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## How do I start MySQL server without using startup script /etc/init.d/mysql?

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MySQL startup script only works if you have installed MySQL server using binary method such as apt-get, rpm command or up2date/yum tools etc.

All you need to do is use mysqld\_safe command to start the mysqld daemon on Unix or Linux oses. So to start MySQL just type following command:

```
# /usr/bin/mysqld_safe &
```

Usually mysqld\_safe located at /usr/bin/ directory. However, if you custom compiled MySQL then it will be available in your custom directory (specified using --prefix=/path/to/dir option to ./configure command). For example if you installed MySQL in /server/mysql directory then you need to pass this option to mysqld\_safe command:

```
# /usr/bin/mysqld_safe --basedir=/server/mysql --datadir=/data/mysql --log=/var/log/mysql.log &
```

Read man page of mysqld\_safe for more information.

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