a core on a `setuid( )` application, by default, Solaris does not support core files on `setuid( )` programs. However, you can modify this behavior using `coreadm`. If you enable `setuid( )` core files for the current user, they will be gen-

erated using the mode 600 and owned by the superuser.

## 5.1. Solaris 2.7/2.8 Notes

Normally, you can use a Solaris 2.6 binary on Solaris 2.7 and 2.8. Most of the Solaris 2.6 issues also apply for Solaris 2.7 and 2.8.

MySQL should be able to detect new versions of Solaris automatically and enable workarounds for the following problems.

Solaris 2.7 / 2.8 has some bugs in the include files. You may see the following error when you use `gcc`:

```
/usr/include/widec.h:42: warning: `getwc' redefined
/usr/include/wchar.h:326: warning: this is the location of the previous
definition
```

If this occurs, you can fix the problem by copying `/usr/include/widec.h` to `../lib/gcc-lib/os/gcc-version/include` and changing line 41 from this:

```
#if !defined(lint) && !defined(__lint)
```

To this:

```
#if !defined(lint) && !defined(__lint) && !defined(getwc)
```

Alternatively, you can edit `/usr/include/widec.h` directly. Either way, after you make the fix, you should remove `config.cache` and run `configure` again.

If you get the following errors when you run `make`, it is because `configure` didn't detect the `curses.h` file (probably because of the error in `/usr/include/widec.h`):

```
In file included from mysql.cc:50:
/usr/include/term.h:1060: syntax error before `;'
/usr/include/term.h:1081: syntax error before `;'
```

The solution to this problem is to do one of the following:

1. Configure with `CFLAGS=-DHAVE_CURSES_H CXXFLAGS=-DHAVE_CURSES_H ./configure`.
2. Edit `/usr/include/widec.h` as indicated in the preceding discussion and re-run `configure`.
3. Remove the `#define HAVE_TERM` line from the `config.h` file and run `make` again.

If your linker cannot find `-lz` when linking client programs, the problem is probably that your `libz.so` file is installed in `/usr/local/lib`. You can fix this problem by one of the following methods:

- Add `/usr/local/lib` to `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`.
- Add a link to `libz.so` from `/lib`.
- If you are using Solaris 8, you can install the optional `zlib` from your Solaris 8 CD distribution.
- Run `configure` with the `--with-named-z-libs=no` option when building MySQL.

## 5.2. Solaris x86 Notes

On Solaris 8 on x86, `mysqld` dumps core if you remove the debug symbols using `strip`.

If you are using `gcc` on Solaris x86 and you experience problems with core dumps under load, you should use the following `configure` command:

```
CC=gcc CFLAGS="-O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -DHAVE_CURSES_H" \
CXX=gcc \
CXXFLAGS="-O3 -fomit-frame-pointer -felide-constructors \
-fno-exceptions -fno-rtti -DHAVE_CURSES_H" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql
```

This avoids problems with the `libstdc++` library and with C++ exceptions.

If this doesn't help, you should compile a debug version and run it with a trace file or under [gdb](#). See [MySQL Internals: Porting](#).

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## Chapter 6. BSD Notes

This section provides information about using MySQL on variants of BSD Unix.

### 6.1. FreeBSD Notes

FreeBSD 4.x or newer is recommended for running MySQL, because the thread package is much more integrated. To get a secure and stable system, you should use only FreeBSD kernels that are marked `-RELEASE`.

The easiest (and preferred) way to install MySQL is to use the `mysql-server` and `mysql-client` ports available at <http://www.freebsd.org/>. Using these ports gives you the following benefits:

- A working MySQL with all optimizations enabled that are known to work on your version of FreeBSD.
- Automatic configuration and build.
- Startup scripts installed in `/usr/local/etc/rc.d`.
- The ability to use `pkg_info -L` to see which files are installed.
- The ability to use `pkg_delete` to remove MySQL if you no longer want it on your machine.

It is recommended you use MIT-pthreads on FreeBSD 2.x, and native threads on FreeBSD 3 and up. It is possible to run with native threads on some late 2.2.x versions, but you may encounter problems shutting down `mysqld`.

Unfortunately, certain function calls on FreeBSD are not yet fully thread-safe. Most notably, this includes the `gethostbyname()` function, which is used by MySQL to convert host names into IP addresses. Under certain circumstances, the `mysqld` process suddenly causes 100% CPU load and is unresponsive. If you encounter this problem, try to start MySQL using the `-skip-name-resolve` option.

Alternatively, you can link MySQL on FreeBSD 4.x against the LinuxThreads library, which avoids a few of the problems that the native FreeBSD thread implementation has. For a very good comparison of LinuxThreads versus native threads, see Jeremy Zawodny's article *FreeBSD or Linux for your MySQL Server?* at <http://jeremy.zawodny.com/blog/archives/000697.html>.

Known problem when using LinuxThreads on FreeBSD is:

- The connection times (`wait_timeout`, `interactive_timeout` and `net_read_timeout`) values are not honored. The symptom is that persistent connections can hang for a very long time without getting closed down and that a 'kill' for a thread will not take affect until the thread does it a new command

This is probably a signal handling problem in the thread library where the signal doesn't break a pending read. This is supposed to be fixed in FreeBSD 5.0

The MySQL build process requires GNU make (`gmake`) to work. If GNU `make` is not available, you must install it first before compiling MySQL.

The recommended way to compile and install MySQL on FreeBSD with `gcc` (2.95.2 and up) is:

```
CC=gcc CFLAGS="-O2 -fno-strength-reduce" \  
CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS="-O2 -fno-rtti -fno-exceptions \  
-felide-constructors -fno-strength-reduce" \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --enable-assembler  
gmake  
gmake install  
cd /usr/local/mysql  
bin/mysql_install_db --user=mysql  
bin/mysqld_safe &
```

Be sure that your name resolver setup is correct. Otherwise, you may experience resolver delays or failures when connecting to `mysqld`. Also make sure that the `localhost` entry in the `/etc/hosts` file is correct. The file should start with a line similar to this:

```
127.0.0.1      localhost localhost.your.domain
```

FreeBSD is known to have a very low default file handle limit. See [<errortext>'<replaceable>File</replaceable>' Not Found</errortext> and Similar Errors](#). Start the server by using the `--open-files-limit` option for `mysqld_safe`, or raise the limits for the `mysqld` user in `/etc/login.conf` and rebuild it with `cap_mkdb /etc/login.conf`. Also be sure that

you set the appropriate class for this user in the password file if you are not using the default (use `chpass mysqld-user-name`). See `<command>mysqld_safe</command>`.

FreeBSD limits the size of a process to 512MB, even if you have much more RAM available on the system. So you may get an error such as this:

```
Out of memory (Needed 16391 bytes)
```

In current versions of FreeBSD (at least 4.x and greater), you may increase this limit by adding the following entries to the `/boot/loader.conf` file and rebooting the machine (these are not settings that can be changed at run time with the `sysctl` command):

```
kern.maxdsiz="1073741824" # 1GB
kern.dfldsiz="1073741824" # 1GB
kern.maxssiz="134217728" # 128MB
```

For older versions of FreeBSD, you must recompile your kernel to change the maximum data segment size for a process. In this case, you should look at the `MAXDSIZ` option in the `LINT` config file for more information.

If you get problems with the current date in MySQL, setting the `TZ` variable should help. See [Environment Variables](#).

## 6.2. NetBSD Notes

To compile on NetBSD, you need GNU `make`. Otherwise, the build process fails when `make` tries to run `lint` on C++ files.

## 6.3. OpenBSD 2.5 Notes

On OpenBSD 2.5, you can compile MySQL with native threads with the following options:

```
CFLAGS=-pthread CXXFLAGS=-pthread ./configure --with-mit-threads=no
```

## 6.4. BSD/OS Version 2.x Notes

If you get the following error when compiling MySQL, your `ulimit` value for virtual memory is too low:

```
item_func.h: In method
`Item_func_ge::Item_func_ge(const Item_func_ge &)':
item_func.h:28: virtual memory exhausted
make[2]: *** [item_func.o] Error 1
```

Try using `ulimit -v 80000` and run `make` again. If this doesn't work and you are using `bash`, try switching to `csch` or `sh`; some BSDI users have reported problems with `bash` and `ulimit`.

If you are using `gcc`, you may also use have to use the `--with-low-memory` flag for `configure` to be able to compile `sql_yacc.cc`.

If you get problems with the current date in MySQL, setting the `TZ` variable should help. See [Environment Variables](#).

## 6.5. BSD/OS Version 3.x Notes

Upgrade to BSD/OS 3.1. If that is not possible, install BSDIpatch M300-038.

Use the following command when configuring MySQL:

```
env CXX=shlcc++ CC=shlcc2 \
./configure \
--prefix=/usr/local/mysql \
--localstatedir=/var/mysql \
--without-perl \
--with-unix-socket-path=/var/mysql/mysql.sock
```

The following is also known to work:

```
env CC=gcc CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS=-O3 \
./configure \
--prefix=/usr/local/mysql \
--with-unix-socket-path=/var/mysql/mysql.sock
```

You can change the directory locations if you wish, or just use the defaults by not specifying any locations.

If you have problems with performance under heavy load, try using the `--skip-thread-priority` option to `mysqld`. This runs all threads with the same priority. On BSDI 3.1, this gives better performance, at least until BSDI fixes its thread scheduler.

If you get the error `virtual memory exhausted` while compiling, you should try using `ulimit -v 80000` and running `make` again. If this doesn't work and you are using `bash`, try switching to `csch` or `sh`; some BSDI users have reported problems with `bash` and `ulimit`.

## 6.6. BSD/OS Version 4.x Notes

BSDI 4.x has some thread-related bugs. If you want to use MySQL on this, you should install all thread-related patches. At least M400-023 should be installed.

On some BSDI 4.x systems, you may get problems with shared libraries. The symptom is that you can't execute any client programs, for example, `mysqladmin`. In this case, you need to reconfigure not to use shared libraries with the `--disable-shared` option to configure.

Some customers have had problems on BSDI 4.0.1 that the `mysqld` binary after a while can't open tables. This occurs because some library/system-related bug causes `mysqld` to change current directory without having asked for that to happen.

