

MySQL Installer Guide

Abstract

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Chapter 1 Installing MySQL on Microsoft Windows Using MySQL Installer

MySQL Installer is a standalone application that manages MySQL products on Microsoft Windows. It installs, updates, removes, and configures MySQL products, and remains on the system as a separate application. MySQL Installer is only available for Microsoft Windows, and includes both GUI and command-line interfaces.

The supported MySQL products include:

- [MySQL Server](#) (one or multiple versions on the same host)
- [MySQL Workbench](#)
- [MySQL Connectors](#) (.Net / Python / ODBC / Java / C / C++)
- [MySQL Notifier](#)
- [MySQL for Excel](#)
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Installer Package Types

- **Full:** Bundles all of the MySQL products (including the MySQL server). The file size is over 300MB, and its name has the form `mysql-installer-community-VERSION.N.msi` where **VERSION** is the MySQL Server version number such as 5.7 and **N** is the package number, which begins at 0.
- **Web:** Only contains MySQL Installer and configuration files, and it downloads the MySQL products you choose to install. The size of this file is about 2MB; the name of the file has the form `mysql-installer-community-web-VERSION.N.msi` where **VERSION** is the MySQL Server version number such as 5.7 and **N** is the package number, which begins at 0.

As a standalone application, MySQL Installer upgrades automatically when a new version becomes available.

Installer Editions

- **Community edition:** Download this edition from <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/>. It installs the community edition of all MySQL products.
- **Commercial edition:** Download this edition from either [My Oracle Support](#) (MOS) or <https://edelivery.oracle.com/>. It installs the commercial version of all MySQL products, including Workbench SE/EE, MySQL Enterprise Backup, and MySQL Enterprise Firewall. It also integrates with your MOS account.

Note

Entering your MOS credentials is optional when installing bundled MySQL products, but your credentials are required when choosing non-bundled MySQL products that MySQL Installer must download.

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MySQL Installer is compatible with existing installations, and adds them to its list of installed components. While the standard MySQL Installer is bundled with a specific version of MySQL server, a single MySQL Installer instance can install and manage multiple MySQL server versions. For example, a single MySQL Installer instance can install (and update) versions 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7 on the same host.

Note

A single host *cannot* have both community and commercial editions of MySQL server installed. For example, if you want both MySQL Server 5.6 and 5.7 installed on a single host, both must be the same edition.

MySQL Installer handles the initial configuration and set up of the applications. For example:

- It creates the configuration file (`my.ini`) that is used to configure the MySQL server. The values written to this file are influenced by choices you make during the installation process.

Note

Some definitions are host dependent. For example, `query_cache` is enabled if the host has fewer than three cores.

- It can optionally import example databases.
- By default, a Windows service for the MySQL server is added.
- It can optionally create MySQL Server user accounts with configurable permissions based on general roles, such as DB Administrator, DB Designer, and Backup Admin. It optionally creates a Windows user named `MysqLsys` with limited privileges, which would then run the MySQL Server.

User accounts may also be added and configured in MySQL Workbench.

- Checking **Show Advanced Options** allows additional **Logging Options** to be set. This includes defining custom file paths for the error log, general log, slow query log (including the configuration of seconds it requires to execute a query), and the binary log.

MySQL Installer can optionally check for updated components and download them for you.

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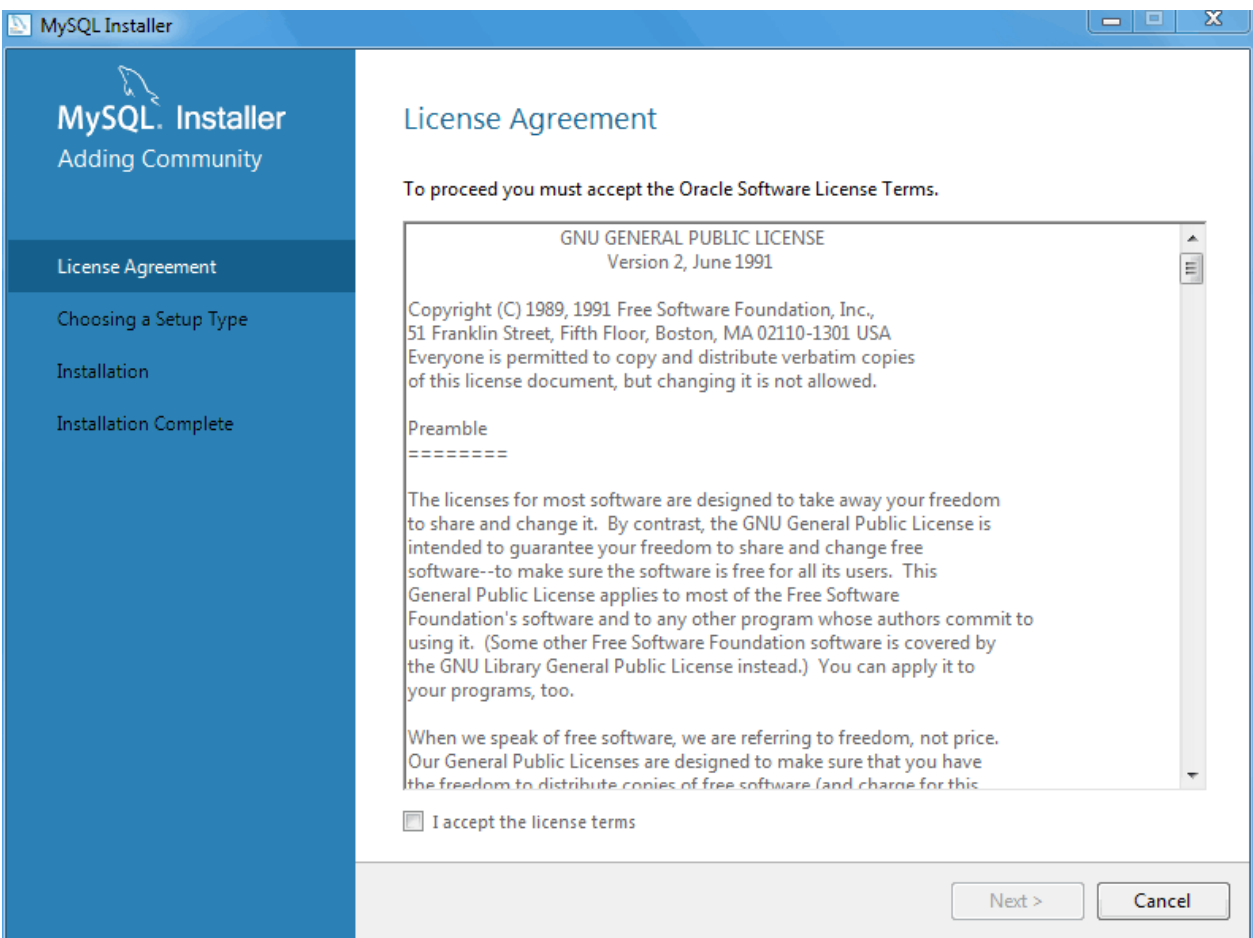
Installing MySQL Installer adds a link to the Start menu under the **MySQL** group. Click **Start, All Programs, MySQL, MySQL Installer** to reload the MySQL Installer GUI.

Note

Full permissions are granted to the user executing MySQL Installer to all generated files, such as `my.ini`. This does not apply to files and directories for specific products, such as the MySQL server data directory in `%ProgramData%` that is owned by `SYSTEM`.

MySQL Installer requires you to accept the license agreement before it will install MySQL products.

Figure 2.1 MySQL Installer - License Agreement



Installing New Packages

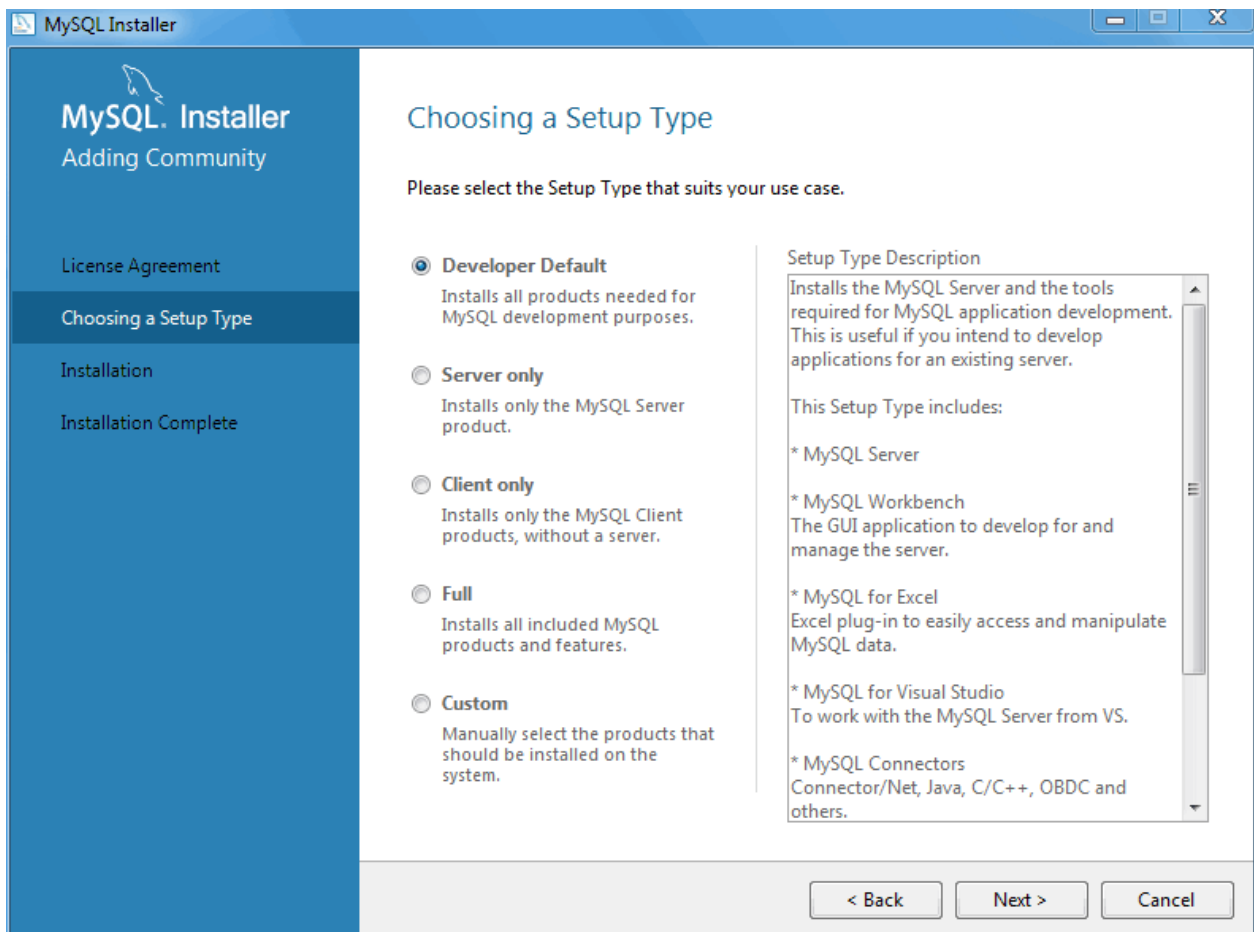
Choose the appropriate **Setup Type** for your system. This type determines which MySQL products are initially installed on your system, or select **Custom** to manually choose the products.

- **Developer:** Install all products needed to develop applications with MySQL. This is the default option.
- **Server only:** Only install the MySQL server.
- **Client only:** Only install the MySQL client products, such as MySQL Workbench. This does not include the MySQL server.
- **Full:** Install all available MySQL products.
- **Custom:** Manually select the MySQL products to install, and optionally configure custom MySQL data and installation paths.

