Installing the MySQL Driver

Install the MySQL Connector Driver

You have a couple of options when it comes to connecting Python applications to a MySQL database. You can use Oracle's MySQL Connector (free) or the third-party solution Devart ODBC MySQL Driver (paid). To install MySQL Connector, follow the steps outlined below:

* Browse to https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/python/

* Select your installation version and click the Download button.

* You will be asked to log into the Oracle portal. If you do not have an account, create one now, and then proceed to log in and download the .MSI installer.

* Double click the installer and proceed through the installation process, selecting the default options as you proceed. *

I've had limited success using the MySQL Connector driver. If you have problems installing the driver, consider trying the Devart ODBC

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To install the Devart ODBC MySQL Driver, follow the steps outlined below:

- Browse to https://www.devart.com/odbc/mysql/download.html

- Select your installation version and click the Download button.

- Double click the installer and proceed through the installation process, selecting the default options as you proceed. *

- To verify that the driver installed correctly, browse to Administrative Tools > ODBC Data Sources (64-bit). When the Data Source Administrator appears, select the Drivers tab and verify that Devart ODBC Driver for MySQL is listed.

The Devart ODBC MySQL Driver is a paid third-party driver that costs $149 per license. You can evaluate the driver free of charge for 30 days.