The fix is to either upgrade MySQL to at least version 3.23.34 or, after running `configure`, remove the line `#define HAVE_REALPATH` from `config.h` before running `make`.

Note that this means that you can't symbolically link a database directories to another database directory or symbolic link a table to another database on BSDI. (Making a symbolic link to another disk is okay).



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## Chapter 7. Other Unix Notes

### 7.1. HP-UX Version 10.20 Notes

If you install MySQL using a binary tarball distribution on HP-UX, you may run into trouble even before you get the MySQL distribution unpacked, as the HP-UX `tar` cannot handle long file names. This means that you may see errors when you try to unpack MySQL.

If this occurs, you must use GNU `tar` (`gtar`) to unpack the distribution.

There are a couple of small problems when compiling MySQL on HP-UX. Use `gcc` instead of the HP-UX native compiler, because `gcc` produces better code.

Use `gcc` 2.95 on HP-UX. Do not use high optimization flags (such as `-O6`) because they may not be safe on HP-UX.

The following `configure` line should work with `gcc` 2.95:

```
CFLAGS="-I/opt/dce/include -fpic" \
CXXFLAGS="-I/opt/dce/include -felide-constructors -fno-exceptions \
-fno-rtti" \
CXX=gcc \
./configure --with-pthread \
--with-named-thread-libs='-ldce' \
--prefix=/usr/local/mysql --disable-shared
```

The following `configure` line should work with `gcc` 3.1:

```
CFLAGS="-DHPUX -I/opt/dce/include -O3 -fPIC" CXX=gcc \
CXXFLAGS="-DHPUX -I/opt/dce/include -felide-constructors \
-fno-exceptions -fno-rtti -O3 -fPIC" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql \
--with-extra-charsets=complex --enable-thread-safe-client \
--enable-local-infile --with-pthread \
--with-named-thread-libs=-ldce --with-lib-ccflags=-fPIC \
--disable-shared
```

### 7.2. HP-UX Version 11.x Notes

If you install MySQL using a binary tarball distribution on HP-UX, you may run into trouble even before you get the MySQL distribution unpacked, as the HP-UX `tar` cannot handle long file names. This means that you may see errors when you try to unpack MySQL.

If this occurs, you must use GNU `tar` (`gtar`) to unpack the distribution.

Because of some critical bugs in the standard HP-UX libraries, you should install the following patches before trying to run MySQL on HP-UX 11.0:

```
PHKL_22840 Streams cumulative
PHNE_22397 ARPA cumulative
```

This solves the problem of getting `EWOULDBLOCK` from `recv()` and `EBADF` from `accept()` in threaded applications.

If you are using `gcc` 2.95.1 on an unpatched HP-UX 11.x system, you may get the following error:

```
In file included from /usr/include/unistd.h:11,
                 from ../include/global.h:125,
                 from mysql_priv.h:15,
                 from item.cc:19:
/usr/include/sys/unistd.h:184: declaration of C function ...
/usr/include/sys/pthread.h:440: previous declaration ...
In file included from item.h:306,
                 from mysql_priv.h:158,
                 from item.cc:19:
```

The problem is that HP-UX does not define `pthread_atfork()` consistently. It has conflicting prototypes in `/usr/include/sys/unistd.h:184` and `/usr/include/sys/pthread.h:440`.

One solution is to copy `/usr/include/sys/unistd.h` into `mysql/include` and edit `unistd.h` and change it to match the definition in `pthread.h`. Look for this line:

```
extern int pthread_atfork(void (*prepare)(), void (*parent)(),
                          void (*child)());
```

Change it to look like this:

```
extern int pthread_atfork(void (*prepare)(void), void (*parent)(void),
                          void (*child)(void));
```

After making the change, the following `configure` line should work:

```
CFLAGS="-fomit-frame-pointer -O3 -fpic" CXX=gcc \
CXXFLAGS="-felide-constructors -fno-exceptions -fno-rtti -O3" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --disable-shared
```

If you are using HP-UX compiler, you can use the following command (which has been tested with `cc` B.11.11.04):

```
CC=cc CXX=aCC CFLAGS=+DD64 CXXFLAGS=+DD64 ./configure \
--with-extra-character-set=complex
```

You can ignore any errors of the following type:

```
aCC: warning 901: unknown option: '-3': use +help for online
documentation
```

If you get the following error from `configure`, verify that you do not have the path to the K&R compiler before the path to the HP-UX C and C++ compiler:

```
checking for cc option to accept ANSI C... no
configure: error: MySQL requires an ANSI C compiler (and a C++ compiler).
Try gcc. See the Installation chapter in the Reference Manual.
```

Another reason for not being able to compile is that you didn't define the `+DD64` flags as just described.

Another possibility for HP-UX 11 is to use the MySQL binaries provided at <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/>, which we have built and tested ourselves. We have also received reports that the HP-UX 10.20 binaries supplied by MySQL can be run successfully on HP-UX 11. If you encounter problems, you should be sure to check your HP-UX patch level.

## 7.3. IBM-AIX notes

Automatic detection of `xlc` is missing from Autoconf, so a number of variables need to be set before running `configure`. The following example uses the IBM compiler:

```
export CC="xlc_r -ma -O3 -qstrict -qoptimize=3 -qmaxmem=8192 "
export CXX="xlc_r -ma -O3 -qstrict -qoptimize=3 -qmaxmem=8192"
export CFLAGS="-I /usr/local/include"
export LDFLAGS="-L /usr/local/lib"
export CPPFLAGS=$CFLAGS
export CXXFLAGS=$CFLAGS
./configure --prefix=/usr/local \
--localstatedir=/var/mysql \
--sbindir='/usr/local/bin' \
--libexecdir='/usr/local/bin' \
--enable-thread-safe-client \
--enable-large-files
```

The preceding options are used to compile the MySQL distribution that can be found at <http://www-frec.bull.com/>.

If you change the `-O3` to `-O2` in the preceding `configure` line, you must also remove the `-qstrict` option. This is a limitation in the IBM C compiler.

If you are using `gcc` to compile MySQL, you *must* use the `-fno-exceptions` flag, because the exception handling in `gcc` is not thread-safe! There are also some known problems with IBM's assembler that may cause it to generate bad code when used with `gcc`.

Use the following `configure` line with `gcc` 2.95 on AIX:

```
CC="gcc -pipe -mcpu=power -Wa,-many" \
CXX="gcc -pipe -mcpu=power -Wa,-many" \
CXXFLAGS="-felide-constructors -fno-exceptions -fno-rtti" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --with-low-memory
```

The `-Wa, -many` option is necessary for the compile to be successful. IBM is aware of this problem but is in no hurry to fix it because of the workaround that is available. We do not know if the `-fno-exceptions` is required with `gcc` 2.95, but because MySQL doesn't use exceptions and the option generates faster code, you should always use it with `gcc`.

If you get a problem with assembler code, try changing the `-mcpu=xxx` option to match your CPU. Typically `power2`, `power`,

or `powerpc` may need to be used. Alternatively, you might need to use `604` or `604e`. We are not positive but suspect that `power` would likely be safe most of the time, even on a `power2` machine.

If you do not know what your CPU is, execute a `uname -m` command. It produces a string that looks like `000514676700`, with a format of `xyyyyyymmss` where `xx` and `ss` are always `00`, `yyyyyy` is a unique system ID and `mm` is the ID of the CPU Planar. A chart of these values can be found at [http://www16.boulder.ibm.com/pseries/en\\_US/cmds/aixcmds5/uname.htm](http://www16.boulder.ibm.com/pseries/en_US/cmds/aixcmds5/uname.htm).

This gives you a machine type and a machine model you can use to determine what type of CPU you have.

If you have problems with threads on AIX 5.3, you should upgrade AIX 5.3 to technology level 7 (5300-07).

If you have problems with signals (MySQL dies unexpectedly under high load), you may have found an OS bug with threads and signals. In this case, you can tell MySQL not to use signals by configuring as follows:

```
CFLAGS=-DDONT_USE_THR_ALARM CXX=gcc \  
CXXFLAGS="-felide-constructors -fno-exceptions -fno-rtti \  
-DDONT_USE_THR_ALARM" \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --with-debug \  
--with-low-memory
```

This doesn't affect the performance of MySQL, but has the side effect that you can't kill clients that are "sleeping" on a connection with `mysqladmin kill` or `mysqladmin shutdown`. Instead, the client dies when it issues its next command.

On some versions of AIX, linking with `libbind.a` makes `getservbyname()` dump core. This is an AIX bug and should be reported to IBM.

For AIX 4.2.1 and `gcc`, you have to make the following changes.

After configuring, edit `config.h` and `include/my_config.h` and change the line that says this:

```
#define HAVE_SNPRINTF 1
```

to this:

```
#undef HAVE_SNPRINTF
```

And finally, in `mysqld.cc`, you need to add a prototype for `initgroups()`.

```
#ifdef _AIX41  
extern "C" int initgroups(const char *,int);  
#endif
```

For 32-bit binaries, if you need to allocate a lot of memory to the `mysqld` process, it is not enough to just use `ulimit -d unlimited`. You may also have to modify `mysqld_safe` to add a line something like this:

```
export LDR_CNTRL='MAXDATA=0x80000000'
```

You can find more information about using a lot of memory at [http://publib16.boulder.ibm.com/pseries/en\\_US/aixprgpd/genprog/lrg\\_prg\\_support.htm](http://publib16.boulder.ibm.com/pseries/en_US/aixprgpd/genprog/lrg_prg_support.htm).

Users of AIX 4.3 should use `gmake` instead of the `make` utility included with AIX.

