

# Apache MySQL PHP PHPAdmin Install

## Installing [Apache 2](#)

To only install the apache2 webserver, use any method to install apache2

It requires a restart for it to work

**sudo /etc/init.d/apache2 restart**

## Checking Apache 2 installation

With your web browser, go to the URI `http://localhost` : if you read “It works!”, which is the content of the file `/var/www/index.html` , this proves Apache works.

## Troubleshooting Apache

If you get this error:

***apache2: Could not determine the server's fully qualified domain name, using 127.0.0.1 for ServerName***

then use a text editor such as “**sudo nano**” at the command line or “**gksudo gedit**” on the desktop to create a new file,

**sudo nano /etc/apache2/conf.d/fqdn**  
or  
**gksu “gedit /etc/apache2/conf.d/fqdn”**

then add

**ServerName localhost**

to the file and save. This can all be done in a single command with the following:

**echo “ServerName localhost” | sudo tee /etc/apache2/conf.d/fqdn**

## Virtual Hosts

Apache2 has the concept of sites, which are separate configuration files that Apache2 will read. These are available in **/etc/apache2/sites-available**. By default, there is one site available called default this is what you will see when you browse to **http://localhost** or **http://127.0.0.1**.

You can have many different site configurations available, and activate only those that you need. As an example, we want the default site to be `/home/user/public_html/`. To do this, we must create a new site and then enable it in Apache2.

To create a new site:

Copy the default website as a starting point. **sudo cp /etc/apache2/sites-available/default /etc/apache2/sites-available/mysite**

Edit the new configuration file in a text editor “**sudo nano**” on the command line or “**gksudo gedit**”, for

example: **gksudo gedit /etc/apache2/sites-available/mysite**

Change the DocumentRoot to point to the new location. For example, **/home/user/public\_html/**

Change the Directory directive, replace to  
**/home/user/public\_html/>**

You can also set separate logs for each site. To do this, change the ErrorLog and CustomLog directives. This is optional, but handy if you have many sites

Save the file

Now, we must deactivate the old site, and activate our new one. Ubuntu provides two small utilities that take care of this: **a2ensite** (apache2enable site) and **a2dissite** (apache2disable site).

**sudo a2dissite default && sudo a2ensite mysite**

Finally, we restart Apache2:

**sudo /etc/init.d/apache2 restart**

If you have not created **/home/user/public\_html/**, you will receive an warning message To test the new site, create a file in **/home/user/public\_html/**:

echo **'Hello! It is working!'** > **/home/user/public\_html/index.html**

Finally, browse to **http://localhost/**

## Installing [PHP 5](#)

To only install PHP5. use any method to install the package

**libapache2-mod-php5**

Enable this module by doing

**sudo a2enmod php5**

which creates a symbolic link **/etc/apache2/mods-enabled/php5** pointing to **/etc/apache2/modsavailable/php5** .

Except if you use deprecated PHP code beginning only by “inadvisable), open, as root, the file **/etc/php5/apache2/php.ini** , look for the line “**short\_open\_tag = On**”, change it to “**short\_open\_tag = Off**” (not including the quotation marks) and add a line of comment (beginning by a semi-colon) giving the reason, the author and the date of this change.

This way, if you later want some XML or XHTML file to be served as PHP, the “of being seen as a PHP code mistake.

Relaunch Apache 2 by

**sudo service apache2 restart**

## Checking PHP 5 installation

In **/var/www** , create a text file called “**test.php**”, grant the world (or, at least, Ubuntu user “apache”) permission to read it, write in it the only line: “” (without the quotation marks) then, with your web browser, go to the URI “**http://localhost/test.php**”: if you can see a description of PHP5 configuration, it proves PHP 5 works with Apache.

## Troubleshooting PHP 5

Does your browser ask if you want to download the php file instead of displaying it? If Apache is not actually parsing the php after you restarted it, install

**libapache2-mod-php5.**

It is installed when you install the php5 package, but may have been removed inadvertently by packages which need to run a different version of php.

