

# 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