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| |  | | --- | |  |   **BUG** | |  | | --- | |  |   **ROOT CAUSE** | **Fix** | **LESSON** | **Screenshot Reference** |
| Site shows “Error establishing a database connection” | The database name in wp-config.php was incorrect — changed from 'local' to 'broken\_local' | Opened wp-config.php and restored the correct line | This error happens when WordPress can't reach the database. Always check :   DB name   DB user   DB password   DB host | BEFORE:    AFTER: |