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

> **Note**
>
> 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 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**
>
> 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".

Generally, you should install MySQL on Windows using an account that has administrator rights. Otherwise, you may encounter problems with certain operations such as editing the `PATH` environment variable or accessing the `Service Control Manager`. When installed, MySQL does not need to be executed using a user with Administrator privileges.

For a list of limitations on the use of MySQL on the Windows platform, see Section 2.3.7, "Windows Platform Restrictions".

In addition to the MySQL Server package, you may need or want additional components to use MySQL with your application or development environment. These include, but are not limited to:

- To connect to the MySQL server using ODBC, you must have a Connector/ODBC driver. For more information, including installation and configuration instructions, see MySQL Connector/ODBC Developer Guide.