Note

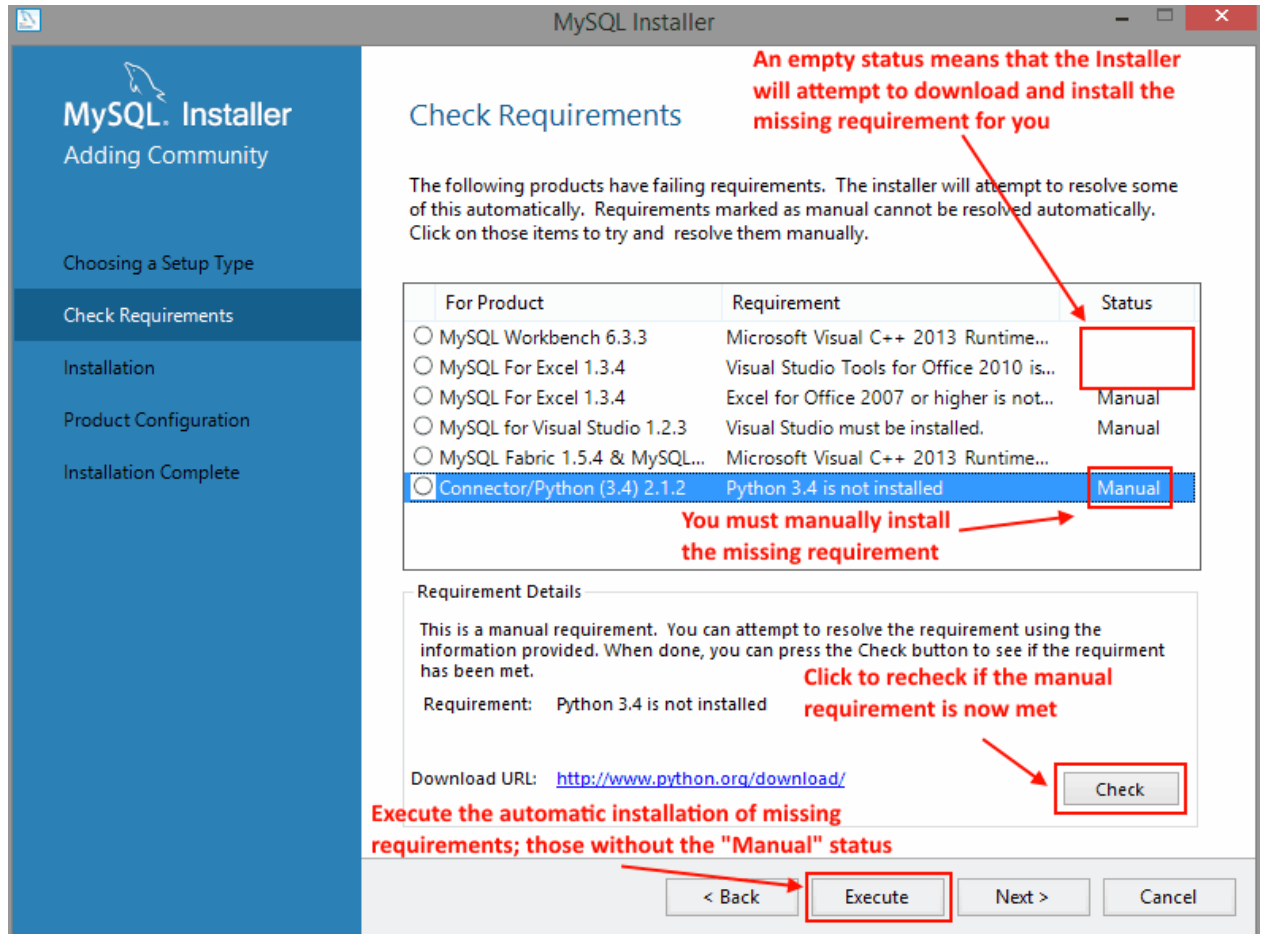
After the initial installation, you may use MySQL Installer to manually select MySQL products to install or remove. In other words, MySQL Installer becomes a MySQL product management system.

Figure 2.2 MySQL Installer - Choosing a Setup Type

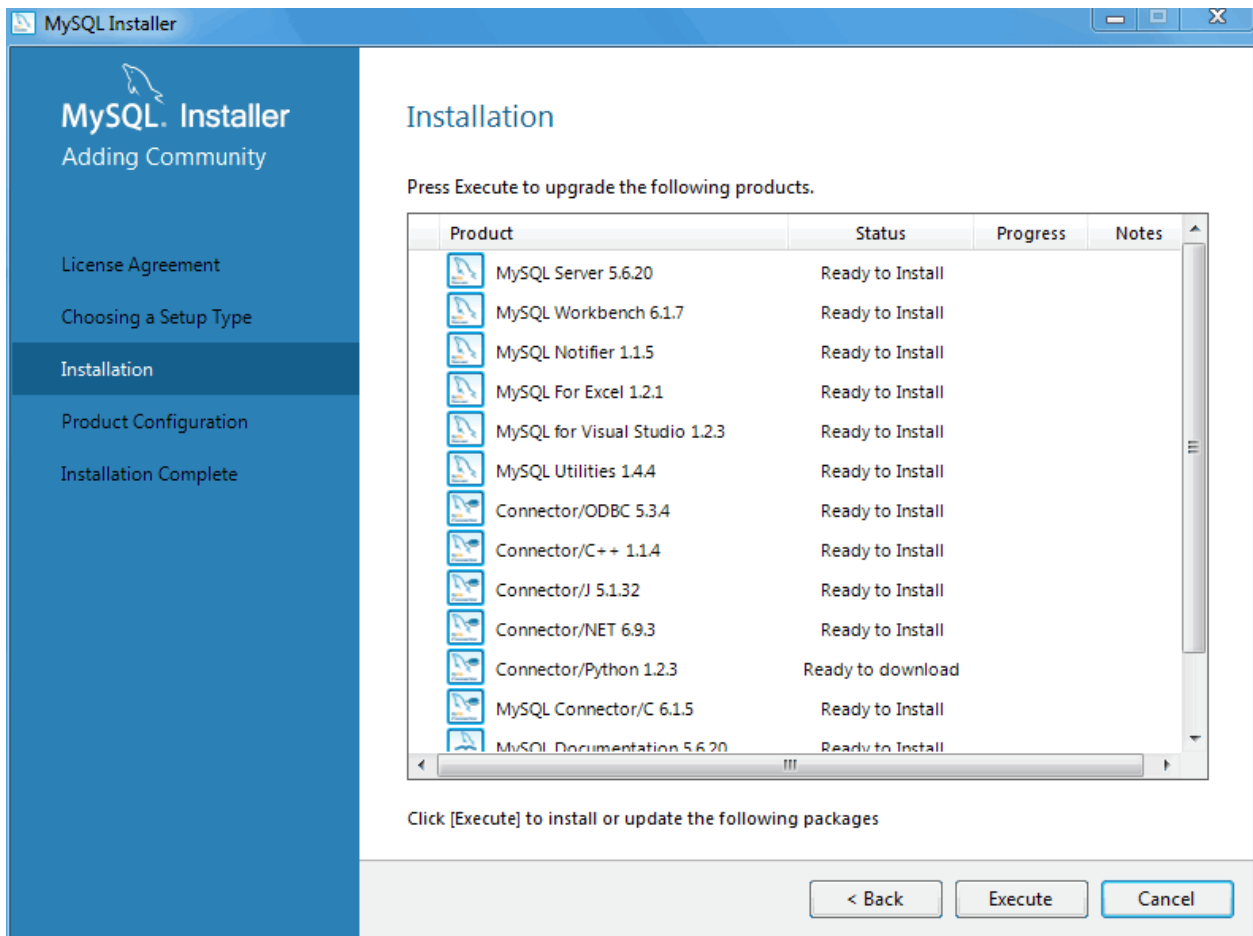


MySQL Installer checks your system for the external requirements (prerequisites) required to install the selected MySQL products. MySQL Installer can download and install some prerequisites, but others require manual intervention. Download and install all prerequisites that have **Status** set to "Manual". Click **Check** to recheck if a manual prerequisite was installed. After manually installing those requirements, click **Execute** to download and install the other prerequisites. Once finished, click **Next** to continue.

Figure 2.3 MySQL Installer - Check Requirements



The next window lists the MySQL products that are scheduled for installation:

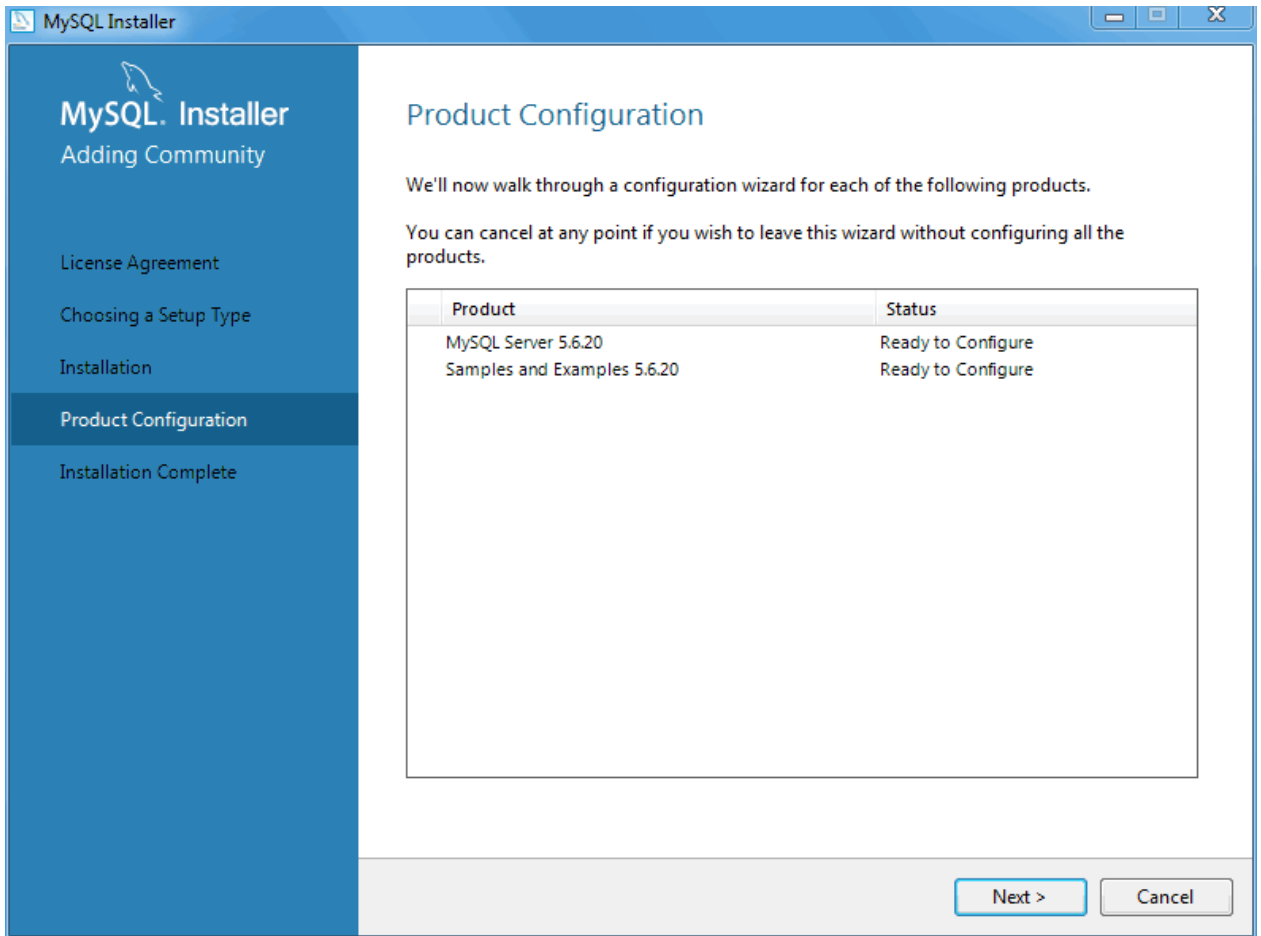
Figure 2.4 MySQL Installer - Installation Progress

As components are installed, their **Status** changes from a progress percentage to "Complete".

After all components are installed, the next step configures some of the recently installed MySQL products. The [Configuration Overview](#) window displays the progress and then loads a configuration window, if required. Our example configures MySQL Server 5.6.x.

Configuring MySQL Server

Configuring the MySQL server begins with defining several **Type and Networking** options.

Figure 2.5 MySQL Installer - Configuration Overview

Server Configuration Type

Choose the MySQL server configuration type that describes your setup. This setting defines the amount of system resources (memory) that will be assigned to your MySQL server instance.

- **Developer:** A machine that will host many other applications, and typically this is your personal workstation. This option configures MySQL to use the least amount of memory.
- **Server:** Several other applications will be running on this machine, such as a web server. This option configures MySQL to use a medium amount of memory.
- **Dedicated:** A machine that is dedicated to running the MySQL server. Because no other major applications will run on this server, such as a web server, this option configures MySQL to use the majority of available memory.

