Creating and Managing Databases

Create MySQL databases and users, then connect your applications to them.

Most PHP applications such as WordPress require a MySQL or MariaDB database. DirectAdmin lets you create and manage these from the control panel.

Create a database

1. Go to **Account Manager → MySQL Management**.
2. Click **Create Database**.
3. Enter a database name and create a database user with a strong password.
4. Grant the user full privileges on the new database.
5. Save and note the database name, username, and password for your application config.

Manage existing databases

Use **phpMyAdmin** (under Extra Features) to import SQL dumps, run queries, or repair tables. To remove a database, delete it from MySQL Management — this permanently removes all data, so back up first.

Naming note

DirectAdmin may prefix database and user names with your account username. Use the full names shown in the panel when configuring applications.

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