1. Download MySQL Installer from https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/ and execute it.

   > **Note**
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   > Unlike the standard MySQL Installer, the smaller `web-community` version does not bundle any MySQL applications, but downloads only the MySQL products you choose to install.

2. Determine the setup type to use for the initial installation of MySQL products. For example:

   • **Developer Default**: Provides a setup type that includes the selected version of MySQL Server and other MySQL tools related to MySQL development, such as MySQL Workbench.

   • **Server Only**: Provides a setup for the selected version of MySQL Server without other products.

   • **Custom**: Enables you to select any version of MySQL Server and other MySQL products.

3. Install the server instance (and products) and then begin the server configuration by first selecting one of the following levels of availability for the server instance:

   • **Standalone MySQL Server / Classic MySQL Replication (default)**

   Configures a server instance to run without high availability.

   • **InnoDB cluster**

   Provides two configuration options based on MySQL Group Replication to:

   • Configure multiple server instances in a sandbox InnoDB Cluster on the local host (for testing only).

   • Create a new InnoDB Cluster and configure one seed instance or add a new server instance to an existing InnoDB Cluster.

4. Complete the configuration process by following the onscreen instructions. For more information about each individual step, see MySQL Server Configuration with MySQL Installer.

MySQL is now installed. If you configured MySQL as a service, then Windows automatically starts the MySQL server every time you restart the system. Also, this process installs the MySQL Installer application on the local host, which you can use later to upgrade or reconfigure MySQL server.

> **Note**
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> If you installed MySQL Workbench on your system, consider using it to check your new MySQL server connection. By default, the program automatically start after installing MySQL.

Additional Installation Information

It is possible to run MySQL as a standard application or as a Windows service. By using a service, you can monitor and control the operation of the server through the standard Windows service management tools. For more information, see Section 2.3.4.8, "Starting MySQL as a Windows Service".

To accommodate the `RESTART` statement, the MySQL server forks when run as a service or standalone, to enable a monitor process to supervise the server process. In this case, there are two `mysqld` processes. If `RESTART` capability is not required, the server can be started with the `--no-monitor` option. See Section 13.7.8.8, "RESTART Statement".