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Exporting data for import into Cloud SQL

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This page describes how to create a SQL dump file or CSV file that is usable by Cloud SQL. You can use these files to import your data into Cloud SQL or to create an external master for Cloud SQL replicas.

For general best practices for importing data into Cloud SQL, see [Best Practices for Importing and Exporting Data](https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/mysql/import-export/) (<https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/mysql/import-export/>).

Creating a SQL dump file

Important: These instructions exclude all triggers, stored procedures, views, and functions from the export. This is needed to enable Cloud SQL to import the dump file. If your database relies on any of these elements, you must manually recreate them after importing.

You can create a SQL dump file for import into Cloud SQL using [Cloud SQL](#) (#cloudsql) or [mysqldump](#) (#mysqldump).

Exporting without views using Cloud SQL

You can exclude views using the `gcloud` command-line tool or the Cloud SQL Admin API by specifying each table you want to export. Follow the `gcloud` or `cURL` instructions provided in [Exporting Data](https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/import-export/exporting#mysqldump) (<https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/import-export/exporting#mysqldump>), using the following syntax:

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gcloud sql export sql [INSTANCE_NAME] gs://[BUCKET_NAME]/sqldumpfile.gz \  
  --database=[DATABASE_NAME] --table=[TABLE_NAME1, TABLE_NAME2, ...]
```

You must specify exactly one database when you specify tables. Do not include views or system tables.

For information about using the export command, see the [sql export sql](https://cloud.google.com/sdk/gcloud/reference/sql/export/sql) (<https://cloud.google.com/sdk/gcloud/reference/sql/export/sql>) command reference page.

Exporting without views using `mysqldump`

You use `mysqldump` to create your SQL dump file with the following flags:

- `--databases` You must use the `--databases` option to specify an explicit list of databases to import, and this list must *not* contain the `mysql` system database.
- `--hex-blob` If your database contains any binary fields, you must use this flag to ensure that your binary fields are imported correctly.
- `--skip-triggers` Triggers should not be included in the SQL dump file.
- `--set-gtid-purged=OFF` GTID information must not be included in the SQL dump file, nor should binary logging be disabled by the SQL dump file. (Not required for MySQL 5.5 or external replication.)
- `--ignore-table` If your databases include VIEWS, you must exclude them from the export by including a `--ignore-table [VIEW_NAME]` flag for **each** view in the databases being exported.

If you are creating a dump file for use in an external master or external replica configuration, you must also use the `--master-data=1` and `--flush-privileges` flags.

In addition, do *not* use the `--routines` option. Routines should not be included in the SQL dump file.

From a command line, run `mysqldump`:

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mysqldump --databases [DATABASE_NAME] -h [INSTANCE_IP] -u [USERNAME] -p \  
--hex-blob --skip-triggers --single-transaction --set-gtid-purged=OFF \  
--ignore-table [VIEW_NAME1] [...] --default-character-set=utf8mb4 > [SQL_FILE].sql
```

For more information about `mysqldump`, see the [mysqldump reference](https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/mysqldump.html) (<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/mysqldump.html>).

Creating a CSV file

To create a CSV file from your local MySQL server:

```
mysql --host=[INSTANCE_IP] --user=[USER_NAME] --password [DATABASE] \  
-e " SELECT * FROM [TABLE] INTO OUTFILE '[FILE_NAME]' CHARACTER SET 'utf8mb4' \  
    FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY '\"' ESCAPED BY '\"" "
```



What's next

- Learn more about [importing and exporting data](https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/mysql/import-export/) (https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/mysql/import-export/).
- Read the [MySQL documentation about the mysqldump utility](https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/mysqldump.html) (https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/mysqldump.html).
- [Create a Cloud Storage bucket](https://cloud.google.com/storage/docs/creating-buckets) (https://cloud.google.com/storage/docs/creating-buckets) where you can put your file for import into Cloud SQL.
- [Import the file into Cloud SQL](https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/mysql/import-export/importing) (https://cloud.google.com/sql/docs/mysql/import-export/importing).

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