Connectivity

Connectivity options control how the connection to MySQL is made. Options include:

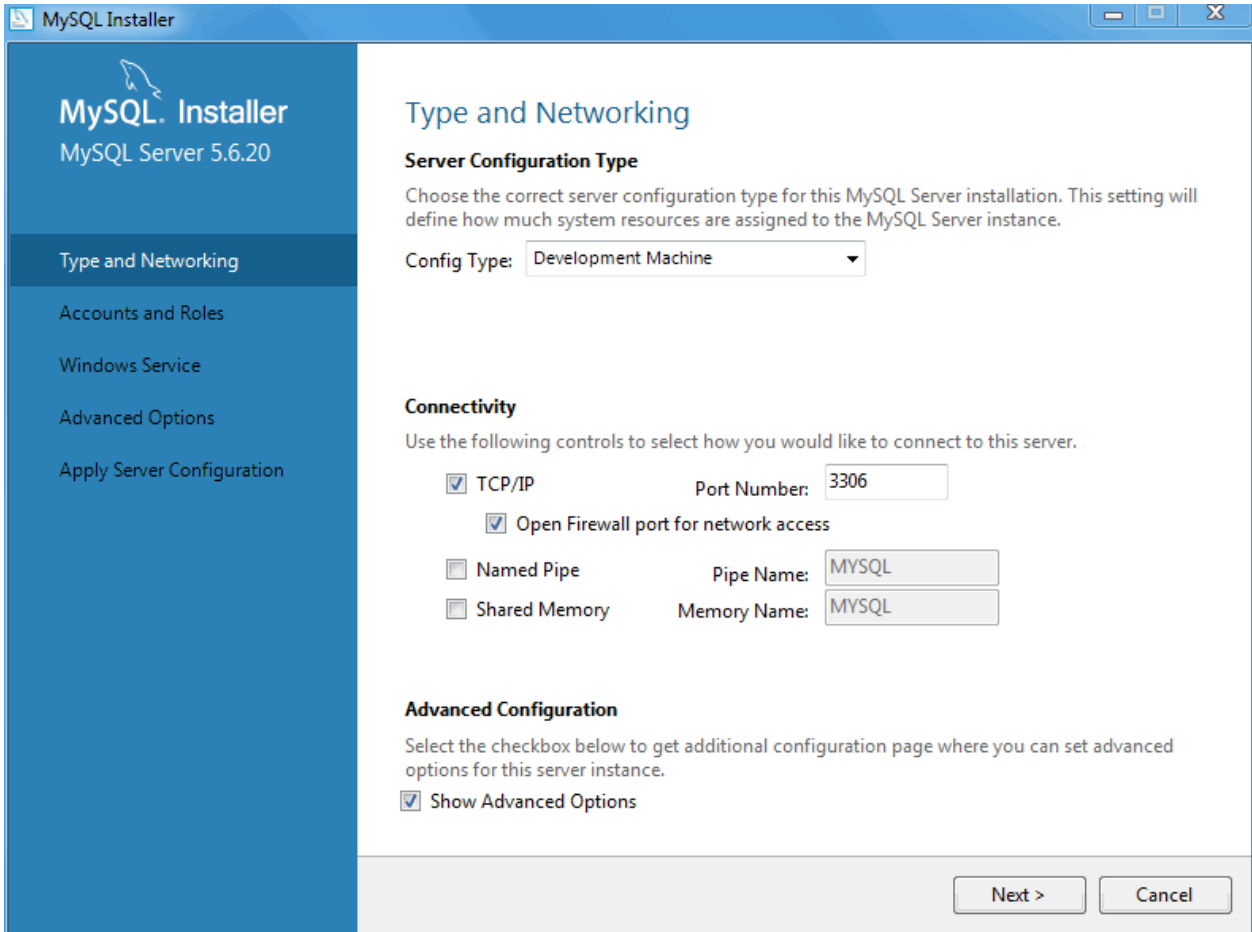
- **TCP/IP:** You may enable TCP/IP Networking here as otherwise only localhost connections are allowed. Also define the **Port Number** and whether to open the firewall port for network access.
- **Named Pipe:** Enable and define the pipe name, similar to using the `--enable-named-pipe` option.

- **Shared Memory:** Enable and then define the memory name, similar to using the `--shared-memory` option.

Advanced Configuration

Check **Show Advanced Options** to set additional **Logging Options**. This includes defining custom file paths for the error log, general log, slow query log (including the configuration of seconds it requires to execute a query), and the binary log.

Figure 2.6 MySQL Installer - MySQL Server Configuration: Type and Networking



Accounts and Roles

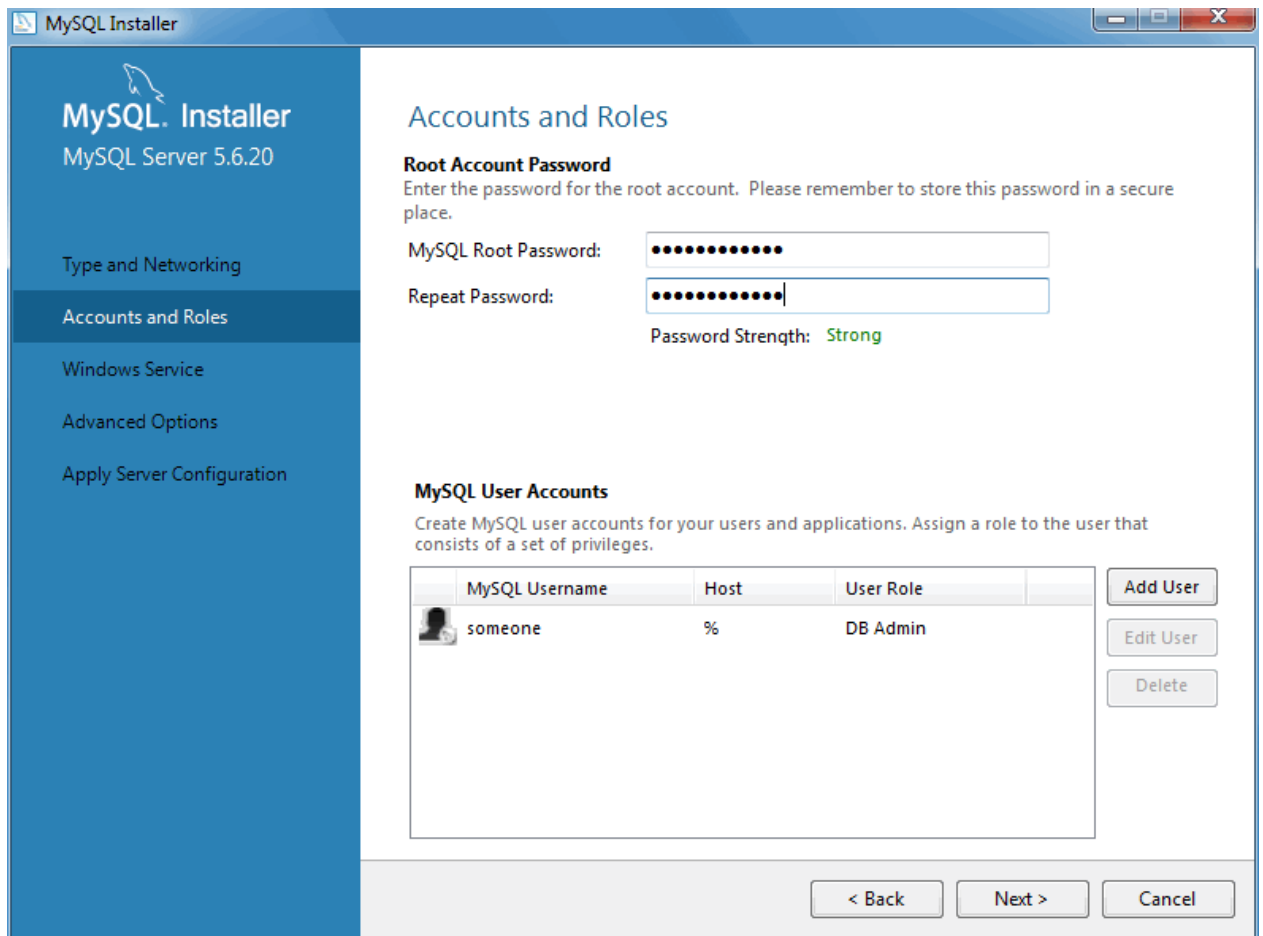
Next, define your MySQL account information. Assigning a root password is required.

Optionally, you can add additional MySQL user accounts with predefined user roles. Each predefined role, such as "DB Admin", are configured with their own set of privileges. For example, the "DB Admin" role has more privileges than the "DB Designer" role. Click the **Role** dropdown for a list of role descriptions.

Note

If the MySQL Server is already installed, then you must also enter the **Current Root Password**.

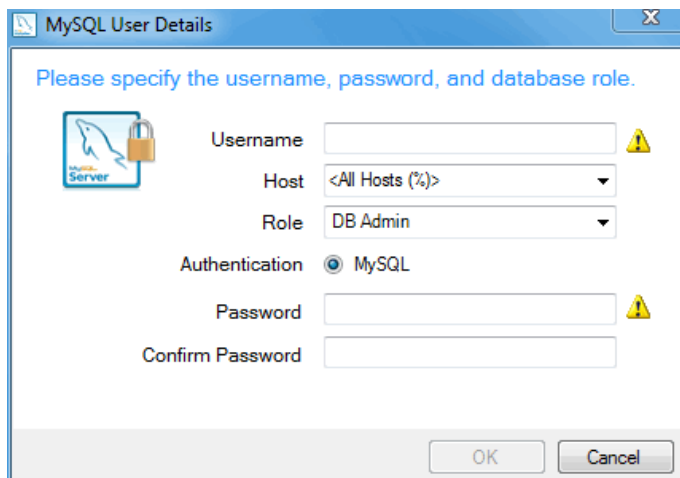
Figure 2.7 MySQL Installer - MySQL Server Configuration: User Accounts and Roles



The screenshot shows the MySQL Installer window for MySQL Server 5.6.20. The left sidebar has a blue header with the MySQL logo and 'MySQL Server 5.6.20'. Below it are navigation links: 'Type and Networking', 'Accounts and Roles' (selected), 'Windows Service', 'Advanced Options', and 'Apply Server Configuration'. The main area is titled 'Accounts and Roles'. It contains a 'Root Account Password' section with instructions to enter a secure password, two masked input fields for 'MySQL Root Password' and 'Repeat Password', and a 'Password Strength' indicator showing 'Strong'. Below this is the 'MySQL User Accounts' section with instructions to create user accounts and assign roles. It features a table with columns 'MySQL Username', 'Host', and 'User Role'. One user is listed: 'someone' with host '%' and role 'DB Admin'. To the right of the table are buttons for 'Add User', 'Edit User', and 'Delete'. At the bottom right are navigation buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

MySQL Username	Host	User Role
someone	%	DB Admin

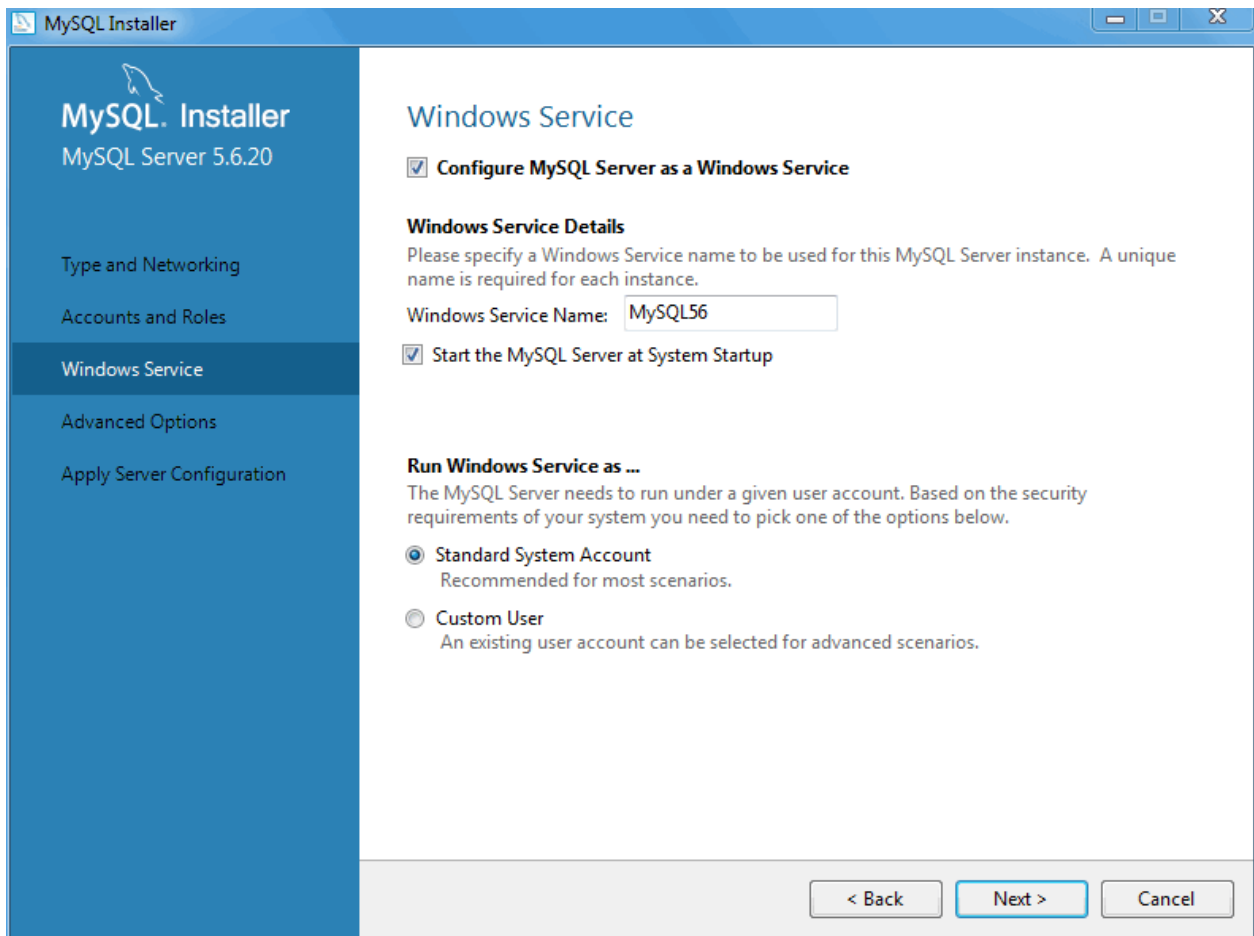
Figure 2.8 MySQL Installer - MySQL Server Configuration: User Accounts and Roles: Adding a User



The screenshot shows the 'MySQL User Details' dialog box. It prompts the user to 'Please specify the username, password, and database role.' The fields include: 'Username' (text input), 'Host' (dropdown menu showing '<All Hosts (%)>'), 'Role' (dropdown menu showing 'DB Admin'), 'Authentication' (radio button selected for 'MySQL'), 'Password' (text input), and 'Confirm Password' (text input). There are yellow warning icons next to the Username, Host, and Password fields. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Windows Service

Next, configure the **Windows Service** details. This includes the service name, whether the MySQL server should be loaded at startup, and how the MySQL server Windows service is executed.

