

# HTTP(s)-tunneling: Can I use HTTP-tunneling if I don't have PHP at my webhost

NO!

PHP must be available and either the `php_mysql()` or the `php_mysqli()` extension or extension must be enabled in PHP configuration.

Starting from SQLyog 5.23 both extensions is supported and the tunneler will automatically detect which one is available and use it. If both are available `php_mysqli()` will be used. `php_mysqli()` is preferred with MySQL 5.0 and higher in particular. However still with shared servers at ISP's you may still find in some places that `php_mysql()` and not `php_mysqli()` is configured - in particular where the OS a rather old Linux (or other Unix). However you won't have to bother. SQLyog uses the best available option.

You can check with your webhost if [SSH tunneling](#) is available. SQLyog supports that too.

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