

# MySQL

Tiki can use [MySQL](#) in two ways:

- As a **database**. This is where your data is stored. The default storage engine is [InnoDB](#). The other database choices are [MariaDB](#) and [Percona Server for MySQL](#)
- As a **search index**. This is a temporary copy of some of your data, optimized for quick retrieval. The storage engine here is [MyISAM](#). The index options are explained here: [Unified Index Comparison](#)

## See also

- [Requirements](#)
- [MySQL replication](#)
- [MySQL SSL](#)
- [Database independence](#)
- [MariaDB vs MySQL strategy](#)
- [File Storage](#)