

# Server-initiated instant failover in MariaDB

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# Role model: HTTP 301 Redirect

```
curl -IL optimisedbyotto.com
```

```
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently
```

```
Server: nginx
```

```
Content-Type: text/html
```

```
Location: https://optimisedbyotto.com
```

```
Cache-Control: max-age=10800
```

```
HTTP/2 200
```

```
cache-control: max-age=600
```

```
content-type: text/html; charset=utf-8
```

```
content-length: 59906
```

- Part of the HTTP standard since *decades*, all servers and clients support it
- Tell all new connections to go to a new server instead
- Will not interrupt existing connections, e.g. large downloads in progress
- If HTTPS is used, it will validate the server TLS certificate first

# DEMO: MDEV-34009

***`mariadb`*** ***`--help --verbose`***

`--instant-failover-mode=name`

Instant failover mode. Possible modes are: OFF - No instant failover, ON: Unconditionally redirect new clients connecting over the network via the standard server port to `INSTANT_FAILOVER_TARGET` (no redirection of local socket-based connections, nor of connections to the `EXTRA_PORT`), ALL: Unconditionally redirect all new clients to `INSTANT_FAILOVER_TARGET` (even via local socket-based connections and the `EXTRA_PORT`).

`--instant-failover-target=name`

Instant failover target. This should be a hostname, an IP address, or a hostname or IP address followed by `':PORT'`. Instant failover will not be activated unless `INSTANT_FAILOVER_MODE` is also set.

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***mariadb --help --verbose***

`--follow-instant-failovers`

Follow instant failovers. Disable with  
`--disable-follow-instant-failovers`. This option is  
enabled by default.

(Defaults to on; use `--skip-follow-instant-failovers` to disable.)

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# Should this be in MariaDB?

Prototype developed by Amazon RDS for MySQL & MariaDB core engine team, submitted by Daniel Lenski in June 2023 in PR#2681 and again in April 2024 in PR#3224

<https://github.com/MariaDB/server/pull/3224>: [MDEV-34009] Introduce server-initiated instant failover mechanism (and TLS fixes)

<https://github.com/mariadb-corporation/mariadb-connector-c/pull/245>: [MDEV-34009] Client-side implementation of instant failover mechanism (and TLS fixes)