## **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