

# How to downgrade MySQL|MariaDB to an older version

## Preliminary considerations

Downgrading your MySQL|MariaDB server to an older version is not always a good thing, specially if you or your customers used some features which are not available in the version to which you want downgrade. Therefore, this action must be carefully considered.

## Downgrading

To downgrade to an older MySQL|MariaDB server version you must in order:

1. Backup your current `/var/lib/mysql` directory
2. Execute the following SQL query (SET GLOBAL innodb\_fast\_shutdown = 0;)
3. Stop your MySQL|MariaDB server
4. Remove any Debian flag file (`rm /var/lib/mysql/debian-*`)
5. Remove the InnoDB log files\* (`rm ib_logfile*`)

\* Only needed in some cases (eg. when downgrading from MariaDB 10)

Once the steps above are done, you can run the i-MSCP installer as follow

```
# perl imscp-autoinstall -dar sql
```

and choose the MySQL|MariaDB server version to which you want downgrade.

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