Install MySql Web Community Server Version 5.7.18.1 on Windows Server

Download the MSI (installer)

1. Download of MySQL msi installer from: https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/file/?id=470090. The file name will be mysql-installer-web-community-5.7.18.1.msi
2. Here is the Direct Link for downloading the msi without providing additional information for sign-up or log-in: https://dev.mysql.com/get/archives/mysql-installer/mysql-installer-web-community-5.7.18.1.msi (this is the same as the link at "**No Thanks, Just Start My Download**."

Begin the MySQL Installation to Determine Missing Prerequisites

1. Open Windows Explorer and navigate to the folder containing the downloaded file named "**mysql-installer-web-community-5.7.18.1.msi**"
2. Right-click the file icon and left click "Install" shown in the list presented

Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 is a Prerequisite to Installing MySQL 5.7.18.1

1. When you run the installer of MySQL, there may be an alert box that states, "This application requires .NET Framework 4.0. Please install the .NET framework then run this installer again. For more information, please see http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=181012" which takes you here https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=17113. Note that your "Add Features" list in Service Manager may only contain the ability to enable .NET Framework 3.0 or 3.5., so it may be better to go online and download the 4.0 version. It is compatible with both x86 and x64 according to the MS description. This site uses the web installer.
2. You can instead download and use the Standalone Installer for Microsoft .NET Framework 4 Client Profile redistributable package. It can be downloaded here https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=24872, and this page shows the system requirements, etc. Here is the direct manual download link: https://download.microsoft.com/download/5/6/2/562A10F9-C9F4-4313-A044-9C94E0A8FAC8/dotNetFx40_Client_x86_x64.exe.
3. Right Click the icon for the downloaded file "dotNetFx40_Client_x86_x64.exe" and left-click to select open or run as administrator.
4. Click the "Run" button on the security alert box to proceed with installation of .NET 4.0.
5. Accept the license terms (click the checkbox) and then click the Install button.
6. Watch the Installation Progress indicators (file vefification) and (Installing .NET Framework 4 Client Profile). It could take several minutes to install.
7. Click the "Finish" button when you see the message box saying "Installation is Complete" and ".NET Framework 4 Client Profile has been installed."

Restart the installation of MySQL Community Server if it was Necessary to

First Install .NET 4.0

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