Installing the MySQL Server
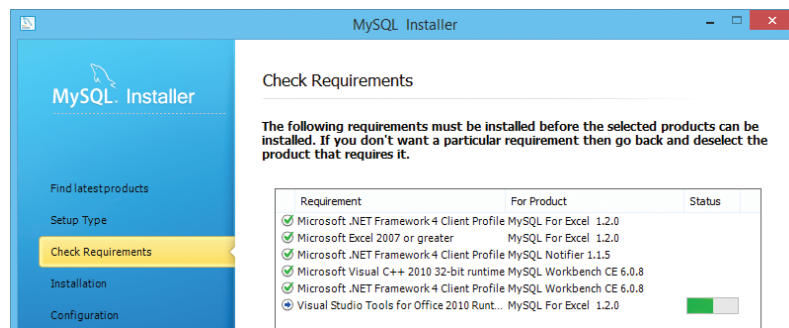
The MySQL database server, which provides "back-end" storage for data-driven websites, is available for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux operating systems as a free download at **mysql.com**.

1 Download the MySQL Community Edition installer for your system from **mysql.com/downloads/mysql**

2 Run the installer and select "Developer Default" when asked to choose a Setup Type
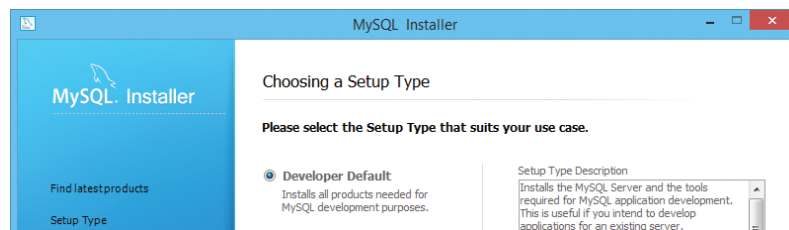
3 Ensure you have an Internet connection then allow the installer to download any missing setup requirements

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The MySQL Installer can be launched at any time from the Start Menu to change the configuration or to install updates.

4 When all requirements have been downloaded push the Execute button to install MySQL on your system
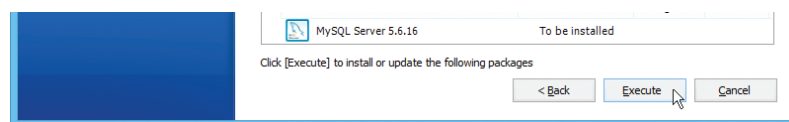
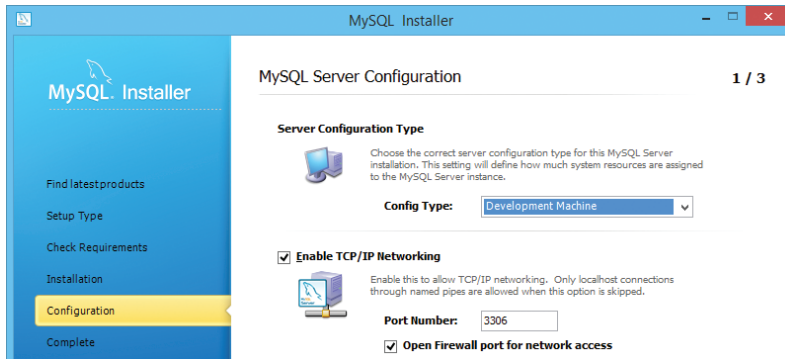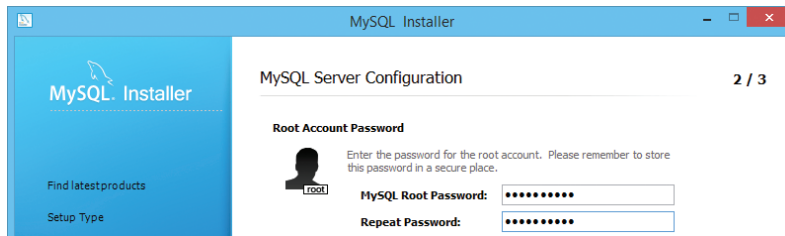After installation the MySQL Server must then be configured.

5 Next choose "Development Machine" as the Server Type to begin the MySQL Configuration process

6 Then enter a root user password of your choice twice into the Password fields and click Next

7 Now accept the suggested Windows Service Name and choose to run the service as a Standard System Account to complete configuration of the MySQL installation

By default the MySQL Server uses port 3306. If you are running a firewall you may need to specifically allow the MySQL Server connections via this port. Refer to your firewall documentation for further guidance.

Ensure that your MySQL Server Configuration completes successfully before continuing. If necessary repeat the installation process.