

# **Change the MySQL Temporary Files Directory**

By default, MySQL's temporary files are stored in the *xamppfiles\temp\mysql* subdirectory of your XAMPP installation directory (usually, */Applications/XAMPP*). In case you wish to change the location of this directory, follow these steps:

1. Edit the *my.cnf* file in the *xamppfiles/etc/* subdirectory of your XAMPP installation directory. Within this file, find the *tmpdir* variable in the [mysqld] section and change it to reflect your new desired location. For example:

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tmpdir = "/tmp"
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2. Save your changes to the file.
3. Restart the MySQL server using the XAMPP control panel.

MySQL's temporary files should now get created in the new location.