

**NAME**

`mysql_convert_table_format` - convert tables to use a given storage engine

**SYNOPSIS**

`mysql_convert_table_format` [*options*] *db\_name*

**DESCRIPTION**

`mysql_convert_table_format` converts the tables in a database to use a particular storage engine (MyISAM by default). `mysql_convert_table_format` is written in Perl and requires that the DBI and DBD::mysql Perl modules be installed (see Section 2.12, “Perl Installation Notes”).

Invoke `mysql_convert_table_format` like this:

```
shell> mysql_convert_table_format [options]db_name
```

The *db\_name* argument indicates the database containing the tables to be converted.

`mysql_convert_table_format` supports the options described in the following list.

- **--help**  
Display a help message and exit.
- **--force**  
Continue even if errors occur.
- **--host=host\_name**  
Connect to the MySQL server on the given host.
- **--password=password**  
The password to use when connecting to the server. The password value is not optional for this option, unlike for other MySQL programs.  
Specifying a password on the command line should be considered insecure. See Section 6.1.2.1, “End-User Guidelines for Password Security”. You can use an option file to avoid giving the password on the command line.
- **--port=port\_num**  
The TCP/IP port number to use for the connection.
- **--socket=path**  
For connections to localhost, the Unix socket file to use.
- **--type=engine\_name**  
Specify the storage engine that the tables should be converted to use. The default is MyISAM if this option is not given.
- **--user=user\_name**  
The MySQL user name to use when connecting to the server.
- **--verbose**  
Verbose mode. Print more information about what the program does.
- **--version**  
Display version information and exit.

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**SEE ALSO**

For more information, please refer to the MySQL Reference Manual, which may already be installed locally and which is also available online at <http://dev.mysql.com/doc/>.

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