As of AIX 4.1, the C compiler has been unbundled from AIX as a separate product. `gcc` 3.3.2 can be obtained here: <ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/aix/freeSoftware/aixtoolbox/RPMS/ppc/gcc/>

The steps for compiling MySQL on AIX with `gcc` 3.3.2 are similar to those for using `gcc` 2.95 (in particular, the need to edit `config.h` and `my_config.h` after running `configure`). However, before running `configure`, you should also patch the `curses.h` file as follows:

```
/opt/freeware/lib/gcc-lib/powerpc-ibm-aix5.2.0.0/3.3.2/include/curses.h.ORIG  
Mon Dec 26 02:17:28 2005  
--- /opt/freeware/lib/gcc-lib/powerpc-ibm-aix5.2.0.0/3.3.2/include/curses.h  
Mon Dec 26 02:40:13 2005  
*****  
*** 2023,2029 ***  
#endif /* _AIX32_CURSES */  
! #if defined(__USE_FIXED_PROTOTYPES__) || defined(__cplusplus) || defined  
(__STRICT_ANSI__)  
extern int delwin (WINDOW *);  
extern int endwin (void);  
extern int getcurx (WINDOW *);  
--- 2023,2029 ---  
#endif /* _AIX32_CURSES */  
! #if 0 && (defined(__USE_FIXED_PROTOTYPES__) || defined(__cplusplus)  
|| defined  
(__STRICT_ANSI__))
```

```
extern int delwin (WINDOW *);
extern int endwin (void);
extern int getcurx (WINDOW *);
```

## 7.4. SunOS 4 Notes

On SunOS 4, MIT-pthreads is needed to compile MySQL. This in turn means you need GNU [make](#).

Some SunOS 4 systems have problems with dynamic libraries and [libtool](#). You can use the following [configure](#) line to avoid this problem:

```
./configure --disable-shared --with-mysqld-ldflags=-all-static
```

When compiling [readline](#), you may get warnings about duplicate defines. These can be ignored.

When compiling [mysqld](#), there are some [implicit declaration of function](#) warnings. These can be ignored.

## 7.5. Alpha-DEC-UNIX Notes (Tru64)

If you are using [egcs](#) 1.1.2 on Digital Unix, you should upgrade to [gcc](#) 2.95.2, because [egcs](#) on DEC has some serious bugs!

When compiling threaded programs under Digital Unix, the documentation recommends using the [-pthread](#) option for [cc](#) and [cxx](#) and the [-lmach](#) [-lexc](#) libraries (in addition to [-lpthread](#)). You should run [configure](#) something like this:

```
CC="cc -pthread" CXX="cxx -pthread -O" \
./configure --with-named-thread-libs="-lpthread -lmach -lexc -lc"
```

When compiling [mysqld](#), you may see a couple of warnings like this:

```
mysqld.cc: In function void handle_connections():
mysqld.cc:626: passing long unsigned int '*' as argument 3 of
accept(int,sockaddr *, int *)'
```

You can safely ignore these warnings. They occur because [configure](#) can detect only errors, not warnings.

If you start the server directly from the command line, you may have problems with it dying when you log out. (When you log out, your outstanding processes receive a [SIGHUP](#) signal.) If so, try starting the server like this:

```
nohup mysqld [options] &
```

[nohup](#) causes the command following it to ignore any [SIGHUP](#) signal sent from the terminal. Alternatively, start the server by running [mysqld\\_safe](#), which invokes [mysqld](#) using [nohup](#) for you. See [<command>mysqld\\_safe</command>](#).

If you get a problem when compiling [mysys/get\\_opt.c](#), just remove the [#define \\_NO\\_PROTO](#) line from the start of that file.

If you are using Compaq's CC compiler, the following [configure](#) line should work:

```
CC="cc -pthread"
CFLAGS="-O4 -ansi_alias -ansi_args -fast -inline speed \
-speculate all -arch host"
CXX="cxx -pthread"
CXXFLAGS="-O4 -ansi_alias -ansi_args -fast -inline speed \
-speculate all -arch host -noexceptions -nortti"
export CC CFLAGS CXX CXXFLAGS
./configure \
--prefix=/usr/local/mysql \
--with-low-memory \
--enable-large-files \
--enable-shared=yes \
--with-named-thread-libs="-lpthread -lmach -lexc -lc"
gnumake
```

If you get a problem with [libtool](#) when compiling with shared libraries as just shown, when linking [mysql](#), you should be able to get around this by issuing these commands:

```
cd mysql
/bin/sh ../libtool --mode=link cxx -pthread -O3 -DDEBUG_OFF \
-O4 -ansi_alias -ansi_args -fast -inline speed \
-speculate all \ -arch host -DUNDEF_HAVE_GETHOSTBYNAME_R \
-o mysql mysql.o readline.o sql_string.o completion_hash.o \
../readline/libreadline.a -lcurses \
../libmysql/.libs/libmysqlclient.so -lm
cd ..
```

```
gnumake
gnumake install
scripts/mysql_install_db
```

## 7.6. Alpha-DEC-OSF/1 Notes

If you have problems compiling and have DEC `CC` and `gcc` installed, try running `configure` like this:

```
CC=cc CFLAGS=-O CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS=-O3 \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql
```

If you get problems with the `c_asm.h` file, you can create and use a 'dummy' `c_asm.h` file with:

```
touch include/c_asm.h
CC=gcc CFLAGS=-I./include \
CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS=-O3 \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql
```

Note that the following problems with the `ld` program can be fixed by downloading the latest DEC (Compaq) patch kit from: <http://ftp.support.compaq.com/public/unix/>.

On OSF/1 V4.0D and compiler "DEC C V5.6-071 on Digital Unix V4.0 (Rev. 878)," the compiler had some strange behavior (undefined `asm` symbols). `/bin/ld` also appears to be broken (problems with `_exit` undefined errors occurring while linking `mysqld`). On this system, we have managed to compile MySQL with the following `configure` line, after replacing `/bin/ld` with the version from OSF 4.0C:

```
CC=gcc CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS=-O3 ./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql
```

With the Digital compiler "C++ V6.1-029," the following should work:

```
CC=cc -pthread
CFLAGS=-O4 -ansi_alias -ansi_args -fast -inline speed \
-speculate all -arch host
CXX=cxx -pthread
CXXFLAGS=-O4 -ansi_alias -ansi_args -fast -inline speed \
-speculate all -arch host -noexceptions -nortti
export CC CFLAGS CXX CXXFLAGS
./configure --prefix=/usr/mysql/mysql \
--with-mysqld-ldflags=-all-static --disable-shared \
--with-named-thread-libs="-lmach -lexc -lc"
```

In some versions of OSF/1, the `alloca()` function is broken. Fix this by removing the line in `config.h` that defines `'HAVE_ALLOCA'`.

The `alloca()` function also may have an incorrect prototype in `/usr/include/alloca.h`. This warning resulting from this can be ignored.

`configure` uses the following thread libraries automatically: `--with-named-thread-libs="-lpthread -lmach -lexc -lc"`.

When using `gcc`, you can also try running `configure` like this:

```
CFLAGS=-D_PTHREAD_USE_D4 CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS=-O3 ./configure ...
```

If you have problems with signals (MySQL dies unexpectedly under high load), you may have found an OS bug with threads and signals. In this case, you can tell MySQL not to use signals by configuring with:

```
CFLAGS=-DDONT_USE_THR_ALARM \
CXXFLAGS=-DDONT_USE_THR_ALARM \
./configure ...
```

This does not affect the performance of MySQL, but has the side effect that you can't kill clients that are "sleeping" on a connection with `mysqladmin kill` or `mysqladmin shutdown`. Instead, the client dies when it issues its next command.

With `gcc` 2.95.2, you may encounter the following compile error:

```
sql_acl.cc:1456: Internal compiler error in `scan_region',
at except.c:2566
Please submit a full bug report.
```

To fix this, you should change to the `sql` directory and do a cut-and-paste of the last `gcc` line, but change `-O3` to `-O0` (or add `-O0` immediately after `gcc` if you do not have any `-O` option on your compile line). After this is done, you can just change back to

the top-level directory and run `make` again.

## 7.7. SGI Irix Notes

As of MySQL 5.0, we do not provide binaries for Irix any more.

If you are using Irix 6.5.3 or newer, `mysqld` is able to create threads only if you run it as a user that has `CAP_SCHED_MGT` privileges (such as `root`) or give the `mysqld` server this privilege with the following shell command:

```
chcap "CAP_SCHED_MGT+epi" /opt/mysql/libexec/mysqld
```

You may have to undefine some symbols in `config.h` after running `configure` and before compiling.

In some Irix implementations, the `alloca()` function is broken. If the `mysqld` server dies on some `SELECT` statements, remove the lines from `config.h` that define `HAVE_ALLOC` and `HAVE_ALLOCA_H`. If `mysqladmin create` doesn't work, remove the line from `config.h` that defines `HAVE_READDIR_R`. You may have to remove the `HAVE_TERM_H` line as well.

SGI recommends that you install all the patches on this page as a set: [http://support.sgi.com/surfzone/patches/patchset/6.2\\_indigo.rps.html](http://support.sgi.com/surfzone/patches/patchset/6.2_indigo.rps.html)

At the very minimum, you should install the latest kernel rollup, the latest `rld` rollup, and the latest `libc` rollup.

You definitely need all the POSIX patches on this page, for pthreads support:

[http://support.sgi.com/surfzone/patches/patchset/6.2\\_posix.rps.html](http://support.sgi.com/surfzone/patches/patchset/6.2_posix.rps.html)

If you get the something like the following error when compiling `mysql.cc`:

```
"/usr/include/curses.h", line 82: error(1084):  
invalid combination of type
```

Type the following in the top-level directory of your MySQL source tree:

```
extra/replace bool curses_bool < /usr/include/curses.h > include/curses.h  
make
```

There have also been reports of scheduling problems. If only one thread is running, performance is slow. Avoid this by starting another client. This may lead to a two-to-tenfold increase in execution speed thereafter for the other thread. This is a poorly understood problem with Irix threads; you may have to improvise to find solutions until this can be fixed.

