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## Your PHP installation appears to be missing the MySQL extension which is required by WordPress

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**Q.** I'm installing Wordpress blog system under Debian Linux and getting an error which read as follows:



Your PHP installation appears to be missing the MySQL extension which is required by WordPress

How do I fix this problem under Debian Linux?

**A..** First make sure MySQL server is running, type the following command at a shell prompt:

```
# /etc/init.d/mysql status
```

If MySQL is not running, enter:

```
# /etc/init.d/mysql start
```

If MySQL is not installed, type the following command to install MySQL server:

```
# apt-get install mysql-server
```

Make sure MySQL module for php5 is installed:

```
# dpkg --get-selections | grep php5-mysql
```

To install php5-mysql module enter:

```
# apt-get install php5-mysql
```

Just restart Apache2 web server:

```
# /etc/init.d/apache2 restart
```

Now PHP support for MySQL should work without a problem. Also make sure you set localhost or 127.0.0.1 as MySQL hostname while performing wordpress installation.

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