If **sudo a2enmod php5** returns “\$ This module does not exist!”, you should purge (not just remove) the **libapache2-mod-php5** package and reinstall it.

Be sure to clear your browser’s cache before testing your site again. To do this in Firefox 4: Edit ? **Preferences ... Privacy ? History: clear your recent history ? Details : choose “Everything” in “Time range to clean” and check only “cache”, then click on “Clear now”.**

Remember that, for Apache to be called, the URI in your web browser must begin with “**http://**”. If it begins with “**file://**”, then the file is read directly by the browser, without Apache, so you get (X)HTML and CSS, but no PHP.

If you didn’t configure any host alias or virtual host, then a local URI begins with “**http://localhost**”, “**http://127.0.0.1**” or **http://**” followed by your IP number.

If the problem persists, check your PHP file authorisations (it should be readable at least by Ubuntu user “apache”), and check if the PHP code is correct. For instance, copy your PHP file, replace your whole PHP file content by “” (without the quotation marks): if you get the PHP test page in your web browser, then the problem is in your PHP code, not in Apache or PHP configuration nor in file permissions.

If this doesn’t work, then it is a problem of file authorisation, Apache or PHP configuration, cache not emptied, or Apache not running or not restarted. Use the display of that test file in your web browser to see the list of files influencing PHP behavior.

### Installing **MYSQL** with PHP 5

Use any method to install

**mysql-server libapache2-mod-auth-mysql php5-mysql**

After installing PHP

You may need to increase the memory limit that PHP imposes on a script. Edit the **/etc/php5/apache2/php.ini** file and increase the **memory\_limit** value.

After installing MySQL

Set mysql bind address

Before you can access the database from other computers in your network, you have to change its bind address. Note that this can be a security problem, because your database can be accessed by other computers than your own. Skip this step if the applications which require mysql are running on the same machine. type:

**nano /etc/mysql/my.cnf**

and change the line: **bind-address = localhost**

to your own internal ip address e.g. 192.168.1.20

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If your ip address is dynamic you can also comment out the bind-address line and it will default to your current ip.

If you try to connect without changing the bind-address you will receive a “**Can not connect to mysql error 10061**”.

### Set mysql root password

Before accessing the database by console you need to type:

**mysql -u root**

At the mysql console type:

**mysql> SET PASSWORD FOR ‘root’@‘localhost’ = PASSWORD(‘yourpassword’);**

A successful mysql command will show:

**Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)**

Mysql commands can span several lines. Do not forget to end your mysql command with a semicolon.

Note: If you have already set a password for the mysql root, you will need to use:

**mysql -u root -p**

*(Did you forget the mysql-root password? See [MysqlPasswordReset](#).)*

### Create a mysql database

**mysql> CREATE DATABASE database1;**

### Create a mysql user

For creating a new user with all privileges (use only for troubleshooting), at mysql prompt type:

**mysql> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON \*.\* TO 'yourusername'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'yourpassword' WITH GRANT OPTION;**

For creating a new user with fewer privileges (should work for most web applications) which can only use the database named "**database1**", at mysql prompt type:

**mysql> GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, CREATE, DROP, INDEX, ALTER, CREATE TEMPORARY TABLES, LOCK TABLES ON database1.\* TO 'yourusername'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'yourpassword';**

yourusername and yourpassword can be anything you like. database1 is the name of the database the user gets access to. localhost is the location which gets access to your database. You can change it to '%'

(or to hostnames or ip addresses) to allow connections from every location (or only from specific locations) to the database.

Note, that this can be a security problem and should only be used for testing purposes!

To exit the mysql prompt type:

**mysql> q**

Since the mysql root password is now set, if you need to use mysql again (as the mysql root), you will need to use:

**mysql -u root -p**

and then enter the password at the prompt.