If you are compiling with `gcc`, you can use the following `configure` command:

```
CC=gcc CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS=-O3 \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --enable-thread-safe-client \  
--with-named-thread-libs=-lpthread
```

On Irix 6.5.11 with native Irix C and C++ compilers ver. 7.3.1.2, the following is reported to work

```
CC=cc CXX=CC CFLAGS='-O3 -n32 -TARG:platform=IP22 -I/usr/local/include \  
-L/usr/local/lib' CXXFLAGS='-O3 -n32 -TARG:platform=IP22 \  
-I/usr/local/include -L/usr/local/lib' \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql --with-innodb --with-berkeley-db \  
--with-libwrap=/usr/local \  
--with-named-curses-libs=/usr/local/lib/libncurses.a
```

## 7.8. SCO UNIX and OpenServer 5.0.x Notes

The current port is tested only on `sco3.2v5.0.5`, `sco3.2v5.0.6`, and `sco3.2v5.0.7` systems. There has also been progress on a port to `sco3.2v4.2`. Open Server 5.0.8 (Legend) has native threads and permits files greater than 2GB. The current maximum file size is 2GB.

We have been able to compile MySQL with the following `configure` command on OpenServer with `gcc` 2.95.3.

```
CC=gcc CFLAGS="-D_FILE_OFFSET_BITS=64 -O3" \  
CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS="-D_FILE_OFFSET_BITS=64 -O3" \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql \  
--enable-thread-safe-client --with-innodb \  
--with-openssl --with-vio --with-extra-charsets=complex
```

`gcc` is available at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openserver5/opensrc/gnutools-5.0.7Kj>.

This development system requires the OpenServer Execution Environment Supplement oss646B on OpenServer 5.0.6 and oss656B and the OpenSource libraries found in gwxlibs. All OpenSource tools are in the [opensrc](ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openserver5/opensrc/) directory. They are available at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openserver5/opensrc/>.

Use the latest production release of MySQL.

SCO provides operating system patches at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openserver5> for OpenServer 5.0.[0-6] and <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openserverv5/507> for OpenServer 5.0.7.

SCO provides information about security fixes at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/security/OpenServer> for OpenServer 5.0.x.

The maximum file size on an OpenServer 5.0.x system is 2GB.

The total memory which can be allocated for streams buffers, clists, and lock records cannot exceed 60MB on OpenServer 5.0.x.

Streams buffers are allocated in units of 4096 byte pages, clists are 70 bytes each, and lock records are 64 bytes each, so:

```
(NSTRPAGES * 4096) + (NCLIST * 70) + (MAX_FLCKREC * 64) <= 62914560
```

Follow this procedure to configure the Database Services option. If you are unsure whether an application requires this, see the documentation provided with the application.

1. Log in as `root`.
2. Enable the SUDS driver by editing the `/etc/conf/sdevice.d/suds` file. Change the `N` in the second field to a `Y`.
3. Use `mkdev aio` or the Hardware/Kernel Manager to enable support for asynchronous I/O and relink the kernel. To enable users to lock down memory for use with this type of I/O, update the `aiomemlock(F)` file. This file should be updated to include the names of users that can use AIO and the maximum amounts of memory they can lock down.
4. Many applications use `setuid` binaries so that you need to specify only a single user. See the documentation provided with the application to determine whether this is the case for your application.

After you complete this process, reboot the system to create a new kernel incorporating these changes.

By default, the entries in `/etc/conf/cf.d/mtune` are set as follows:

Value	Default	Min	Max
-----	-----	---	---
NBUF	0	24	450000
NHBUF	0	32	524288
NMPBUF	0	12	512
MAX_INODE	0	100	64000
MAX_FILE	0	100	64000
CTBUFSIZE	128	0	256
MAX_PROC	0	50	16000
MAX_REGION	0	500	160000
NCLIST	170	120	16640
MAXUP	100	15	16000
NOFILES	110	60	11000
NHINODE	128	64	8192
NAUTOUP	10	0	60
NGROUPS	8	0	128
BDFLUSHR	30	1	300
MAX_FLCKREC	0	50	16000
PUTBUFSZ	8000	2000	20000
MAXSLICE	100	25	100
ULIMIT	4194303	2048	4194303
* Streams Parameters			
NSTREAM	64	1	32768
NSTRPUSH	9	9	9
NMUXLINK	192	1	4096
STRMSGSZ	16384	4096	524288
STRCTLSZ	1024	1024	1024
STRMAXBLK	524288	4096	524288
NSTRPAGES	500	0	8000
STRSPLITFRAC	80	50	100
NLOG	3	3	3
NUMSP	64	1	256
NUMTIM	16	1	8192
NUMTRW	16	1	8192
* Semaphore Parameters			
SEMMAP	10	10	8192
SEMMNI	10	10	8192
SEMMNS	60	60	8192
SEMMNU	30	10	8192
SEMMSL	25	25	150
SEMOPM	10	10	1024
SEMUME	10	10	25
SEVMX	32767	32767	32767
SEMAEM	16384	16384	16384

* Shared Memory	Parameters		
SHMMAX	524288	131072	2147483647
SHMMIN	1	1	1
SHMMNI	100	100	2000
FILE	0	100	64000
NMOUNT	0	4	256
NPROC	0	50	16000
NREGION	0	500	160000

Set these values as follows:

- `NOFILES` should be 4096 or 2048.
- `MAXUP` should be 2048.

To make changes to the kernel, use the `idtune name parameter` command. `idtune` modifies the `/etc/conf/cf.d/stune` file for you. For example, to change `SEMMS` to `200`, execute this command as `root`:

```
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune SEMMNS 200
```

Then rebuild and reboot the kernel by issuing this command:

```
# /etc/conf/bin/idbuild -B && init 6
```

To tune the system, the proper parameter values to use depend on the number of users accessing the application or database and size of the database (that is, the used buffer pool). The following kernel parameters can be set with `idtune`:

- `SHMMAX` (recommended setting: 128MB) and `SHMSEG` (recommended setting: 15). These parameters have an influence on the MySQL database engine to create user buffer pools.
- `NOFILES` and `MAXUP` should be set to at least 2048.
- `MAXPROC` should be set to at least 3000/4000 (depends on number of users) or more.
- The following formulas are recommended to calculate values for `SEMMSL`, `SEMMNS`, and `SEMMNU`:

```
SEMMSL = 13
```

13 is what has been found to be the best for both Progress and MySQL.

```
SEMMNS = SEMMSL * number of db servers to be run on the system
```

Set `SEMMNS` to the value of `SEMMSL` multiplied by the number of database servers (maximum) that you are running on the system at one time.

```
SEMMNU = SEMMNS
```

Set the value of `SEMMNU` to equal the value of `SEMMNS`. You could probably set this to 75% of `SEMMNS`, but this is a conservative estimate.

You need to at least install the SCO OpenServer Linker and Application Development Libraries or the OpenServer Development System to use `gcc`. You cannot use the GCC Dev system without installing one of these.

You should get the FSU Pthreads package and install it first. This can be found at <http://moss.csc.ncsu.edu/~mueller/ftp/pub/PART/pthreads.tar.gz>. You can also get a precompiled package from <http://ftp.zenez.com/pub/zenez/prgms/FSU-threads-3.14.tar.gz>.

FSU Pthreads can be compiled with SCO Unix 4.2 with `tcip`, or using OpenServer 3.0 or Open Desktop 3.0 (OS 3.0 ODT 3.0) with the SCO Development System installed using a good port of GCC 2.5.x. For ODT or OS 3.0, you need a good port of GCC 2.5.x. There are a lot of problems without a good port. The port for this product requires the SCO Unix Development system. Without it, you are missing the libraries and the linker that is needed. You also need [SCO-3.2v4.2-includes.tar.gz](http://ftp.zenez.com/pub/zenez/prgms/SCO-3.2v4.2-includes.tar.gz). This file contains the changes to the SCO Development include files that are needed to get MySQL to build. You need to replace the existing system include files with these modified header files. They can be obtained from <http://ftp.zenez.com/pub/zenez/prgms/SCO-3.2v4.2-includes.tar.gz>.

To build FSU Pthreads on your system, all you should need to do is run GNU `make`. The `Makefile` in `FSU-threads-3.14.tar.gz` is set up to make FSU-threads.



You can run `./configure` in the `threads/src` directory and select the SCO OpenServer option. This command copies `Makefile.SCO5` to `Makefile`. Then run `make`.

To install in the default `/usr/include` directory, log in as `root`, and then `cd` to the `thread/src` directory and run `make install`.

Remember that you must use GNU `make` to build MySQL.

### Note

If you do not start `mysqld_safe` as `root`, you should get only the default 110 open files per process. `mysqld` writes a note about this in the log file.

With SCO 3.2V4.2, you should use FSU Pthreads version 3.14 or newer. The following `configure` command should work:

```
CFLAGS="-D_XOPEN_XPG4" CXX=gcc CXXFLAGS="-D_XOPEN_XPG4" \  
./configure \  
  --prefix=/usr/local/mysql \  
  --with-named-thread-libs="-lgthreads -lsocket -lgen -lgthreads" \  
  --with-named-curses-libs="-lcurses"
```

You may have problems with some include files. In this case, you can find new SCO-specific include files at <ftp://ftp.zenez.com/pub/zenez/prgms/SCO-3.2v4.2-includes.tar.gz>.

You should unpack this file in the `include` directory of your MySQL source tree.

SCO development notes:

- MySQL should automatically detect FSU Pthreads and link `mysqld` with `-lgthreads -lsocket -lgthreads`.
- The SCO development libraries are re-entrant in FSU Pthreads. SCO claims that its library functions are re-entrant, so they must be re-entrant with FSU Pthreads. FSU Pthreads on OpenServer tries to use the SCO scheme to make re-entrant libraries.
- FSU Pthreads (at least the version at <ftp://ftp.zenez.com>) comes linked with GNU `malloc`. If you encounter problems with memory usage, make sure that `gmalloc.o` is included in `libgthreads.a` and `libgthreads.so`.
- In FSU Pthreads, the following system calls are pthreads-aware: `read()`, `write()`, `getmsg()`, `connect()`, `accept()`, `select()`, and `wait()`.
- The CSSA-2001-SCO.35.2 (the patch is listed in custom as `erg711905-dscr_remap` security patch (version 2.0.0)) breaks FSU threads and makes `mysqld` unstable. You have to remove this one if you want to run `mysqld` on an OpenServer 5.0.6 machine.
- If you use SCO OpenServer 5, you may need to recompile FSU pthreads with `-DDRAFT7` in `CFLAGS`. Otherwise, `InnoDB` may hang at a `mysqld` startup.
- SCO provides operating system patches at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openserver5> for OpenServer 5.0.x.
- SCO provides security fixes and `libsocket.so.2` at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/security/OpenServer> and <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/security/sse> for OpenServer 5.0.x.
- Pre-OSR506 security fixes. Also, the `telnetd` fix at <ftp://stage.caldera.com/pub/security/openserver/> or <ftp://stage.caldera.com/pub/security/openserver/CSSA-2001-SCO.10/> as both `libsocket.so.2` and `libresolv.so.1` with instructions for installing on pre-OSR506 systems.

