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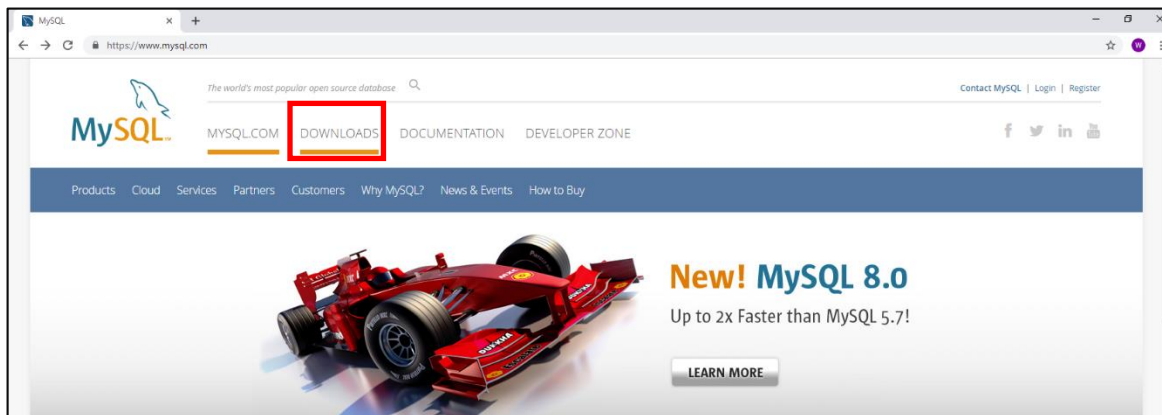
## **Downloading the MySQL Community Edition database.**

In this tutorial you will learn how to download the Community Edition of the MySQL server so that it can be used as the data source for a Java application using JDBC.

Accessing the download file.

1. Enter the MySQL site at www.mysql.com and select the Downloads section. At the time of writing the latest version of MySQL available is 8.0.

2. Scroll to the bottom of the downloads page until you see the Community Edition download link. Click on the Community (GPL) Downloads link.
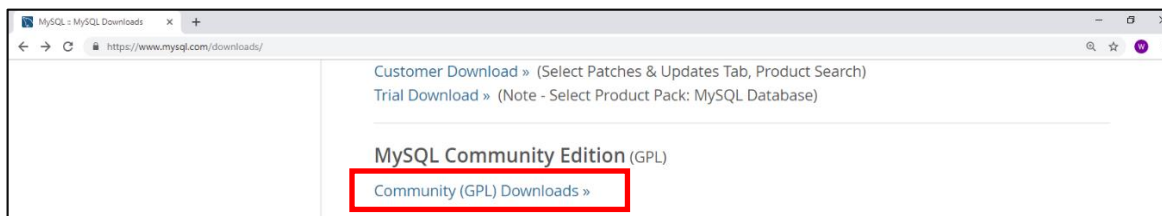
3. Within the downloads section locate the MySQL Community Downloads and click on the DOWNLOAD link.

4. You will require more than just the MySQL server so its best to use the MySQL Installer option for the install. You can select the appropriate Operating System but this tutorial will focus on a Microsoft Windows installation. Choose your operating system and then click the Go to Download Page link.

5. You have two options for the Installer download.

   a. The first one is the web download which is a smaller download but requires web connectivity during the install to retrieve the additional components.

   b. The second one will download the entire Installer package to the local machine and requires no additional downloads during the install.

Choose the best option for you and click the download link.

6. Before your download begins you have 3 choices to start the download

    a. Login with your Oracle Web Account to start the download.

    b. Sign up for a free Oracle Web Account to start the download.

    c. Click the No thanks, just start my download option to start the download.
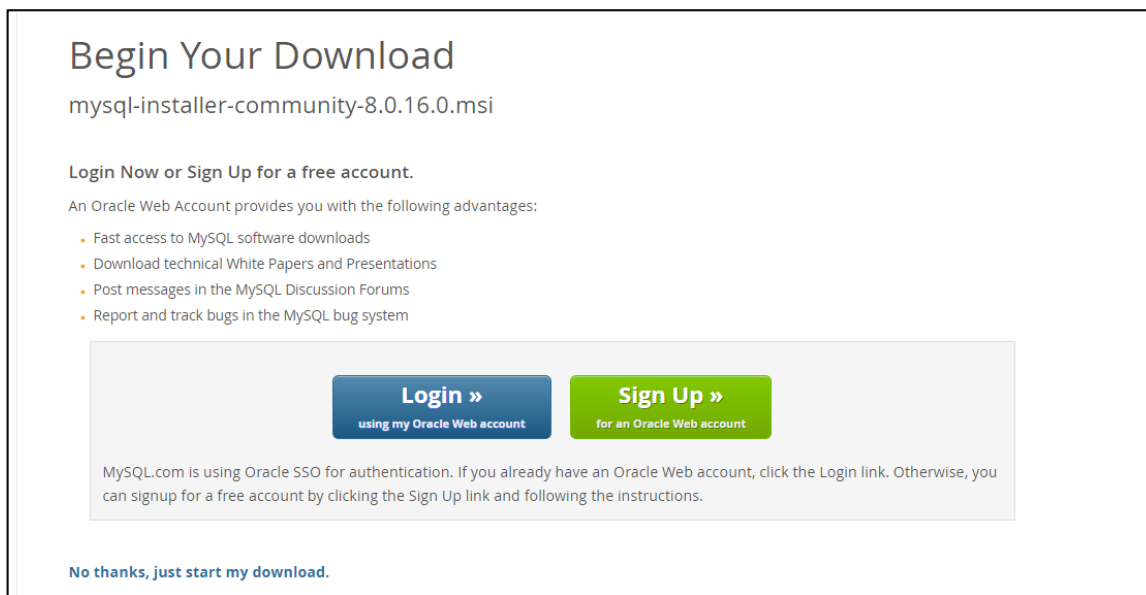
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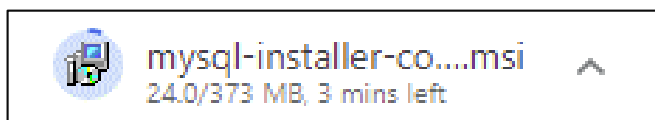
8. Your installer file will be stored in your chosen download location.