Figure 2.9 MySQL Installer - MySQL Server Configuration: Windows Service**Note**

When configuring **Run Windows Services as ...** using a **Custom User**, the custom user must have privileges to log on to Microsoft Windows as a service. The **Next** button will be disabled until this user is configured with the required privileges.

On Microsoft Windows 7, this is configured by loading the **Start Menu, Control Panel, Administrative Tools, Local Security Policy, Local Policies, User Rights Assignment**, then **Log On As A Service**. Choose **Add User or Group** here to add the custom user, and then **OK, OK** to save.

Advanced Options

The next configuration step is available if the **Advanced Configuration** option was checked. This section includes options that are related to the MySQL log files:

Figure 2.10 MySQL Installer - MySQL Server Configuration: Logging Options

MySQL Installer
MySQL Server 5.6.20

Type and Networking
Accounts and Roles
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Apply Server Configuration

Advanced Options

Logging Options

Please select the logs you want to activate for this server in addition to the Error Log. On production machines it can be beneficial to separate the log files from the data.

Error Log: ...

☒ **General Log**
The general query log is a general record of what the MySQL Server is doing. It should only be used to track down issues.
File Path: ...

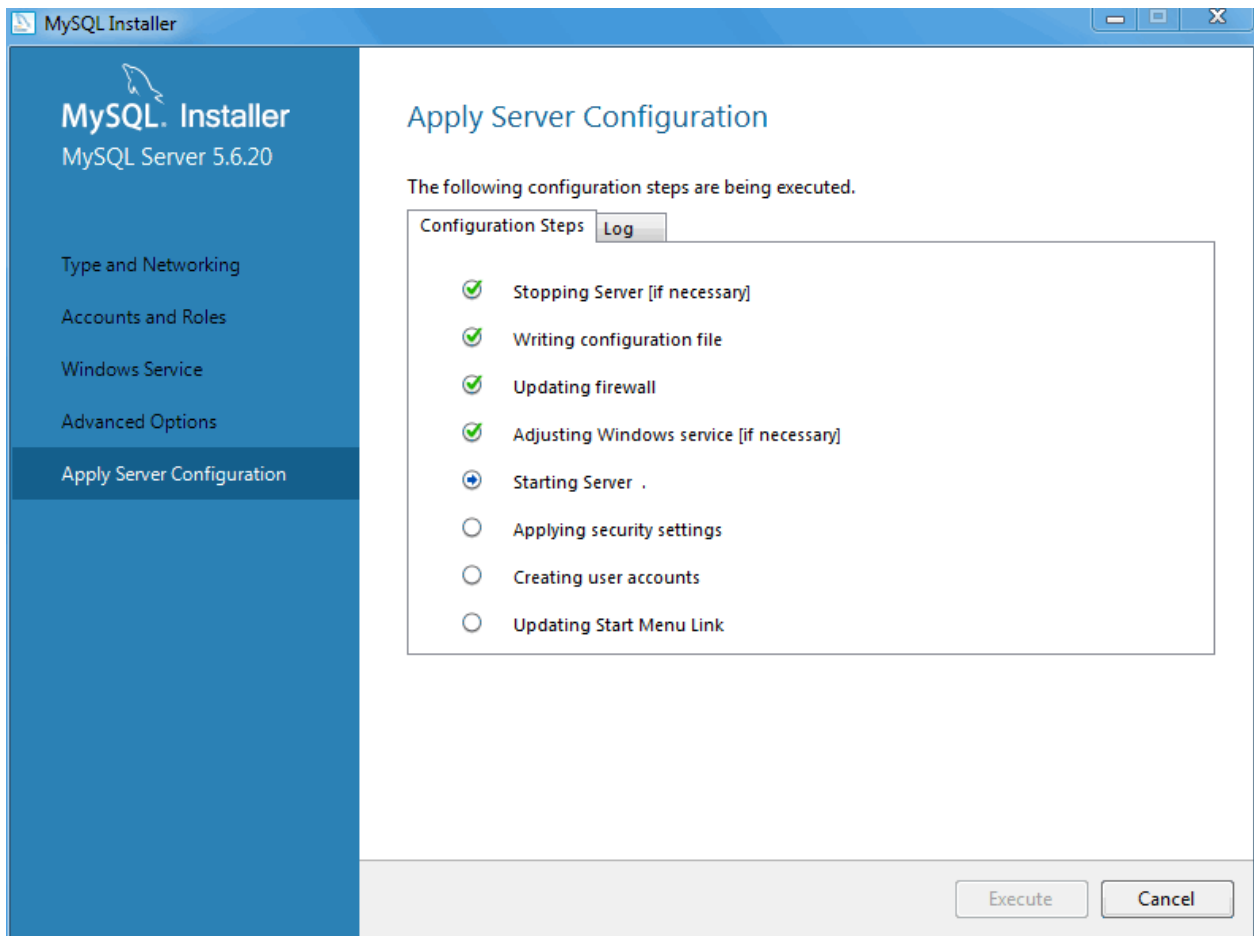
☒ **Slow Query Log**
The slow query log consists of SQL statements that took more than the given value of seconds to execute. It is recommended to turn this log on.
File Path: ... **Seconds:**

☒ **Bin Log**
The binary log contains all database events and is used for replication and data recovery operations. It has a performance impact on the server. Only a filename base should be given as the server will append an appropriate extension
File Path: ...

Server Id:

< Back Next > Cancel

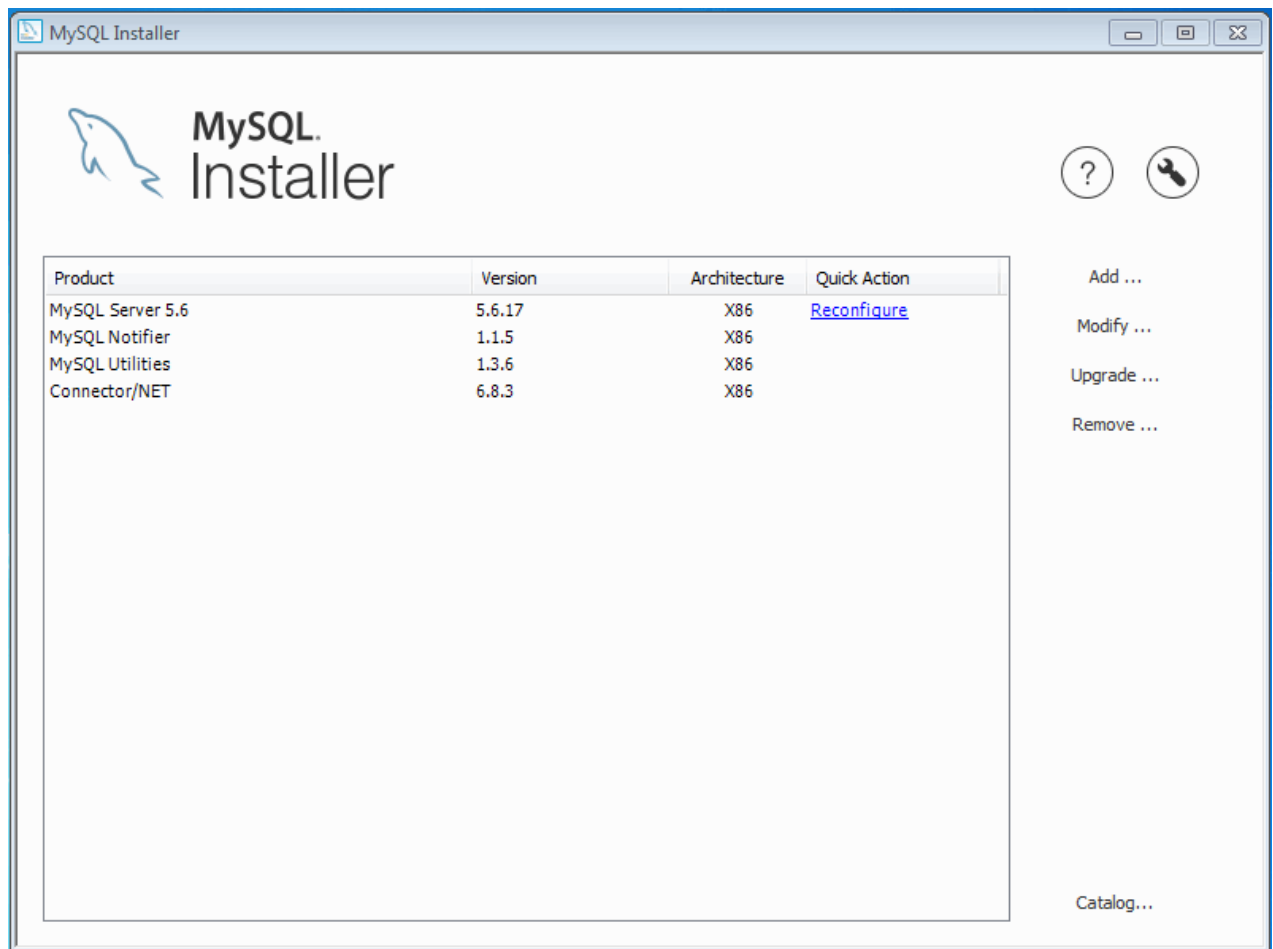
Click **Next** to continue on to the final page before all of the requested changes are applied. This **Apply Server Configuration** page details the configuration steps that will be performed.

Figure 2.11 MySQL Installer - MySQL Server Configuration: Apply Server Configuration

Click **Execute** to execute the configuration steps. The icon for each step toggles from white to green on success, or the process stops on failure. Click the **Log** tab to view the log.

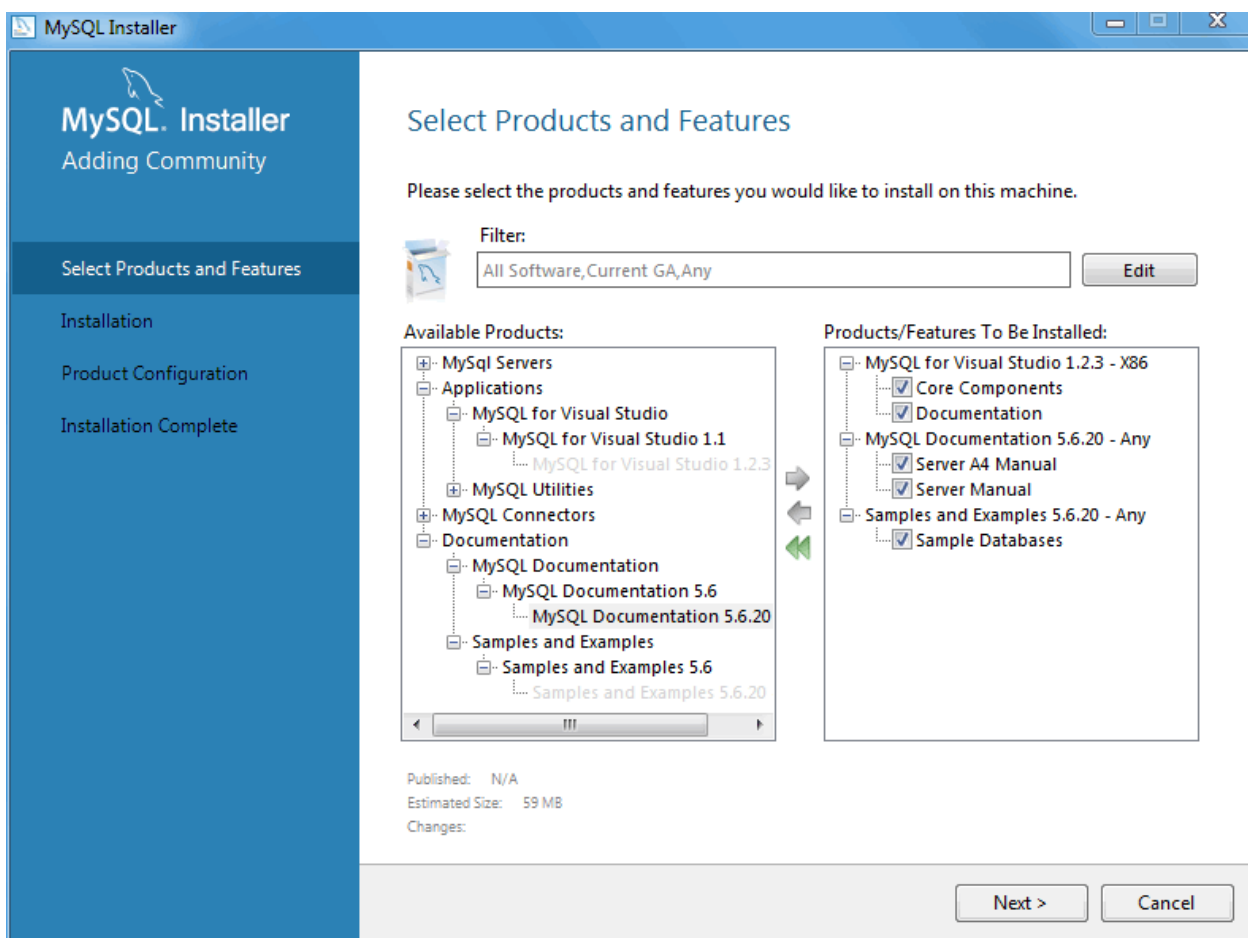
After the MySQL Installer configuration process is finished, MySQL Installer reloads the opening page where you can execute other installation and configuration related actions.

