

# Connecting with Python

This guide explains how to establish a connection between a Python application and a MySQL database using the `mysql-connector-python` package. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and execution of a simple SQL query.

## Variables

Certain parameters must be provided to establish a successful connection to a MySQL database. Below is a breakdown of each required variable, its purpose, and where to find it. Here's what each variable represents:

Variable	Description	Purpose
<code>USER</code>	MySQL username, from the Elestio service overview page	Identifies the database user who has permission to access the MySQL database.
<code>PASSWORD</code>	MySQL password, from the Elestio service overview page	The authentication key is required for the specified USER to access the database.
<code>HOST</code>	Hostname for MySQL connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The address of the server hosting the MySQL database.
<code>PORT</code>	Port for MySQL connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The network port used to connect to MySQL. The default port is 3306.
<code>DATABASE</code>	Database Name for MySQL connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The name of the database being accessed. A MySQL instance can contain multiple databases.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below, make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the code moving ahead.



mysql-rpccp1

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Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated



Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

Host	mysql-rpccp1-u7774.vm.elestio.app	
Port	24306	
User	root	
Password	*****	Show password
CLI	mysql --host=mysql-rpccp1-u7774.vm.elestio.app --port=24306 --user=root --password=*****	Show password

# Prerequisites

- **Install Python**

- Check if Python is installed by running: `python --version`
- If not installed, download it from [python.org](https://python.org) and install it.

- **Install the `mysql-connector-python` Package**

- The `mysql-connector-python` package enables Python applications to interact with MySQL. Install it using: `pip install mysql-connector-python`

# Code

Once all prerequisites are set up, create a new file named `mysql_connect.py` and add the following code:

```
import mysql.connector

# Database connection configuration
config = {
```

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"host": "HOST",
"user": "USER",
"password": "PASSWORD",
"database": "DATABASE",
"port": PORT
}

try:
    # Establish the connection
    connection = mysql.connector.connect(**config)
    print("Connected to MySQL")

    # Create a cursor and execute a test query
    cursor = connection.cursor()
    cursor.execute("SELECT VERSION()")

    # Fetch and print the result
    version = cursor.fetchone()
    print("MySQL Version:", version[0])

except mysql.connector.Error as err:
    print("Connection failed:", err)

finally:
    if 'cursor' in locals():
        cursor.close()
    if 'connection' in locals() and connection.is_connected():
        connection.close()
    print("Connection closed")
```

To execute the script, open the terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory where `mysql_connect.py` is located. Once in the correct directory, run the script with the command:

```
python mysql_connect.py
```

If the connection is successful, the terminal will display output similar to:

```
Connected to MySQL
MySQL Version: 8.0.41
Connection closed
```

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