# Change the MySQL Temporary Files Directory

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

1. Edit the *my.ini* file in the *mysql**bin*\ 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 = "D:/temp"
   ```

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.