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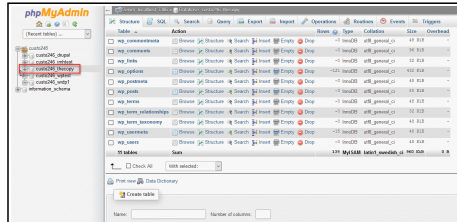
When you export a database, you are creating a backup file of the database. This backup file is usually a .sql file (a text file), and can be used to copy and [import the database](#) onto another server. In this article we'll show you how to export your database.

### Step 1. Log into phpMyAdmin

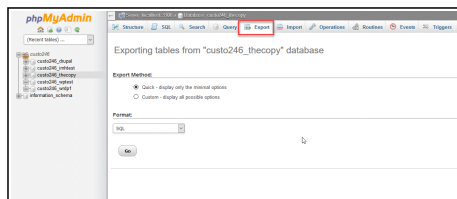
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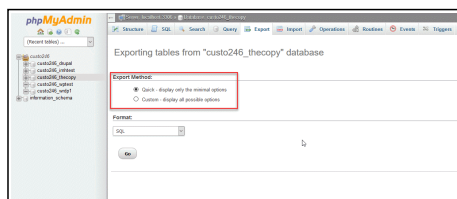
### Step 2. Click on the database you are working with in the left menu



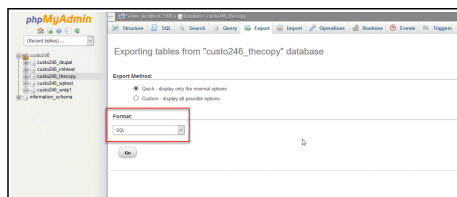
### Step 3. Click **Export** in the tabs along the top of the screen.



**Step 4.** The export option that we are providing instructions for is the **Quick** method. Click on the radial button for **Quick**. If you want more complete control, then click on **Custom**. You will need to be familiar with the exporting MySQL databases in order to use these options. If you are not, then please consult with an experienced database administrator or developer.



**Step 5.** Next, you will need to click on the format of the export file. By default, it should be on **SQL**, so you don't need to change anything.



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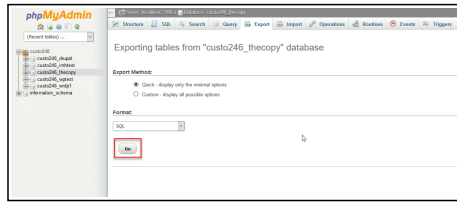
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**Step 6.** Click on the **Go** button in order to perform the export.



**Step 7.** You will be prompted to either open or save the file. Please select the option to save the file and then save the somewhere you'll remember (such as directly on your desktop).

Congratulations, you have just exported a copy of your database!

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### Easy to follow!

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After 3 days @ 1 call per day, This is exactly what I needed to begin with!  
With the youtube video skipping ahead (glitching)..... just wanted to say,

I can't thank you enough, Jeremy

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Thanks for your instructions. Is there an option to save the export in a folder on the server? Cause sometimes the export to a PC takes too much time \ interrupts.

2017-05-31 6:31 am

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Hello Igor,

2017-05-31 10:42 am

After you export the database you can FTP it back to the server. If you're having problems with the default settings, use the custom settings to change the compression, or save certain tables so that you're splitting the export into several files. I checked the options in PHPMYADMIN and there is no way to save directly to the server.

If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Kindest regards,  
Arnel C.

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It was possible some years ago in older PhpMyadmin versions though, on different hosting. That's why I wondered if still there is a way to perform it. Thank you Arnel.

2017-05-31 12:48 pm

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how do i export this database as dll to connect my website

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Hello,

2017-09-13 11:16 am

A database is a collection of data and is not designed to automatically connect to your website. You need to have an interface that reads the database, validates and connects with your application. I would recommend that you work with a developer if you do not understand how this can be done.

If you have any further questions or comments, please let us know.

Regards,  
Arnel C.

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