MySQL Installer is added to the Microsoft Windows Start menu under the **MySQL** group. Opening MySQL Installer loads its dashboard where installed MySQL products are listed, and other MySQL Installer actions are available:

Figure 2.12 MySQL Installer - Main Dashboard

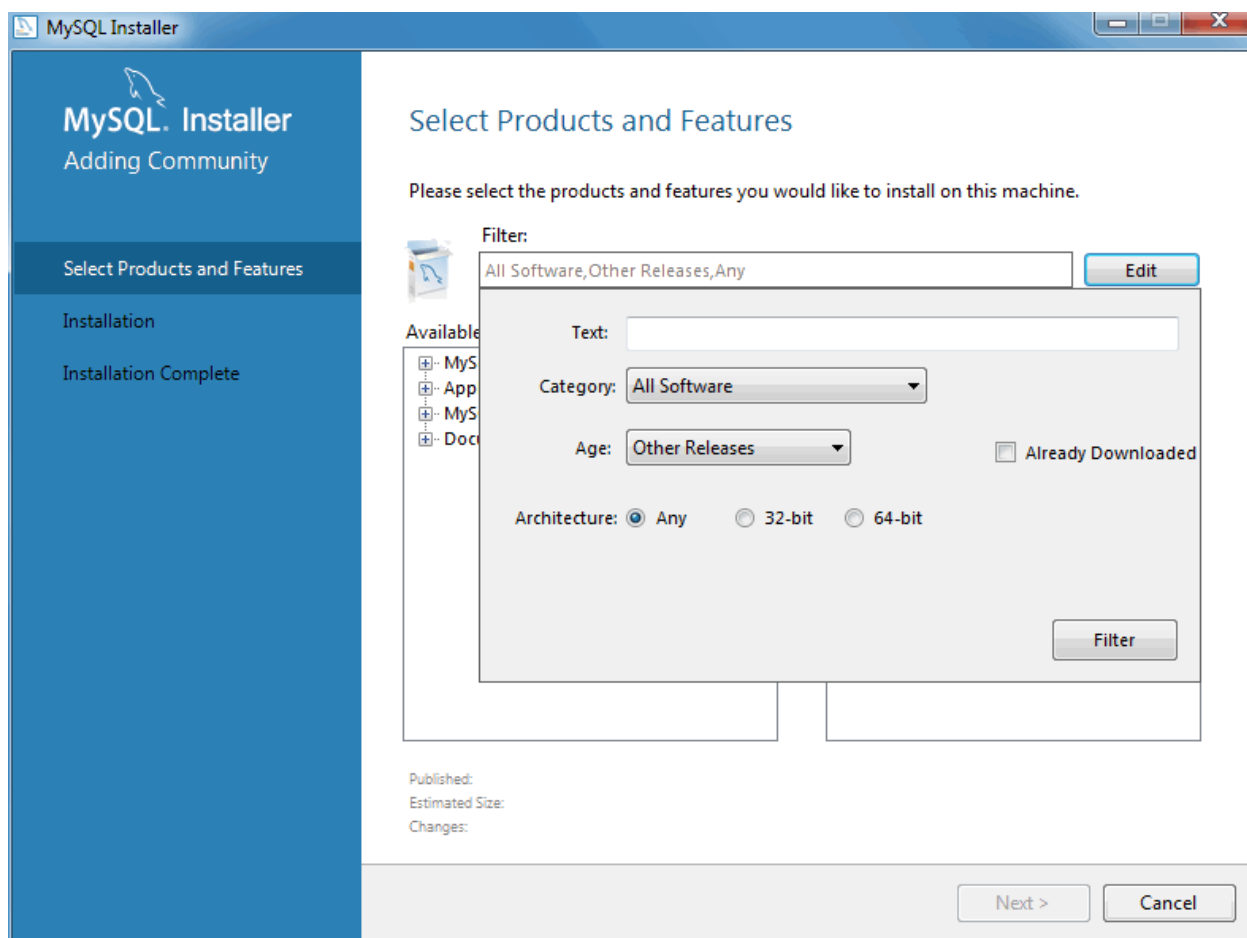
Adding MySQL Products

Click **Add** to add new products. This loads the **Select Products and Features** page:

Figure 2.13 MySQL Installer - Select Products and Features

From here, choose the MySQL products you want to install from the left **Available Products** pane, and then click the green right arrow to queue products for installation.

Optionally, click **Edit** to open the product and features search filter:

Figure 2.14 MySQL Installer - Select Products and Features Filter

For example, you might choose to include Pre-Release products in your selections, such as a Beta product that has not yet reached General Availability (GA) status.

Select all of the MySQL products you want to install, then click **Next** to continue using the defaults, or highlight a selected product and click **Advanced Options** to optionally alter options such as the MySQL server data and installation paths. Click **Execute** to execute the installation process to install all of the selected products.

2.1 MySQL Product Catalog

MySQL Installer stores a MySQL product catalog. The catalog can be updated either manually or automatically, and the catalog change history is also available. The automatic update is enabled by default.

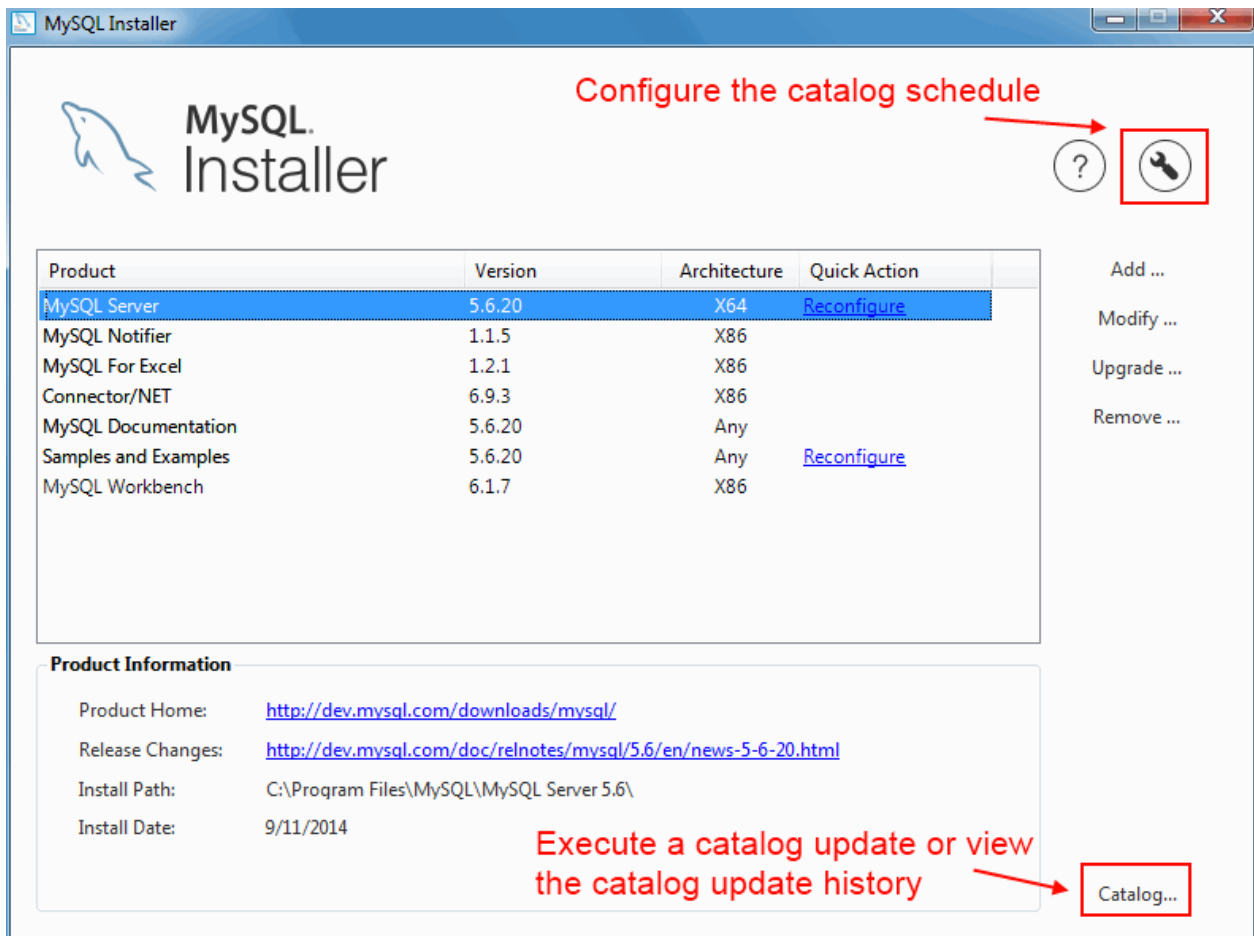
Note

The product catalog update also checks for a newer version of MySQL Installer, and prompts for an update if one is present.

Manual updates

You can update the MySQL product catalog at any time by clicking **Catalog** on the Installer dashboard.

Figure 2.15 MySQL Installer - Open the MySQL Product Catalog

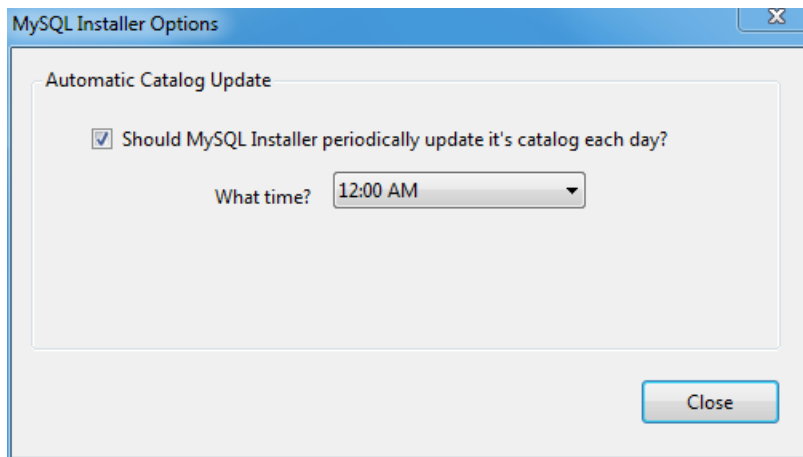


From there, click **Execute** to update the product catalog.

Automatic updates

MySQL Installer can automatically update the MySQL product catalog. By default, this feature is enabled to execute each day at 12:00 AM. To configure this feature, click the wrench icon on the Installer dashboard.

The next window configures the **Automatic Catalog Update**. Enable or disable this feature, and also set the hour.

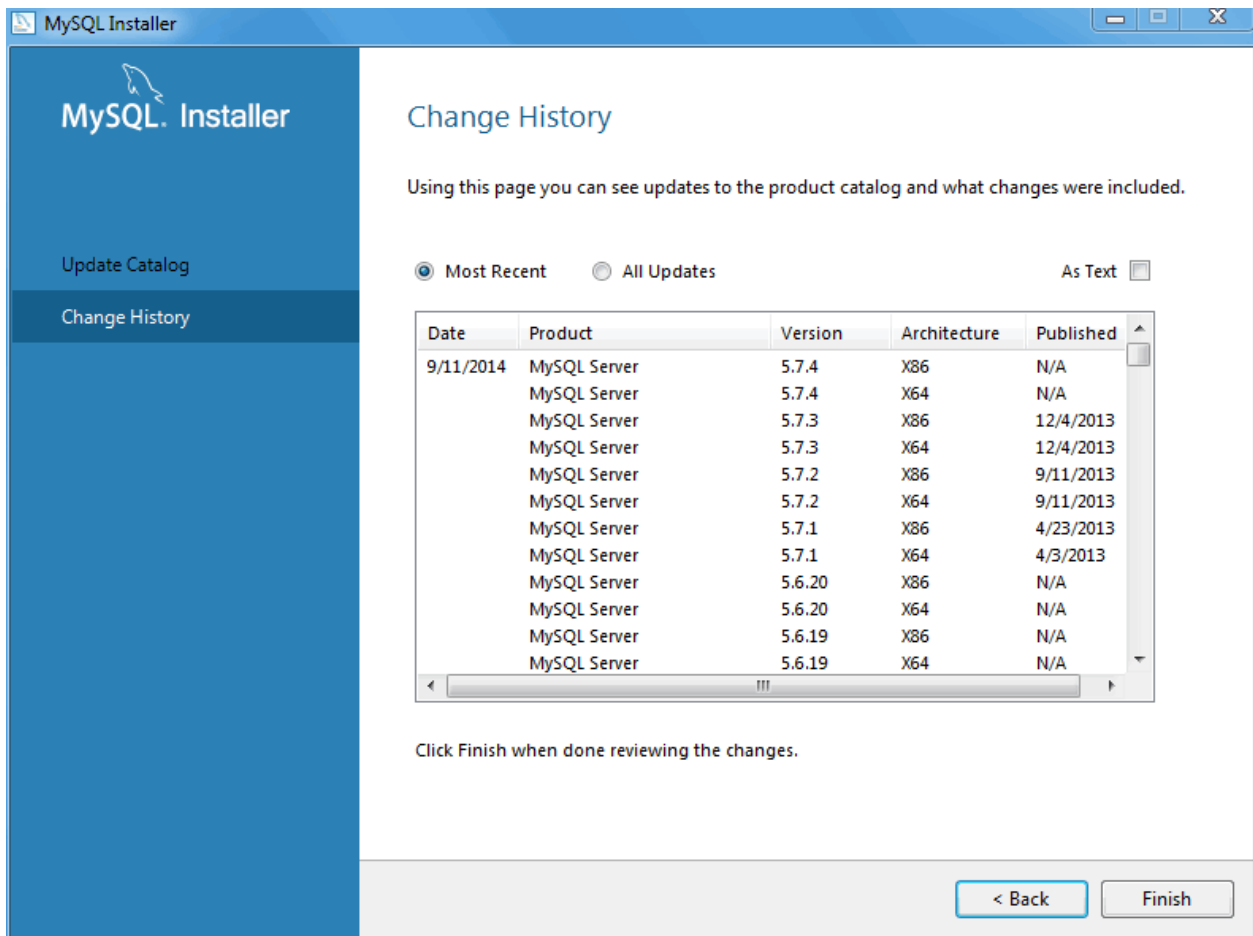
Figure 2.16 MySQL Installer - Configure the Catalog Scheduler

This option uses the Windows Task Scheduler to schedule a task named "ManifestUpdate".

