

## Backup a MySQL Database

This tutorial shows you how to backup/ restore a MySQL Database. You will need to have shell access to your mysql server or to be able to connect remotely using mysql client to your mysql server.

### 1. Backup your MySQL Database

```
#mysqldump database -p > file.sql
```

### 2. Restore your MySQL Database

```
#mysql -u username -p  
mysql> \. file.sql
```

First go to your mysql client then type \. file.sql

You should be in the same directory as your file.sql file. If not, then use file.sql with absolute path to it. (for example if your file is located in /home/john/database, and the file name is file.sql, then you should use instead of file.sql, /home/john/database/file.sql)