It is probably a good idea to install these patches before trying to compile/use MySQL.

Beginning with Legend/OpenServer 6.0.0, there are native threads and no 2GB file size limit.

## 7.9. SCO OpenServer 6.0.x Notes

OpenServer 6 includes these key improvements:

- Larger file support up to 1 TB
- Multiprocessor support increased from 4 to 32 processors
- Increased memory support up to 64GB

- Extending the power of UnixWare into OpenServer 6
- Dramatic performance improvement

OpenServer 6.0.0 commands are organized as follows:

- `/bin` is for commands that behave exactly the same as on OpenServer 5.0.x.
- `/u95/bin` is for commands that have better standards conformance, for example Large File System (LFS) support.
- `/udk/bin` is for commands that behave the same as on UnixWare 7.1.4. The default is for the LFS support.

The following is a guide to setting `PATH` on OpenServer 6. If the user wants the traditional OpenServer 5.0.x then `PATH` should be `/bin` first. If the user wants LFS support, the path should be `/u95/bin:/bin`. If the user wants UnixWare 7 support first, the path would be `/udk/bin:/u95/bin:/bin`.

Use the latest production release of MySQL. Should you choose to use an older release of MySQL on OpenServer 6.0.x, you must use a version of MySQL at least as recent as 3.22.13 to get fixes for some portability and OS problems.

MySQL distribution files with names of the following form are `tar` archives of media are tar archives of media images suitable for installation with the SCO Software Manager (`/etc/custom`) on SCO OpenServer 6:

```
mysql-PRODUCT-5.0.96-sco-osr6-i686.VOLS.tar
```

A distribution where `PRODUCT` is `pro-cert` is the Commercially licensed MySQL Pro Certified server. A distribution where `PRODUCT` is `pro-gpl-cert` is the MySQL Pro Certified server licensed under the terms of the General Public License (GPL).

Select whichever distribution you wish to install and, after download, extract the `tar` archive into an empty directory. For example:

```
shell> mkdir /tmp/mysql-pro
shell> cd /tmp/mysql-pro
shell> tar xf /tmp/mysql-pro-cert-5.0.96-sco-osr6-i686.VOLS.tar
```

Prior to installation, back up your data in accordance with the procedures outlined in [Upgrading MySQL](#).

Remove any previously installed `pkgadd` version of MySQL:

```
shell> pkginfo mysql 2>&1 > /dev/null && pkgrm mysql
```

Install MySQL Pro from media images using the SCO Software Manager:

```
shell> /etc/custom -p SCO:MySQL -i -z /tmp/mysql-pro
```

Alternatively, the SCO Software Manager can be displayed graphically by clicking the [Software Manager](#) icon on the desktop, selecting [Software](#) -> [Install New](#), selecting the host, selecting [Media Images](#) for the Media Device, and entering `/tmp/mysql-pro` as the Image Directory.

After installation, run `mkdev mysql` as the `root` user to configure your newly installed MySQL Pro Certified server.

### Note

The installation procedure for VOLS packages does not create the `mysql` user and group that the package uses by default. You should either create the `mysql` user and group, or else select a different user and group using an option in `mkdev mysql`.

If you wish to configure your MySQL Pro server to interface with the Apache Web server using PHP, download and install the PHP update from SCO at <http://ftp.sco.com/pub/updates/OpenServer/SCOSA-2006.17/>.

We have been able to compile MySQL with the following `configure` command on OpenServer 6.0.x:

```
CC=cc CFLAGS="-D_FILE_OFFSET_BITS=64 -O3" \
CXX=cc CXXFLAGS="-D_FILE_OFFSET_BITS=64 -O3" \
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql \
--enable-thread-safe-client --with-berkeley-db \
--with-extra-charsets=complex \
--build=i686-unknown-sysv5SCO_SV6.0.0
```

If you use `gcc`, you must use `gcc` 2.95.3 or newer.

```
CC=gcc CXX=g++ ... ./configure ...
```

The version of Berkeley DB that comes with either UnixWare 7.1.4 or OpenServer 6.0.0 is not used when building MySQL. MySQL instead uses its own version of Berkeley DB. The `configure` command needs to build both a static and a dynamic library in `src_directory/bdb/build_unix/`, but it does not with MySQL's own BDB version. The workaround is as follows.

1. Configure as normal for MySQL.
2. `cd bdb/build_unix/`
3. `cp -p Makefile Makefile.sav`
4. Use same options and run `../dist/configure`.
5. Run `gmake`.
6. `cp -p Makefile.sav Makefile`
7. Change location to the top source directory and run `gmake`.

This enables both the shared and dynamic libraries to be made and work.

SCO provides OpenServer 6 operating system patches at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openserver6>.

SCO provides information about security fixes at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/security/OpenServer>.

By default, the maximum file size on a OpenServer 6.0.0 system is 1TB. Some operating system utilities have a limitation of 2GB. The maximum possible file size on UnixWare 7 is 1TB with VXFS or HTFS.

OpenServer 6 can be configured for large file support (file sizes greater than 2GB) by tuning the UNIX kernel.

By default, the entries in `/etc/conf/cf.d/mtune` are set as follows:

Value	Default	Min	Max
-----	-----	---	---
SVMMLIM	0x9000000	0x1000000	0x7FFFFFFF
HVMMLIM	0x9000000	0x1000000	0x7FFFFFFF

To make changes to the kernel, use the `idtune name parameter` command. `idtune` modifies the `/etc/conf/cf.d/stune` file for you. To set the kernel values, execute the following commands as `root`:

```
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune SDATLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune HDATLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune SVMMLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune HVMMLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune SFNOLIM 2048
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune HFNOLIM 2048
```

Then rebuild and reboot the kernel by issuing this command:

```
# /etc/conf/bin/idbuild -B && init 6
```

To tune the system, the proper parameter values to use depend on the number of users accessing the application or database and size of the database (that is, the used buffer pool). The following kernel parameters can be set with `idtune`:

- `SHMMAX` (recommended setting: 128MB) and `SHMSEG` (recommended setting: 15). These parameters have an influence on the MySQL database engine to create user buffer pools.
- `SFNOLIM` and `HFNOLIM` should be at maximum 2048.
- `NPROC` should be set to at least 3000/4000 (depends on number of users).
- The following formulas are recommended to calculate values for `SEMMSL`, `SEMMNS`, and `SEMMNU`:

```
SEMMSL = 13
```

13 is what has been found to be the best for both Progress and MySQL.

```
SEMMS = SEMMSL * number of db servers to be run on the system
```

Set `SEMMS` to the value of `SEMMSL` multiplied by the number of database servers (maximum) that you are running on the system at one time.

```
SEMNU = SEMMS
```

Set the value of `SEMNU` to equal the value of `SEMMS`. You could probably set this to 75% of `SEMMS`, but this is a conservative estimate.

## 7.10. SCO UnixWare 7.1.x and OpenUNIX 8.0.0 Notes

Use the latest production release of MySQL. Should you choose to use an older release of MySQL on UnixWare 7.1.x, you must use a version of MySQL at least as recent as 3.22.13 to get fixes for some portability and OS problems.

We have been able to compile MySQL with the following `configure` command on UnixWare 7.1.x:

```
CC="cc" CFLAGS="-I/usr/local/include" \  
CXX="CC" CXXFLAGS="-I/usr/local/include" \  
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mysql \  
--enable-thread-safe-client --with-berkeley-db=./bdb \  
--with-innodb --with-openssl --with-extra-charsets=complex
```

If you want to use `gcc`, you must use `gcc` 2.95.3 or newer.

```
CC=gcc CXX=g++ ... ./configure ...
```

The version of Berkeley DB that comes with either UnixWare 7.1.4 or OpenServer 6.0.0 is not used when building MySQL. MySQL instead uses its own version of Berkeley DB. The `configure` command needs to build both a static and a dynamic library in `src_directory/bdb/build_unix/`, but it does not with MySQL's own `BDB` version. The workaround is as follows.

1. Configure as normal for MySQL.
2. `cd bdb/build_unix/`
3. `cp -p Makefile Makefile.sav`
4. Use same options and run `../dist/configure`.
5. Run `gmake`.
6. `cp -p Makefile.sav Makefile`
7. Change to top source directory and run `gmake`.

This enables both the shared and dynamic libraries to be made and work.

SCO provides operating system patches at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/unixware7> for UnixWare 7.1.1, <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/unixware7/713/> for UnixWare 7.1.3, <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/unixware7/714/> for UnixWare 7.1.4, and <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/openunix8> for OpenUNIX 8.0.0.

SCO provides information about security fixes at <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/security/OpenUNIX> for OpenUNIX and <ftp://ftp.sco.com/pub/security/UnixWare> for UnixWare.

The UnixWare 7 file size limit is 1 TB with VXFS. Some OS utilities have a limitation of 2GB.

On UnixWare 7.1.4 you do not need to do anything to get large file support, but to enable large file support on prior versions of UnixWare 7.1.x, run `fsadm`.

```
# fsadm -Fvxfs -o largefiles /  
# fsadm / * Note  
# ulimit unlimited  
# /etc/conf/bin/ldtune SFSZLIM 0x7FFFFFFF ** Note  
# /etc/conf/bin/ldtune HFSZLIM 0x7FFFFFFF ** Note  
# /etc/conf/bin/ldbuild -B  
* This should report "largefiles".  
** 0x7FFFFFFF represents infinity for these values.
```

Reboot the system using `shutdown`.

