

# **Change the MySQL Temporary Files Directory**

By default, MySQL's temporary files are stored in the `xamppfiles\temp\mysql` subdirectory of your XAMPP installation directory (usually, `/Applications/XAMPP`). In case you wish to change the location of this directory, follow these steps:

1. Edit the `my.cnf` file in the `xamppfiles/etc/` 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:

```
tmpdir = "/tmp"
```

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.