Change History

MySQL Installer tracks the change history for all of the MySQL products. Click **Catalog** from the dashboard, optionally update the catalog (or, toggle the **Do not update at this time** checkbox), click **Next/Execute**, and then view the change history.

Figure 2.17 MySQL Installer - Catalog Change History



2.2 Remove MySQL Products

MySQL Installer can also remove MySQL products from your system. To remove a MySQL product, click **Remove** from the Installer dashboard. This opens a window with a list of installed MySQL products. Select the MySQL products you want to remove (uninstall), and then click **Execute** to begin the removal process.

Note

To select all MySQL products, click the ☐ checkbox to the left of the **Product** label.

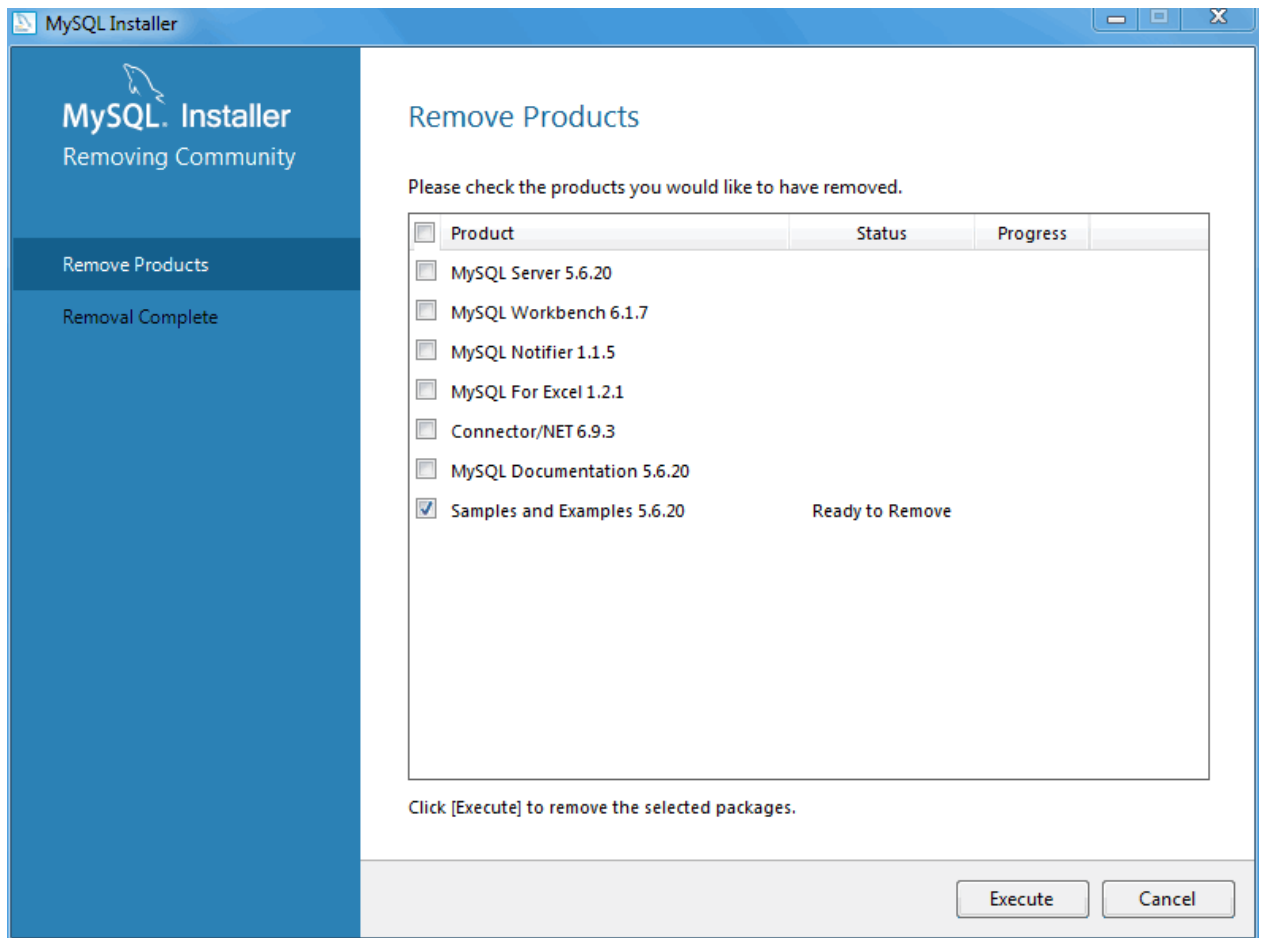
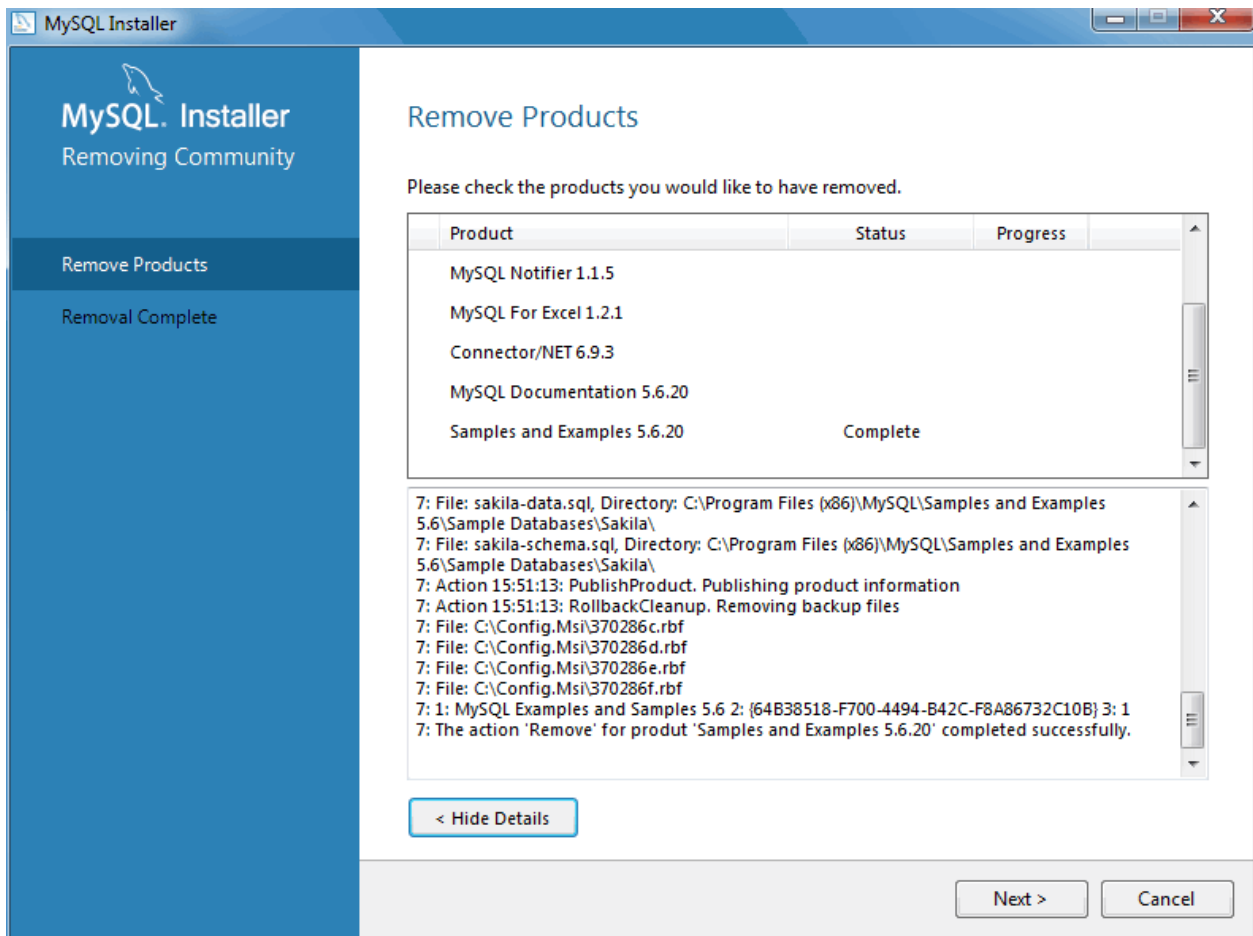
Figure 2.18 MySQL Installer - Removing Products: Select

Figure 2.19 MySQL Installer - Removing Products: Executed

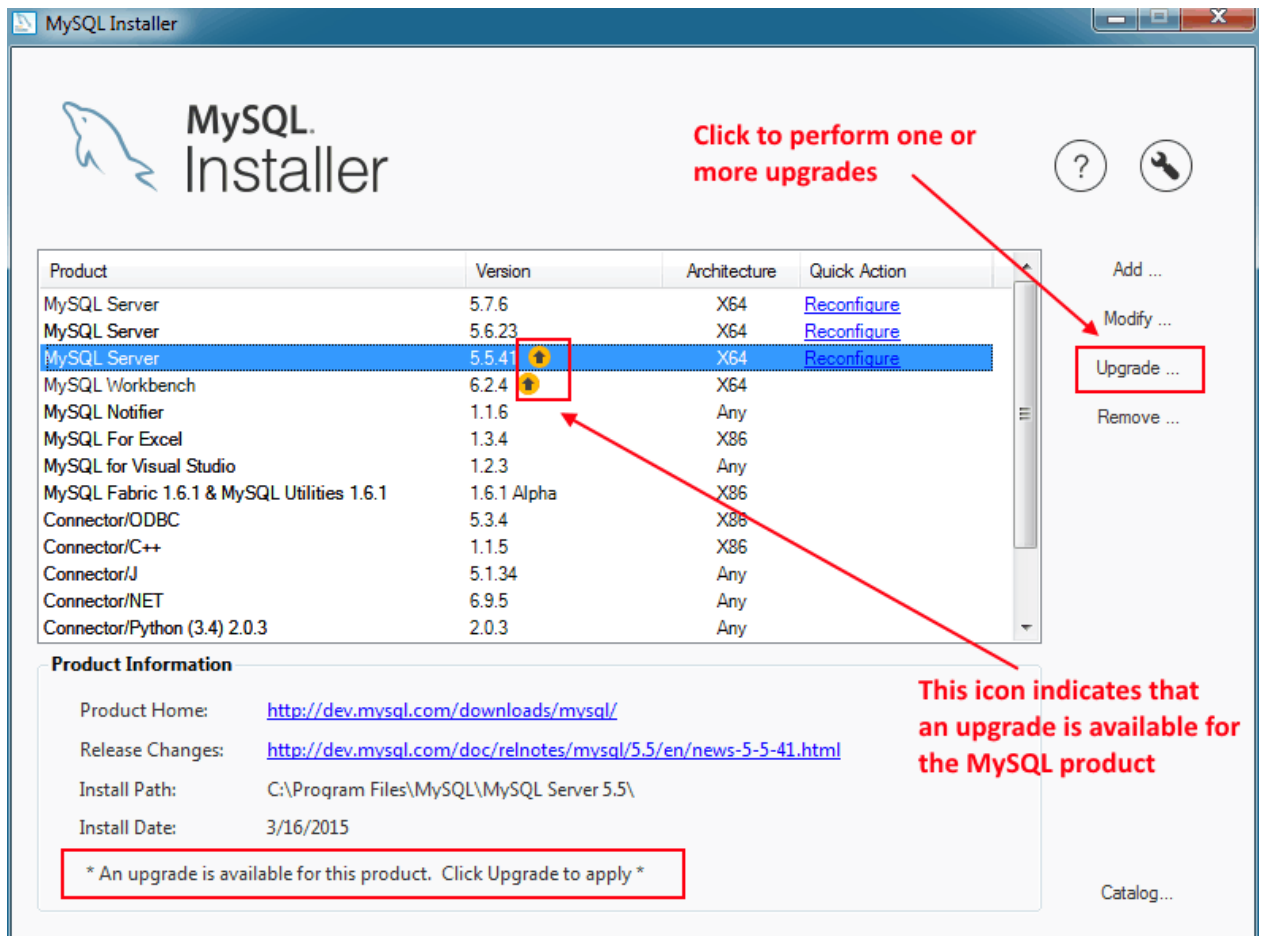
2.3 Alter MySQL Products

Use MySQL Installer to modify, configure, or upgrade your MySQL product installations.

