

13.5.4.6. SHOW DATABASES Syntax

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SHOW {DATABASES | SCHEMAS} [LIKE 'pattern']
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SHOW DATABASES lists the databases on the MySQL server host. You can also get this list using the **mysqlshow** command. As of MySQL 4.0.2, you see only those databases for which you have some kind of privilege, if you don't have the global SHOW DATABASES privilege.

If the server was started with the `--skip-show-database` option, you cannot use this statement at all unless you have the SHOW DATABASES privilege.

SHOW SCHEMAS can be used as of MySQL 5.0.2