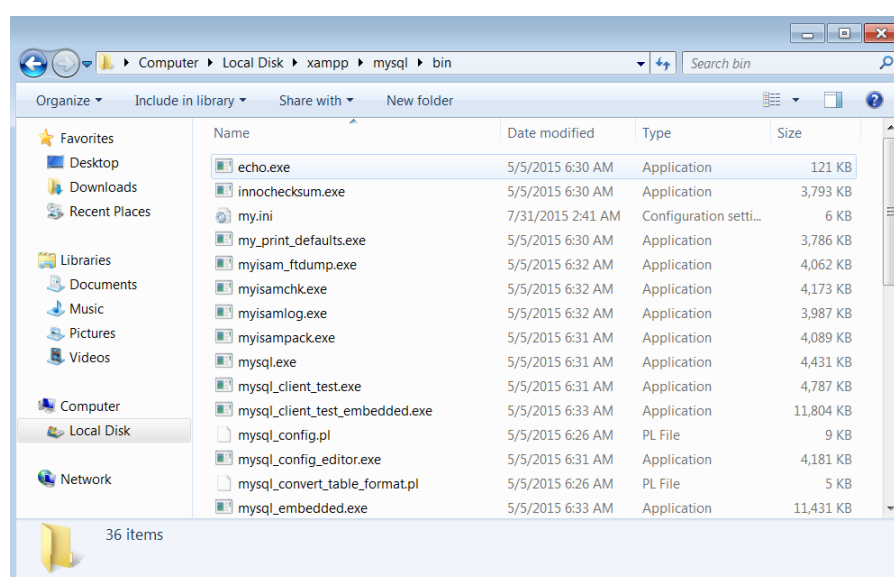


**7** In the XAMPP control panel, press the **Start** button beside the MySQL since that's the only feature we will be using for now. After clicking, check that the status of MySQL is green to ensure that it is running properly. **Ask** a mentor for help if a yellow or red colour appears instead.

**8** Click the **Explorer** button in the right portion of the control panel. This will take you to the XAMPP folder.

**9** In the XAMPP folder, find the **mysql** folder and press double click the folder to open. Once inside, find the **bin** folder and open it..



**10** Inside the bin folder, find the **mysql.exe** file and press double click on your mouse to open it. This will open a console terminal that we will use to create databases.