

# MySQL Database: How can I export data in CSV or tab delimited format?

Since you do not have the MySQL FILE priv, you cannot `SELECT INTO OUTFILE`.

However, you can still export your data in any format you want and read it back in using your favorite programming language:

You could write a script to dump out the data in the form of valid SQL statements. To read data back in, just execute all the SQL statements.

Or you could make a script to write a file with one row of table data per line, with table columns on each line separated by a delimiter character like a semicolon. To read the data back in, just execute a [LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE statement](#) in your MySQL Monitor.

The best way to get mysql data into a file is with the [mysqldump command](#). However, this is only useful if you intend to [import it back into another MySQL server later](#).

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