

## Using a Unix socket to connect to MySQL

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In some circumstances you may want to use a Unix socket to connect to the database: for example, if networking is disabled in MySQL.

To do this, use a setting like this in your config.php:

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define('DATABASE_HOST', 'unix_socket:/var/run/mysqld/mysqld.sock');
```

making sure the second parameter is **unix\_socket:** then the correct path to the socket.