Upgrade

Upgradable MySQL products are listed on the main dashboard with an arrow icon () next to their version number.

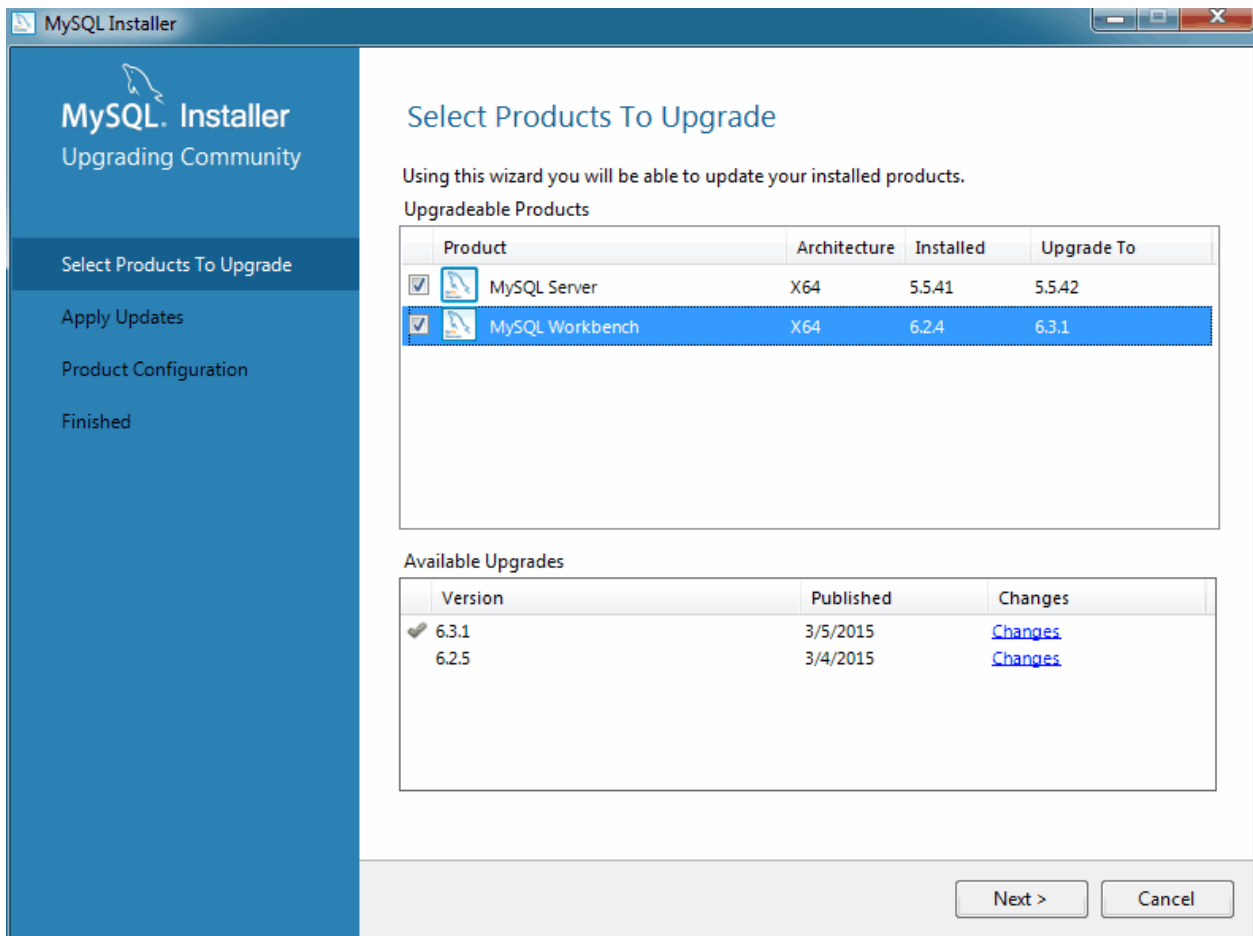
Figure 2.20 MySQL Installer - Upgrade a MySQL Product



Note

The "upgrade" functionality requires a current product catalog. This catalog is updated either manually or automatically (daily) by enabling the **Automatic Catalog Update** feature. For additional information, see [Section 2.1, "MySQL Product Catalog"](#).

Click **Upgrade** to upgrade the available products. Our example indicates that MySQL Workbench 6.2.4 can be upgraded version 6.3.1 or 6.2.5, and MySQL server from 5.5.41 to 5.5.42.

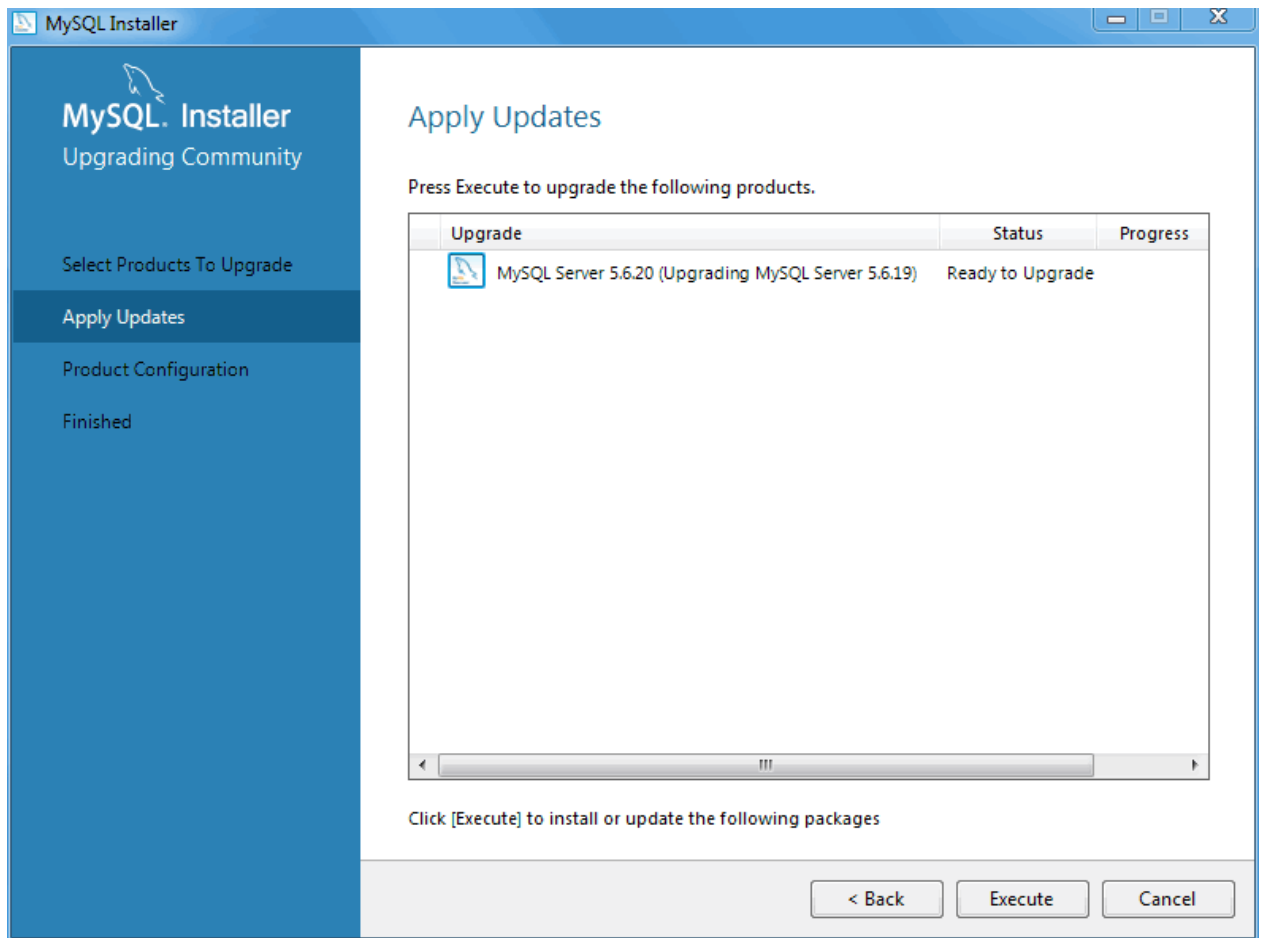
Figure 2.21 MySQL Installer - Select Products To Upgrade

If multiple upgrade versions are available (such as our MySQL Workbench example above), select the desired version for the upgrade in the **Available Upgrades** area.

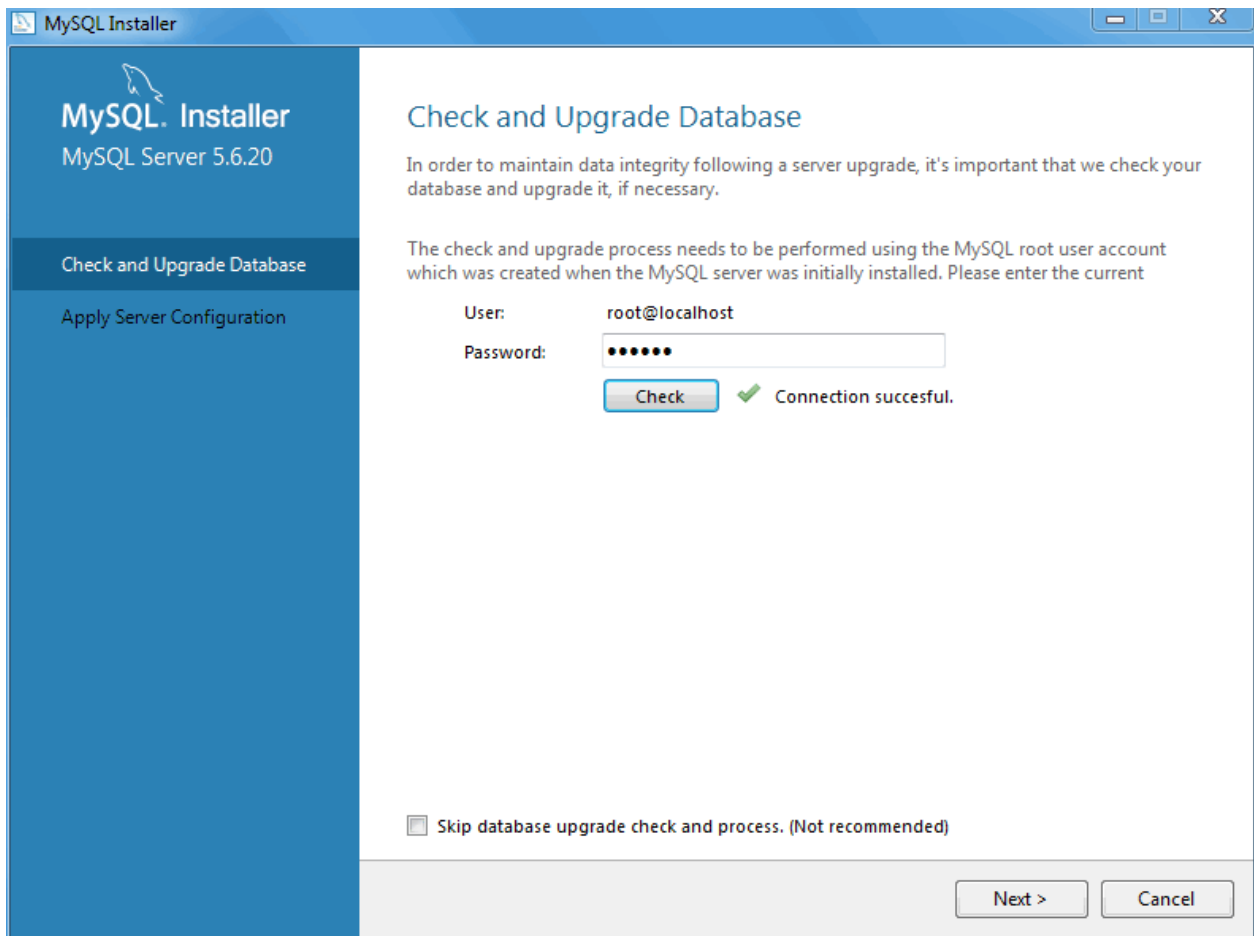
Note

Optionally, click the **Changes** link to view the version's release notes.

After selecting (checking) the products and versions to upgrade, click **Next** to begin the upgrade process.

Figure 2.22 MySQL Installer - Apply Updates

A MySQL server upgrade will also check and upgrade the server's database. Although optional, this step is recommended.