### Backup-Settings

Please, let's say something in which directories mysql stores the database information and how to configure a backup

### Alternatively

There is more than just one way to set the mysql root password and create a database. For example mysqladmin can be used:

**mysqladmin -u root -p password yourpassword**

and

**mysqladmin -u root -p create database1**

mysqladmin is a command-line tool provided by the default LAMP install.

Phpmyadmin and mysql-admin

All mysql tasks including setting the root password and creating databases can be done via a graphical interface using phpmyadmin or mysql-admin.

To install one or both of them, first enable the universe repository

I am using Ubuntu server (command line)

I am using a desktop  
Use any method to install phpmyadmin

### **Troubleshooting Phpmyadmin & mysql-admin**

If you get blowfish\_secret error: Choose and set a phrase for cryptography in the file **/etc/phpmyadmin/blowfish\_secret.inc.php** and copy the line (not the php tags) into the file **/etc/phpmyadmin/config.inc.php** or you will receive an error.

If you get a 404 error upon visiting **http://localhost/phpmyadmin**:

You will need to configure  
apache2.conf to work with Phpmyadmin.  
**sudo gedit /etc/apache2/apache2.conf**

Include the following line at the bottom of the file, save and quit.  
Include **/etc/phpmyadmin/apache.conf**

### **Alternative: install phpMyAdmin from source**

See the phpMyAdmin page for instructions on how to install phpmyadmin from source:

### **Mysql-admin**

**Mysql-admin runs locally, on the desktop. Use any method to install mysql-admin**

For more information

2.9.3. Securing the Initial MySQL Accounts from the MySQL Reference Manual is worth reading.

### **Edit Apache Configuration**

You may want your current user to be the PHP pages administrator. To do so, edit the

Apacheconfiguration file :

**\$ gksudo "gedit /etc/apache2/apache2.conf"**

Search both the strings starting by "User" and "Group", and change the names by the current username and groupname you are using. Then you'll need to restart Apache.

Configuration options relating specifically to user websites (accessed through localhost/~username) are in **/etc/apache2/mods-enabled/userdir.conf**.

Run, Stop, Test, And Restart Apache

Use the following command to run Apache :

**\$ sudo /usr/sbin/apache2ctl start**

To stop it, use :

**\$ sudo /usr/sbin/apache2ctl stop**

To test configuration changes, use :

**\$ sudo /usr/sbin/apache2ctl configtest**

Finally, to restart it, run :

**\$ sudo /usr/sbin/apache2ctl restart**

Alternatively, you can use a graphical interface by installing Rapache or the simpler localhost-indicator.

### Using Apache

You can access apache by typing 127.0.0.1 or http://localhost (by default it will be listening on port 80) in your browser address bar. By default the directory for apache server pages is **/var/www**.

It needs root access in order to put files in. A way to do it is just starting the file browser as root in a terminal:

**\$ sudo nautilus**

or

if you want to make **/var/www** your own. (Use only for non-production web servers – this is not the most secure way to do things.)

**\$ sudo chown -R \$USER:\$USER /var/www**

Status

To check the status of your PHP installation:

**\$ gksudo "gedit /var/www/testphp.php"**

and insert the following line

View this page on a web browser at <http://yourserveripaddress/testphp.php> or <http://localhost/testphp.php>

### Securing Apache

If you just want to run your Apache install as a development server and want to prevent it from listening for incoming connection attempts, this is easy to do.

**\$ gksudo "gedit /etc/apache2/ports.conf"**

**\$ password:**

Change ports.conf so that it contains:

**Listen 127.0.0.1:80**

Save this file, and restart Apache (see above). Now Apache will serve only to your home domain, **http://127.0.0.1** or **http://localhost**.

### Password-Protect a Directory

There are 2 ways to password-protect a specific directory. The recommended way involves editing **/etc/apache2/apache2.conf**. (To do this, you need root access). The other way involves editing a **.htaccess** file in the directory to be protected. (To do this, you need access to that directory). Password-Protect a Directory With .htaccess