By default, the entries in `/etc/conf/cf.d/mtune` are set as follows:

Value	Default	Min	Max
-----	-----	---	---
SVMMLIM	0x9000000	0x1000000	0x7FFFFFFF
HVMMLIM	0x9000000	0x1000000	0x7FFFFFFF

To make changes to the kernel, use the `idtune name parameter` command. `idtune` modifies the `/etc/conf/cf.d/stune` file for you. To set the kernel values, execute the following commands as `root`:

```
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune SDATLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune HDATLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune SVMMLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune HVMMLIM 0x7FFFFFFF
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune SFNOLIM 2048
# /etc/conf/bin/idtune HFNOLIM 2048
```

Then rebuild and reboot the kernel by issuing this command:

```
# /etc/conf/bin/idbuild -B && init 6
```

To tune the system, the proper parameter values to use depend on the number of users accessing the application or database and size of the database (that is, the used buffer pool). The following kernel parameters can be set with `idtune`:

- `SHMMAX` (recommended setting: 128MB) and `SHMSEG` (recommended setting: 15). These parameters have an influence on the MySQL database engine to create user buffer pools.
- `SFNOLIM` and `HFNOLIM` should be at maximum 2048.
- `NPROC` should be set to at least 3000/4000 (depends on number of users).
- The following formulas are recommended to calculate values for `SEMMSL`, `SEMMNS`, and `SEMMNU`:

```
SEMMSL = 13
```

13 is what has been found to be the best for both Progress and MySQL.

```
SEMMNS = SEMMSL * number of db servers to be run on the system
```

Set `SEMMNS` to the value of `SEMMSL` multiplied by the number of database servers (maximum) that you are running on the system at one time.

```
SEMMNU = SEMMNS
```

Set the value of `SEMMNU` to equal the value of `SEMMNS`. You could probably set this to 75% of `SEMMNS`, but this is a conservative estimate.

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## Chapter 8. Unix Postinstallation Procedures

After installing MySQL on Unix, you must initialize the grant tables, start the server, and make sure that the server works satisfactorily. You may also wish to arrange for the server to be started and stopped automatically when your system starts and stops. You should also assign passwords to the accounts in the grant tables.

On Unix, the grant tables are set up by the `mysql_install_db` program. For some installation methods, this program is run for you automatically if an existing database cannot be found.

- If you install MySQL on Linux using RPM distributions, the server RPM runs `mysql_install_db`.
- If you install MySQL on Mac OS X using a PKG distribution, the installer runs `mysql_install_db`.

For other platforms and installation types, including generic binary and source installs, you will need to run `mysql_install_db` yourself.

The following procedure describes how to initialize the grant tables (if that has not previously been done) and start the server. It also suggests some commands that you can use to test whether the server is accessible and working properly. For information about starting and stopping the server automatically, see [Section 8.2, “Starting and Stopping MySQL Automatically”](#).

After you complete the procedure and have the server running, you should assign passwords to the accounts created by `mysql_install_db` and perhaps tighten access to test databases. For instructions, see [Securing the Initial MySQL Accounts](#).

In the examples shown here, the server runs under the user ID of the `mysql` login account. This assumes that such an account exists. Either create the account if it does not exist, or substitute the name of a different existing login account that you plan to use for running the server.

1. Change location into the top-level directory of your MySQL installation, represented here by `BASEDIR`:

```
shell> cd BASEDIR
```

`BASEDIR` is the installation directory for your MySQL instance. It is likely to be something like `/usr/local/mysql` or `/usr/local`. The following steps assume that you have changed location to this directory.

You will find several files and subdirectories in the `BASEDIR` directory. The most important for installation purposes are the `bin` and `scripts` subdirectories:

- The `bin` directory contains client programs and the server. You should add the full path name of this directory to your `PATH` environment variable so that your shell finds the MySQL programs properly. See [Environment Variables](#).

For some distribution types, `mysqld` is in the `libexec` directory.

- The `scripts` directory contains the `mysql_install_db` script used to initialize the `mysql` database containing the grant tables that store the server access permissions.

For some distribution types, `mysql_install_db` is in the `bin` directory.

2. If necessary, ensure that the distribution contents are accessible to `mysql`. If you unpacked the distribution as `mysql`, no further action is required. If you unpacked the distribution as `root`, its contents will be owned by `root`. Change its ownership to `mysql` by executing the following commands as `root` in the installation directory:

```
shell> chown -R mysql .
shell> chgrp -R mysql .
```

The first command changes the owner attribute of the files to the `mysql` user. The second changes the group attribute to the `mysql` group.

3. If necessary, run the `mysql_install_db` program to set up the initial MySQL grant tables containing the privileges that determine how users are permitted to connect to the server. You will need to do this if you used a distribution type for which the installation procedure does not run the program for you.

Typically, `mysql_install_db` needs to be run only the first time you install MySQL, so you can skip this step if you are upgrading an existing installation. However, `mysql_install_db` does not overwrite any existing privilege tables, so it should be safe to run in any circumstances.

The exact location of `mysql_install_db` will depend on the layout for your given installation. To initialize the grant tables, use one of the following commands, depending on whether `mysql_install_db` is located in the `bin` or `scripts`

directory:

```
shell> bin/mysql_install_db --user=mysql
shell> scripts/mysql_install_db --user=mysql
```

It might be necessary to specify other options such as `--basedir` or `--datadir` if `mysql_install_db` does not identify the correct locations for the installation directory or data directory. For example:

```
shell> bin/mysql_install_db --user=mysql \
    --basedir=/opt/mysql/mysql \
    --datadir=/opt/mysql/mysql/data
```

The `mysql_install_db` script creates the server's data directory with `mysql` as the owner. Under the data directory, it creates directories for the `mysql` database that holds the grant tables and the `test` database that you can use to test MySQL. The script also creates privilege table entries for `root` and anonymous-user accounts. The accounts have no passwords initially. [Securing the Initial MySQL Accounts](#), describes the initial privileges. Briefly, these privileges permit the MySQL `root` user to do anything, and permit anybody to create or use databases with a name of `test` or starting with `test_`.

It is important to make sure that the database directories and files are owned by the `mysql` login account so that the server has read and write access to them when you run it later. To ensure this, the `--user` option should be used as shown if you run `mysql_install_db` as `root`. Otherwise, you should execute the script while logged in as `mysql`, in which case you can omit the `--user` option from the command.

`mysql_install_db` creates several tables in the `mysql` database, including `user`, `db`, `host`, `tables_priv`, `columns_priv`, `func`, and others. See [The MySQL Access Privilege System](#), for a complete listing and description of these tables.

If you do not want to have the `test` database, you can remove it after starting the server, using the instructions in [Securing the Initial MySQL Accounts](#).

If you have trouble with `mysql_install_db` at this point, see [Section 8.1, "Problems Running mysql\\_install\\_db"](#).

4. Most of the MySQL installation can be owned by `root` if you like. The exception is that the data directory must be owned by `mysql`. To accomplish this, run the following commands as `root` in the installation directory. For some distribution types, the data directory might be named `var` rather than `data`; adjust the second command accordingly.

```
shell> chown -R root .
shell> chown -R mysql data
```

5. If the plugin directory (the directory named by the `plugin_dir` system variable) is writable by the server, it may be possible for a user to write executable code to a file in the directory using `SELECT ... INTO DUMPFILE`. This can be prevented by making `plugin_dir` read only to the server or by setting `--secure-file-priv` to a directory where `SELECT` writes can be made safely.
6. If you installed MySQL using a source distribution, you may want to optionally copy one of the provided configuration files from the `support-files` directory into your `/etc` directory. There are different sample configuration files for different use cases, server types, and CPU and RAM configurations. If you want to use one of these standard files, you should copy it to `/etc/my.cnf`, or `/etc/mysql/my.cnf` and edit and check the configuration before starting your MySQL server for the first time.

If you do not copy one of the standard configuration files, the MySQL server will be started with the default settings.

If you want MySQL to start automatically when you boot your machine, you can copy `support-files/mysql.server` to the location where your system has its startup files. More information can be found in the `mysql.server` script itself, and in [Section 8.2, "Starting and Stopping MySQL Automatically"](#).

7. Start the MySQL server:

```
shell> bin/mysqld_safe --user=mysql &
```

It is important that the MySQL server be run using an unprivileged (non-`root`) login account. To ensure this, the `--user` option should be used as shown if you run `mysqld_safe` as system `root`. Otherwise, you should execute the script while logged in to the system as `mysql`, in which case you can omit the `--user` option from the command.

Further instructions for running MySQL as an unprivileged user are given in [How to Run MySQL as a Normal User](#).

If the command fails immediately and prints `mysqld ended`, you can find some information in the `host_name.err` file in the data directory.

If you neglected to create the grant tables by running `mysql_install_db` before proceeding to this step, the following

message appears in the error log file when you start the server:

```
mysqld: Can't find file: 'host.frm'
```

This error also occurs if you run `mysql_install_db` as `root` without the `--user` option. Remove the `data` directory and run `mysql_install_db` with the `--user` option as described previously.

If you have other problems starting the server, see [Section 8.3, “Starting and Troubleshooting the MySQL Server”](#). For more information about `mysqld_safe`, see `<command>mysqld_safe</command>`.

8. Use `mysqladmin` to verify that the server is running. The following commands provide simple tests to check whether the server is up and responding to connections:

```
shell> bin/mysqladmin version
shell> bin/mysqladmin variables
```

The output from `mysqladmin version` varies slightly depending on your platform and version of MySQL, but should be similar to that shown here:

```
shell> bin/mysqladmin version
mysqladmin Ver 14.12 Distrib 5.0.96, for pc-linux-gnu on i686
...
Server version          5.0.96
Protocol version        10
Connection              Localhost via UNIX socket
UNIX socket             /var/lib/mysql/mysql.sock
Uptime:                 14 days 5 hours 5 min 21 sec
Threads: 1  Questions: 366  Slow queries: 0
Opens: 0  Flush tables: 1  Open tables: 19
Queries per second avg: 0.000
```

To see what else you can do with `mysqladmin`, invoke it with the `--help` option.

9. Verify that you can shut down the server:

```
shell> bin/mysqladmin -u root shutdown
```

10. Verify that you can start the server again. Do this by using `mysqld_safe` or by invoking `mysqld` directly. For example:

```
shell> bin/mysqld_safe --user=mysql --log &
```

If `mysqld_safe` fails, see [Section 8.3, “Starting and Troubleshooting the MySQL Server”](#).