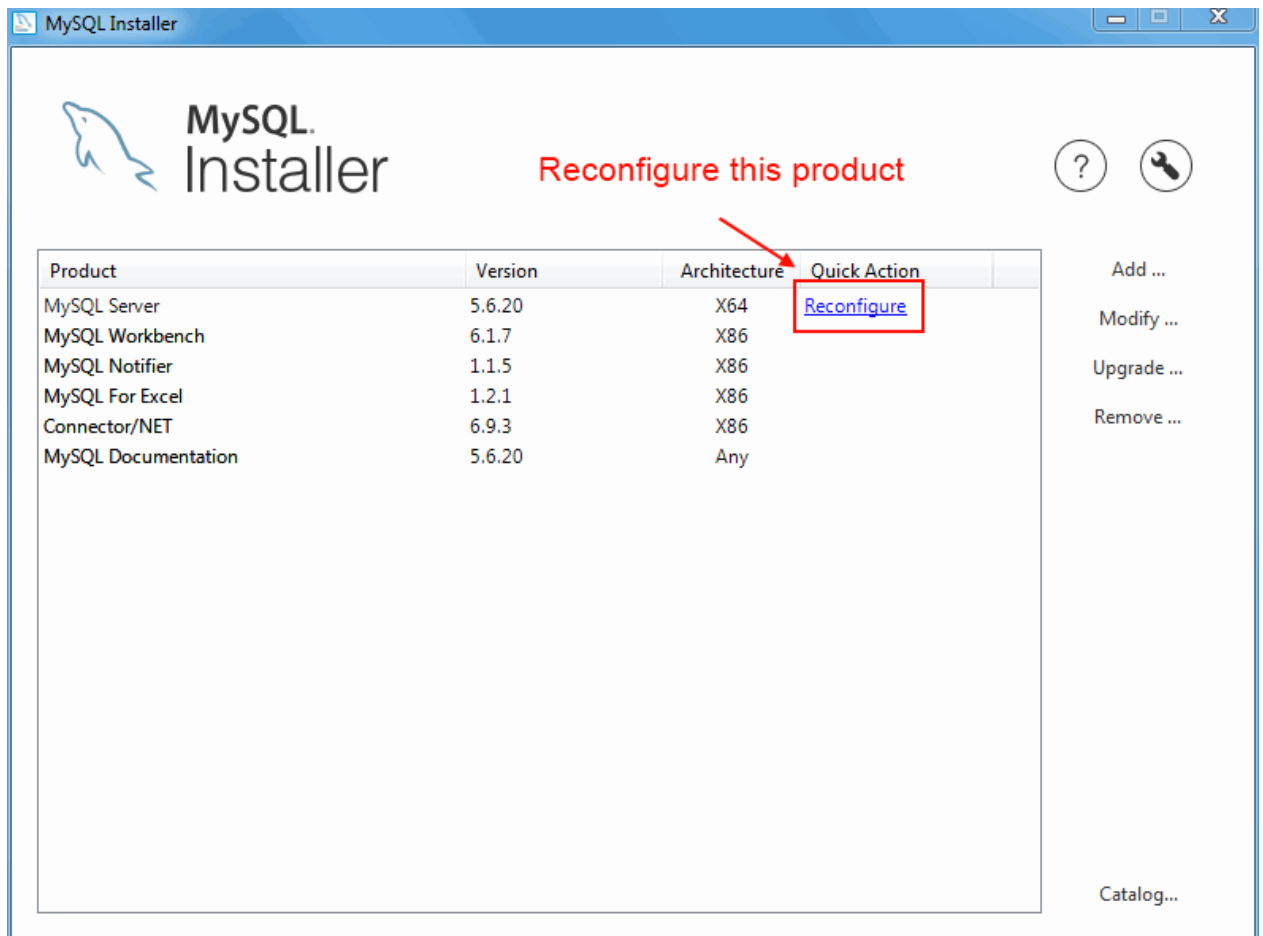
Figure 2.23 MySQL Installer - Check and Upgrade Database

Upon completion, your upgraded products will be upgraded and available to use. A MySQL server upgrade also restarts the MySQL server.

Reconfigure

Some MySQL products, such as the MySQL server, include a **Reconfigure** option. It opens the same configuration options that were set when the MySQL product was installed, and is pre-populated with the current values.

To execute, click the [Reconfigure](#) link under the **Quick Action** column on the main dashboard for the MySQL product that you want to reconfigure.

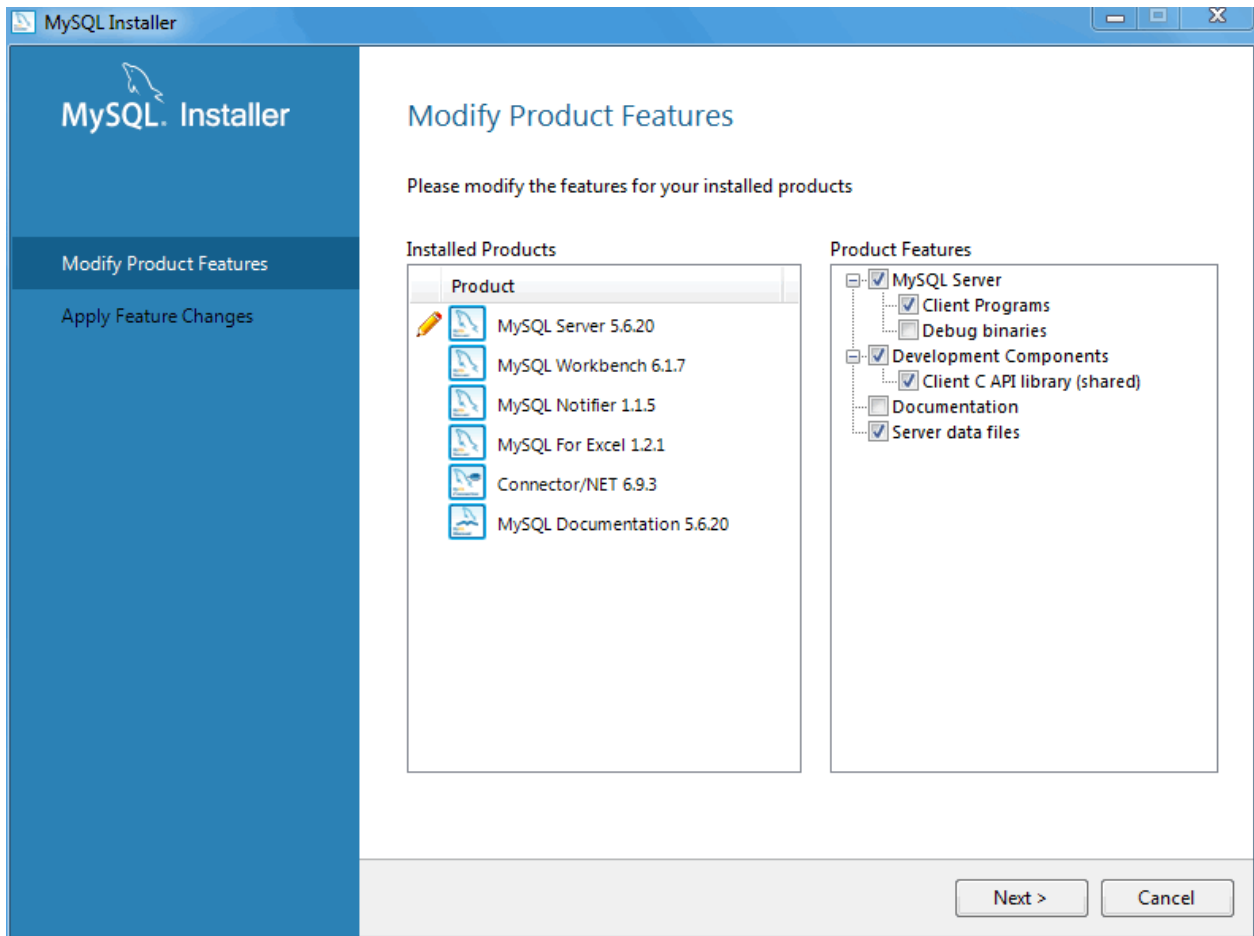
Figure 2.24 MySQL Installer - Reconfigure a MySQL Product

In the case of the MySQL server, this opens a configuration wizard that relates to the selected product. For example, for MySQL Server this includes setting the type, ports, log paths, and so on.

Modify

Many MySQL products contain feature components that can be added or removed. For example, [Debug binaries](#) and [Client Programs](#) are subcomponents of the MySQL server.

To modify the features of a product, click **Modify** on the main dashboard.

Figure 2.25 MySQL Installer - Modify Product Features

Click **Execute** to execute the modification request.

Chapter 3 MySQL Installer Console

MySQLInstallerConsole provides functionality similar to the GUI version of MySQL Installer, but from the command line. It is installed when MySQL Installer is initially executed, and then available within the **MySQL Installer** directory. Typically that is in **C:\Program Files (x86)\MySQL\MySQL Installer**, and the console must be executed with administrative privileges.

To use, invoke the Command Prompt with administrative privileges by choosing **Start, Accessories**, then right-click on **Command Prompt** and choose **Run as administrator**. And from the command-line, optionally change the directory to where **MySQLInstallerConsole.exe** is located:

```
C:\> cd Program Files (x86)\MySQL\MySQL Installer for Windows
C:\Program Files (x86)\MySQL\MySQL Installer for Windows> MySQLInstallerConsole.exe help
===== Start Initialization =====
MySQL Installer is running in Community mode
Attempting to update manifest.
Initializing product requirements
Loading product catalog
Checking for product catalog snippets
Checking for product packages in the bundle
Categorizing product catalog
Finding all installed packages.
Your product catalog was last updated at 11/1/2016 4:10:38 PM
===== End Initialization =====
The following commands are available:
Configure - Configures one or more of your installed programs.
Help      - Provides list of available commands.
Install   - Install and configure one or more available MySQL programs.
List      - Provides an interactive way to list all products available.
Modify    - Modifies the features of installed products.
Remove    - Removes one or more products from your system.
Status    - Shows the status of all installed products.
Update    - Update the current product catalog.
Upgrade   - Upgrades one or more of your installed programs.
```

MySQLInstallerConsole.exe supports the following options, which are specified on the command line:

Note

Configuration block values that contain a colon (":") must be wrapped in double quotes. For example, `installdir="C:\MySQL\MySQL Server 5.6"`.

- `configure [product1]:[setting]=[value]; [product2]:[setting]=[value]; [...]`

Configure one or more MySQL products on your system. Multiple setting=value pairs can be configured for each product.

Switches include:

- `-showsettings` : Displays the available options for the selected product, by passing in the product name after `-showsettings`.
- `-silent` : Disable confirmation prompts.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole configure -showsettings server
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole configure server:port=3307
```

- `help [command]`

Displays a help message with usage examples, and then exits. Pass in an additional command to receive help specific to that command.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole help
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole help install
```

- `install [product]:[features]:[config block]:[config block]:[config block]; [...]`

Install one or more MySQL products on your system.

Switches and syntax options include:

- `-type=[SetupType]` : Installs a predefined set of software. The "SetupType" can be one of the following:

Note

Non-custom setup types can only be chosen if no other MySQL products are installed.

- **Developer**: Installs a complete development environment.
- **Server**: Installs a single MySQL server
- **Client**: Installs client programs and libraries
- **Full**: Installs everything
- **Custom**: Installs user selected products. This is the default option.
- `-showsettings` : Displays the available options for the selected product, by passing in the product name after `-showsettings`.
- `-silent` : Disable confirmation prompts.
- `[config block]`: One or more configuration blocks can be specified. Each configuration block is a semicolon separated list of key value pairs. A block can include either a "config" or "user" type key, where "config" is the default type if one is not defined.

Configuration block values that contain a colon (":") must be wrapped in double quotes. For example, `installdir="C:\MySQL\MySQL Server 5.6"`.

Only one "config" type block can be defined per product. A "user" block should be defined for each user that should be created during the product's installation.

Note

Adding users is not supported when a product is being reconfigured.

- `[feature]`: The feature block is a semicolon separated list of features, or '*' to select all features.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole install server;5.6.25:*:port=3307;serverid=2:type=user;username=foo;password=bar;
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole install server;5.6.25;x64 -silent
```

An example that passes in additional configuration blocks, broken up by ^ to fit this screen:

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole install server;5.6.25;x64:*:type=config;openfirewall=true; ^
      generallog=true;binlog=true;serverid=3306;enable_tcpip=true;port=3306;rootpasswd=pass; ^
      installdir="C:\MySQL\MySQL Server 5.6":type=user;datadir="C:\MySQL\data";username=foo;password=
```

- `list`

Lists an interactive console where all of the available MySQL products can be searched. Execute `MySQLInstallerConsole list` to launch the console, and enter in a substring to search.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole list
```

- `modify [product1:-removelist|+addlist] [product2:-removelist|+addlist] [...]`

Modifies or displays features of a previously installed MySQL product.

- `-silent` : Disable confirmation prompts.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole modify server
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole modify server:+documentation
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole modify server:-debug
```

- `remove [product1] [product2] [...]`

Removes one or more products from your system.

- `*` : Pass in `*` to remove all of the MySQL products.
- `-continue` : Continue the operation even if an error occurs.
- `-silent` : Disable confirmation prompts.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole remove *
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole remove server
```

- `status`

Provides a quick overview of the MySQL products that are installed on the system. Information includes product name and version, architecture, date installed, and install location.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole status
```

- `update`

Downloads the latest MySQL product catalog to your system. On success, the download catalog will be applied the next time either `MySQLInstaller.exe` or `MySQLInstallerConsole.exe` is executed.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole update
```

Note

The **Automatic Catalog Update** GUI option executes this command from the Windows Task Scheduler.

- `upgrade [product1:version] [product2:version] [...]`

Upgrades one or more products on your system. Syntax options include:

- `*` : Pass in `*` to upgrade all products to the latest version, or pass in specific products.
- `!` : Pass in `!` as a version number to upgrade the MySQL product to its latest version.
- `-silent` : Disable confirmation prompts.

```
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole upgrade *
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole upgrade workbench:6.3.5
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole upgrade workbench:!
C:\> MySQLInstallerConsole upgrade workbench:6.3.5 excel:1.3.2
```