

Using an embedded MySQL database

The information on this page refers to License Statistics v6.18 or newer, which upgraded MySQL to v8.0. If you are using a version previous to v6.18, see [documentation for previous versions](#).

By default, License Statistics uses an embedded MySQL database, which is delivered with the application. The embedded database will be automatically installed and configured until you change your [configuration](#) to use an [external database](#).



Although the embedded database is easier to use and more convenient for getting started with License Statistics, we strongly recommend using it **only for testing and evaluation** purposes.

For production environments, we recommend [using an external database](#), which has advantages such as:

- Increased data protection when stored on a host other than the License Statistics server
- Ability to customize database settings to optimize performance



Note that License Statistics supports only MySQL 8.0.x. Other versions are not supported.