11. Run some simple tests to verify that you can retrieve information from the server. The output should be similar to what is shown here:

```
shell> bin/mysqlshow
+-----+
| Databases |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| mysql          |
| test          |
+-----+
shell> bin/mysqlshow mysql
Database: mysql
+-----+
| Tables |
+-----+
| columns_priv |
| db          |
| func        |
| help_category |
| help_keyword |
| help_relation |
| help_topic  |
| host        |
| proc        |
| procs_priv  |
| tables_priv |
| time_zone   |
| time_zone_leap_second |
| time_zone_name |
| time_zone_transition |
| time_zone_transition_type |
| user        |
+-----+
shell> bin/mysql -e "SELECT Host,Db,User FROM db" mysql
+-----+
| host | db   | user |
+-----+
+-----+
```



```
| % | test | |
| % | test_% | |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

12. There is a benchmark suite in the `sql-bench` directory (under the MySQL installation directory) that you can use to compare how MySQL performs on different platforms. The benchmark suite is written in Perl. It requires the Perl DBI module that provides a database-independent interface to the various databases, and some other additional Perl modules:

```
DBI
DBD::mysql
Data::Dumper
Data::ShowTable
```

These modules can be obtained from CPAN (<http://www.cpan.org/>). See also [Installing Perl on Unix](#).

The `sql-bench/Results` directory contains the results from many runs against different databases and platforms. To run all tests, execute these commands:

```
shell> cd sql-bench
shell> perl run-all-tests
```

If you do not have the `sql-bench` directory, you probably installed MySQL using RPM files other than the source RPM. (The source RPM includes the `sql-bench` benchmark directory.) In this case, you must first install the benchmark suite before you can use it. There are separate benchmark RPM files named `mysql-bench-VERSION.i386.rpm` that contain benchmark code and data.

If you have a source distribution, there are also tests in its `tests` subdirectory that you can run. For example, to run `auto_increment.tst`, execute this command from the top-level directory of your source distribution:

```
shell> mysql -vtf test < ./tests/auto_increment.tst
```

The expected result of the test can be found in the `./tests/auto_increment.res` file.

13. At this point, you should have the server running. However, none of the initial MySQL accounts have a password, and the server permits permissive access to test databases. To tighten security, follow the instructions in [Securing the Initial MySQL Accounts](#).

The MySQL 5.0 installation procedure creates time zone tables in the `mysql` database but does not populate them. To do so, use the instructions in [MySQL Server Time Zone Support](#).

You can set up new accounts using the `bin/mysql_setpermission` script if you install the `DBI` and `DBD::mysql` Perl modules. See `<command>mysql_setpermission</command>`. For Perl module installation instructions, see [Perl Installation Notes](#).

If you would like to use `mysqlaccess` and have the MySQL distribution in some nonstandard location, you must change the location where `mysqlaccess` expects to find the `mysql` client. Edit the `bin/mysqlaccess` script at approximately line 18. Search for a line that looks like this:

```
$MYSQL = '/usr/local/bin/mysql'; # path to mysql executable
```

Change the path to reflect the location where `mysql` actually is stored on your system. If you do not do this, a `Broken pipe` error will occur when you run `mysqlaccess`.

## 8.1. Problems Running `mysql_install_db`

The purpose of the `mysql_install_db` script is to generate new MySQL privilege tables. It does not overwrite existing MySQL privilege tables, and it does not affect any other data.

If you want to re-create your privilege tables, first stop the `mysqld` server if it is running. Then rename the `mysql` directory under the data directory to save it, and then run `mysql_install_db`. Suppose that your current directory is the MySQL installation directory and that `mysql_install_db` is located in the `bin` directory and the data directory is named `data`. To rename the `mysql` database and re-run `mysql_install_db`, use these commands.

```
shell> mv data/mysql data/mysql.old
shell> bin/mysql_install_db --user=mysql
```

When you run `mysql_install_db`, you might encounter the following problems:

- **`mysql_install_db` fails to install the grant tables**

You may find that `mysql_install_db` fails to install the grant tables and terminates after displaying the following messages:

```
Starting mysqld daemon with databases from XXXXXX
mysqld ended
```

In this case, you should examine the error log file very carefully. The log should be located in the directory `XXXXXX` named by the error message and should indicate why `mysqld` did not start. If you do not understand what happened, include the log when you post a bug report. See [How to Report Bugs or Problems](#).

- **There is a `mysqld` process running**

This indicates that the server is running, in which case the grant tables have probably been created already. If so, there is no need to run `mysql_install_db` at all because it needs to be run only once (when you install MySQL the first time).

- **Installing a second `mysqld` server does not work when one server is running**

This can happen when you have an existing MySQL installation, but want to put a new installation in a different location. For example, you might have a production installation, but you want to create a second installation for testing purposes. Generally the problem that occurs when you try to run a second server is that it tries to use a network interface that is in use by the first server. In this case, you should see one of the following error messages:

```
Can't start server: Bind on TCP/IP port:
Address already in use
Can't start server: Bind on unix socket...
```

For instructions on setting up multiple servers, see [Running Multiple MySQL Instances on One Machine](#).

- **You do not have write access to the `/tmp` directory**

If you do not have write access to create temporary files or a Unix socket file in the default location (the `/tmp` directory), an error occurs when you run `mysql_install_db` or the `mysqld` server.

You can specify different locations for the temporary directory and Unix socket file by executing these commands prior to starting `mysql_install_db` or `mysqld`, where `some_tmp_dir` is the full path name to some directory for which you have write permission:

```
shell> TMPDIR=/some_tmp_dir/
shell> MYSQL_UNIX_PORT=/some_tmp_dir/mysql.sock
shell> export TMPDIR MYSQL_UNIX_PORT
```

Then you should be able to run `mysql_install_db` and start the server with these commands:

```
shell> bin/mysql_install_db --user=mysql
shell> bin/mysqld_safe --user=mysql &
```

If `mysql_install_db` is located in the `scripts` directory, modify the first command to `scripts/mysql_install_db`.

See [How to Protect or Change the MySQL Unix Socket File](#), and [Environment Variables](#).

There are some alternatives to running the `mysql_install_db` script provided in the MySQL distribution:

- If you want the initial privileges to be different from the standard defaults, you can modify `mysql_install_db` before you run it. However, it is preferable to use `GRANT` and `REVOKE` to change the privileges *after* the grant tables have been set up. In other words, you can run `mysql_install_db`, and then use `mysql -u root mysql` to connect to the server as the MySQL `root` user so that you can issue the necessary `GRANT` and `REVOKE` statements.

If you want to install MySQL on several machines with the same privileges, you can put the `GRANT` and `REVOKE` statements in a file and execute the file as a script using `mysql` after running `mysql_install_db`. For example:

```
shell> bin/mysql_install_db --user=mysql
shell> bin/mysql -u root < your_script_file
```

By doing this, you can avoid having to issue the statements manually on each machine.

- It is possible to re-create the grant tables completely after they have previously been created. You might want to do this if you

are just learning how to use [GRANT](#) and [REVOKE](#) and have made so many modifications after running `mysql_install_db` that you want to wipe out the tables and start over.

To re-create the grant tables, remove all the `.frm`, `.MYI`, and `.MYD` files in the `mysql` database directory. Then run the `mysql_install_db` script again.

- You can start `mysqld` manually using the `--skip-grant-tables` option and add the privilege information yourself using `mysql`:

```
shell> bin/mysqld_safe --user=mysql --skip-grant-tables &
shell> bin/mysql mysql
```

From `mysql`, manually execute the SQL commands contained in `mysql_install_db`. Make sure that you run `mysqladmin flush-privileges` or `mysqladmin reload` afterward to tell the server to reload the grant tables.

Note that by not using `mysql_install_db`, you not only have to populate the grant tables manually, you also have to create them first.

## 8.2. Starting and Stopping MySQL Automatically

Generally, you start the `mysqld` server in one of these ways:

- Invoke `mysqld` directly. This works on any platform.
- Run the MySQL server as a Windows service. The service can be set to start the server automatically when Windows starts, or as a manual service that you start on request. For instructions, see [Starting MySQL as a Windows Service](#).
- Invoke `mysqld_safe`, which tries to determine the proper options for `mysqld` and then runs it with those options. This script is used on Unix and Unix-like systems. See `<command>mysqld_safe</command>`.
- Invoke `mysql.server`. This script is used primarily at system startup and shutdown on systems that use System V-style run directories (that is, `/etc/init.d` and run-level specific directories), where it usually is installed under the name `mysql`. The `mysql.server` script starts the server by invoking `mysqld_safe`. See `<command>mysql.server</command>`.
- On Mac OS X, install a separate MySQL Startup Item package to enable the automatic startup of MySQL on system startup. The Startup Item starts the server by invoking `mysql.server`. See [Installing MySQL on Mac OS X](#), for details.

The `mysqld_safe` and `mysql.server` scripts and the Mac OS X Startup Item can be used to start the server manually, or automatically at system startup time. `mysql.server` and the Startup Item also can be used to stop the server.

To start or stop the server manually using the `mysql.server` script, invoke it with `start` or `stop` arguments:

```
shell> mysql.server start
shell> mysql.server stop
```

Before `mysql.server` starts the server, it changes location to the MySQL installation directory, and then invokes `mysqld_safe`. If you want the server to run as some specific user, add an appropriate `user` option to the `[mysqld]` group of the `/etc/my.cnf` option file, as shown later in this section. (It is possible that you will need to edit `mysql.server` if you've installed a binary distribution of MySQL in a nonstandard location. Modify it to change location into the proper directory before it runs `mysqld_safe`. If you do this, your modified version of `mysql.server` may be overwritten if you upgrade MySQL in the future, so you should make a copy of your edited version that you can reinstall.)

`mysql.server stop` stops the server by sending a signal to it. You can also stop the server manually by executing `mysqladmin shutdown`.

To start and stop MySQL automatically on your server, you need to add start and stop commands to the appropriate places in your `/etc/rc*` files.

If you use the Linux server RPM package (`MySQL-server-VERSION.rpm`), the `mysql.server` script is installed in the `/etc/init.d` directory with the name `mysql`. You need not install it manually. See [Chapter 2, Installing MySQL from RPM Packages on Linux](#), for more information on the Linux RPM packages.

Some vendors provide RPM packages that install a startup script under a different name such as `mysqld`.

If you install MySQL from a source distribution or using a binary distribution format that does not install `mysql.server` automatically, you can install it manually. The script can be found in the `support-files` directory under the MySQL installation directory or in a MySQL source tree.

To install `mysql.server` manually, copy it to the `/etc/init.d` directory with the name `mysql`, and then make it executable. Do this by changing location into the appropriate directory where `mysql.server` is located and executing these commands:

