

# **Change the MySQL Temporary Files Directory**

By default, MySQL's temporary files are stored in the system temporary directory, usually */tmp*. In case you wish to change the location of these files, follow these steps:

1. Edit the *my.cnf* file in the *etc/* subdirectory of your XAMPP installation directory (usually, */opt/lampp*). Within this file, find the *tmpdir* variable in the *[mysqld]* section and change it to reflect your new desired location. For example:

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tmpdir = "/mnt/sdb2/tmp"
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2. Save your changes to the file.
3. Restart the MySQL server.

MySQL's temporary files should now get created in the new location.