```
shell> cp mysql.server /etc/init.d/mysql
shell> chmod +x /etc/init.d/mysql
```

### Note

Older Red Hat systems use the `/etc/rc.d/init.d` directory rather than `/etc/init.d`. Adjust the preceding commands accordingly. Alternatively, first create `/etc/init.d` as a symbolic link that points to `/etc/rc.d/init.d`:

```
shell> cd /etc
shell> ln -s rc.d/init.d .
```

After installing the script, the commands needed to activate it to run at system startup depend on your operating system. On Linux, you can use `chkconfig`:

```
shell> chkconfig --add mysql
```

On some Linux systems, the following command also seems to be necessary to fully enable the `mysql` script:

```
shell> chkconfig --level 345 mysql on
```

On FreeBSD, startup scripts generally should go in `/usr/local/etc/rc.d/`. The `rc(8)` manual page states that scripts in this directory are executed only if their basename matches the `*.sh` shell file name pattern. Any other files or directories present within the directory are silently ignored. In other words, on FreeBSD, you should install the `mysql.server` script as `/usr/local/etc/rc.d/mysql.server.sh` to enable automatic startup.

As an alternative to the preceding setup, some operating systems also use `/etc/rc.local` or `/etc/init.d/boot.local` to start additional services on startup. To start up MySQL using this method, you could append a command like the one following to the appropriate startup file:

```
/bin/sh -c 'cd /usr/local/mysql; ./bin/mysqld_safe --user=mysql &'
```

For other systems, consult your operating system documentation to see how to install startup scripts.

You can add options for `mysql.server` in a global `/etc/my.cnf` file. A typical `/etc/my.cnf` file might look like this:

```
[mysqld]
datadir=/usr/local/mysql/var
socket=/var/tmp/mysql.sock
port=3306
user=mysql
[mysql.server]
basedir=/usr/local/mysql
```

The `mysql.server` script supports the following options: `basedir`, `datadir`, and `pid-file`. If specified, they *must* be placed in an option file, not on the command line. `mysql.server` supports only `start` and `stop` as command-line arguments.

The following table shows which option groups the server and each startup script read from option files.

**Table 8.1. MySQL Startup scripts and supported server option groups**

Script	Option Groups
<code>mysqld</code>	<code>[mysqld]</code> , <code>[server]</code> , <code>[mysqld-major_version]</code>
<code>mysqld_safe</code>	<code>[mysqld]</code> , <code>[server]</code> , <code>[mysqld_safe]</code>
<code>mysql.server</code>	<code>[mysqld]</code> , <code>[mysql.server]</code> , <code>[server]</code>

`[mysqld-major_version]` means that groups with names like `[mysqld-4.1]` and `[mysqld-5.0]` are read by servers having versions 4.1.x, 5.0.x, and so forth. This feature can be used to specify options that can be read only by servers within a given release series.

For backward compatibility, `mysql.server` also reads the `[mysql_server]` group and `mysqld_safe` also reads the `[safe_mysqld]` group. However, you should update your option files to use the `[mysql.server]` and `[mysqld_safe]` groups instead when using MySQL 5.0.

For more information on MySQL configuration files and their structure and contents, see [Using Option Files](#).

## 8.3. Starting and Troubleshooting the MySQL Server

This section provides troubleshooting suggestions for problems starting the server on Unix. If you are using Windows, see [Troubleshooting a MySQL Installation Under Windows](#).

If you have problems starting the server, here are some things to try:

- Check the error log to see why the server does not start.
- Specify any special options needed by the storage engines you are using.
- Make sure that the server knows where to find the data directory.
- Make sure that the server can access the data directory. The ownership and permissions of the data directory and its contents must be set such that the server can read and modify them.
- Verify that the network interfaces the server wants to use are available.

Some storage engines have options that control their behavior. You can create a `my.cnf` file and specify startup options for the engines that you plan to use. If you are going to use storage engines that support transactional tables ([InnoDB](#), [BDB](#), [NDB](#)), be sure that you have them configured the way you want before starting the server:

- If you are using [InnoDB](#) tables, see [InnoDB Configuration](#).
- If you are using [BDB](#) (Berkeley DB) tables, see [BDB Startup Options](#).
- If you are using MySQL Cluster, see [MySQL Cluster Configuration](#).

Storage engines will use default option values if you specify none, but it is recommended that you review the available options and specify explicit values for those for which the defaults are not appropriate for your installation.

When the `mysqld` server starts, it changes location to the data directory. This is where it expects to find databases and where it expects to write log files. The server also writes the pid (process ID) file in the data directory.

The data directory location is hardwired in when the server is compiled. This is where the server looks for the data directory by default. If the data directory is located somewhere else on your system, the server will not work properly. You can determine what the default path settings are by invoking `mysqld` with the `--verbose` and `--help` options.

If the default locations do not match the MySQL installation layout on your system, you can override them by specifying options to `mysqld` or `mysqld_safe` on the command line or in an option file.

To specify the location of the data directory explicitly, use the `--datadir` option. However, normally you can tell `mysqld` the location of the base directory under which MySQL is installed and it looks for the data directory there. You can do this with the `--basedir` option.

To check the effect of specifying path options, invoke `mysqld` with those options followed by the `--verbose` and `--help` options. For example, if you change location into the directory where `mysqld` is installed and then run the following command, it shows the effect of starting the server with a base directory of `/usr/local`:

```
shell> ./mysqld --basedir=/usr/local --verbose --help
```

You can specify other options such as `--datadir` as well, but `--verbose` and `--help` must be the last options.

Once you determine the path settings you want, start the server without `--verbose` and `--help`.

If `mysqld` is currently running, you can find out what path settings it is using by executing this command:

```
shell> mysqladmin variables
```

Or:

```
shell> mysqladmin -h host_name variables
```

`host_name` is the name of the MySQL server host.

If you get `Errcode 13` (which means `Permission denied`) when starting `mysqld`, this means that the privileges of the data directory or its contents do not permit server access. In this case, you change the permissions for the involved files and directories so that the server has the right to use them. You can also start the server as `root`, but this raises security issues and should be avoided.

On Unix, change location into the data directory and check the ownership of the data directory and its contents to make sure the server has access. For example, if the data directory is `/usr/local/mysql/var`, use this command:

```
shell> ls -la /usr/local/mysql/var
```

If the data directory or its files or subdirectories are not owned by the login account that you use for running the server, change their ownership to that account. If the account is named `mysql`, use these commands:

```
shell> chown -R mysql /usr/local/mysql/var
shell> chgrp -R mysql /usr/local/mysql/var
```

If it possible that even with correct ownership, MySQL may fail to start up if there is other security software running on your system that manages application access to various parts of the file system. In this case, you may need to reconfigure that software to enable `mysqld` to access the directories it uses during normal operation.

If the server fails to start up correctly, check the error log. Log files are located in the data directory (typically `C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 5.0\data` on Windows, `/usr/local/mysql/data` for a Unix binary distribution, and `/usr/local/var` for a Unix source distribution). Look in the data directory for files with names of the form `host_name.err` and `host_name.log`, where `host_name` is the name of your server host. Then examine the last few lines of these files. On Unix, you can use `tail` to display them:

```
shell> tail host_name.err
shell> tail host_name.log
```

The error log should contain information that indicates why the server could not start. For example, you might see something like this in the log:

```
000729 14:50:10 bdb: Recovery function for LSN 1 27595 failed
000729 14:50:10 bdb: warning: ./test/t1.db: No such file or directory
000729 14:50:10 Can't init databases
```

This means that you did not start `mysqld` with the `--bdb-no-recover` option and Berkeley DB found something wrong with its own log files when it tried to recover your databases. To be able to continue, you should move the old Berkeley DB log files from the database directory to some other place, where you can later examine them. The BDB log files are named in sequence beginning with `log.0000000001`, where the number increases over time.

If you are running `mysqld` with BDB table support and `mysqld` dumps core at startup, this could be due to problems with the BDB recovery log. In this case, you can try starting `mysqld` with `--bdb-no-recover`. If that helps, you should remove all BDB log files from the data directory and try starting `mysqld` again without the `--bdb-no-recover` option.

If either of the following errors occur, it means that some other program (perhaps another `mysqld` server) is using the TCP/IP port or Unix socket file that `mysqld` is trying to use:

```
Can't start server: Bind on TCP/IP port: Address already in use
Can't start server: Bind on unix socket...
```

Use `ps` to determine whether you have another `mysqld` server running. If so, shut down the server before starting `mysqld` again. (If another server is running, and you really want to run multiple servers, you can find information about how to do so in [Running Multiple MySQL Instances on One Machine](#).)

If no other server is running, try to execute the command `telnet your_host_name tcp_ip_port_number`. (The default MySQL port number is 3306.) Then press Enter a couple of times. If you do not get an error message like `telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused`, some other program is using the TCP/IP port that `mysqld` is trying to use. You will need to track down what program this is and disable it, or else tell `mysqld` to listen to a different port with the `--port` option. In this case, you will also need to specify the port number for client programs when connecting to the server using TCP/IP.

Another reason the port might be inaccessible is that you have a firewall running that blocks connections to it. If so, modify the firewall settings to permit access to the port.

If the server starts but you cannot connect to it, you should make sure that you have an entry in `/etc/hosts` that looks like this:

```
127.0.0.1 localhost
```

If you cannot get `mysqld` to start, you can try to make a trace file to find the problem by using the `--debug` option. See [MySQL Internals: Porting](#).