

Apache 2.4 and PHP 5/7

Apache 2.4 Installation

1. Install apache 2.4

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install apache2
```

2. Add one of the two commands to add the user to apache's user group:

```
$ sudo adduser <user> www-data
$ sudo usermod -a -G www-data <user>
```

3. Setup your virtual hosts
4. Create sub folders in /var/log/apache2 if you setup log files for the virtual hosts in sub folders
5. Install and configure [Let's Encrypt Certbot](#)

PHP Installation

1. Install packages

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install -y curl wget gnupg2 ca-certificates lsb-release apt-transport-https software-properties-common
```

2. Add the SURY repository to your system

```
$ echo "deb https://packages.sury.org/php/ $(lsb_release -sc) main" |
sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/sury-php.list
```

3. Import the repository key

```
$ wget -qO- https://packages.sury.org/php/apt.gpg | sudo tee
/etc/apt/trusted.gpg.d/sury.gpg
```

4. Install the desired PHP version, where V is the major and v is the minor version number, for example 5.6 or 7.4

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install phpV.v
```

5. Enable modules:

```
$ sudo a2enmod ssl
$ sudo a2enmod proxy
$ sudo a2enmod proxy_http
```

```
$ sudo a2enmod rewrite
```

- [Fix the apt-key deprecation error in Linux](#)

PHP Extensions

- PHP extensions for Joomla:

```
$ sudo apt install phpV.v-{bz2 curl gd mbstring mysql xml zip bcmath}  
phpV.v-{json}
```

- PHP extensions for Wiki:

```
$ sudo apt install phpV.v-{bz2 curl gd mbstring mysql xml zip sqlite3}  
phpV.v-{json}
```

- Restart the service with one of the 2 commands below:

```
$ sudo service apache2 restart
```

Set or change PHP version

1. Set the desired PHP version for Apache2 and restart the service with one of the 2 commands below:

```
sudo a2dismod phpV.v  
sudo a2enmod phpV.v  
sudo systemctl restart apache2  
sudo service apache2 restart
```

2. Set the desired PHP version for CLI:

```
sudo update-alternatives --set php /usr/bin/phpV.v  
sudo update-alternatives --set phar /usr/bin/pharV.v  
sudo update-alternatives --set phar.phar /usr/bin/phar.pharV.v
```

3. Check PHP cli Version

```
php -v
```

4. Check PHP apache2 Version: call phpinfo(); in a script
5. Once you have installed a required extension, use the below command to verify it

```
php -m | grep -i mysql
```

- [How to Switch between Multiple PHP Version on Debian 9](#)

Settings

Harden apache

- change *ServerTokens* and *ServerSignature* in */etc/apache2/conf.d/security.conf*
- add *Require all granted* to your web space, possibly exclude black listed ip addresses, and restrict access to phpmyadmin etc. Put a respective conf file into */etc/apache2/conf.d*.

Check ini files

- apache2: load a php file with the following content

```
<?php phpinfo();?>
```

- cli:

```
php --ini
```

php.ini

- ```
max_execution_time = 120
max_input_vars = 2000
memory_limit = 512M
post_max_size = 32M
sys_temp_dir = "/tmp"
upload_tmp_dir = "/tmp"
upload_max_filesize = 16M
date.timezone = Asia/Bangkok
```

## Xdebug

1. Open terminal and write following command:

```
php -i > /var/www/html/php_info.txt
```

2. Copy the output from */var/www/html/php\_info.txt*
3. Go to the [Xdebug: Installation Wizard](#), and paste the output inside the text box on the page. It will analyze the output and will recommend the most suited package of Xdebug.
4. Download that package from the output before by clicking on it's name, for example *xdebug-3.3.2.tgz*
5. Install the pre-requisites for compiling PHP extensions

```
sudo apt install phpV.v-dev autoconf automake
```

6. Unpack the downloaded file with `tar -xvzf xdebug-3.3.2.tgz` within a temp folder, then

change to that folder, run `phpize` and check it's output:

```
cd xdebug-3.3.2
phpize
Configuring for:
PHP Api Version: 20230831 (8.3)
Zend Module Api No: 20230831
Zend Extension Api No: 3220170718 (7.2), 320190902 (7.4)
```

7. If it does not, you are using the wrong `phpize`. Please follow [this FAQ entry](#) and skip the next step.
8. Run:

```
./configure
make
```

9. Copy the module to:

```
sudo cp modules/xdebug.so /usr/lib/php/{20170718, 20190902}
```

10. Modify the configuration in `/etc/php/{7.2, 7.4}/cli/php.ini` for Xdebug 2:

```
zend_extension = /usr/lib/php/{20170718, 20190902}/xdebug.so
xdebug.remote_enable=1
xdebug.remote_port=9000 (default: 9000)
xdebug.profiler_enable=0
xdebug.profiler_enable_trigger=1
xdebug.profiler_output_dir=PATH_TO_PROFILER_OUTPUT_DIR
xdebug.remote_log=PATH_TO_LOG/xdebug.log
```

1. Change the `PATH_TO_PROFILER_OUTPUT_DIR` to point to the directory you want to receive profiler output. change `PATH_TO_LOG` to point to the directory where you want to receive `xdebug.log`.
  2. Make sure that `zend_extension = /usr/lib/php/20190902/xdebug.so` is below the line for `OPcache`. Please also update `php.ini` files in adjacent directories (*apache2* and *cli*), as your system might be configured with a separate `php.ini` file for the web server and command line.
11. Restart your webserver.
12. Create a PHP page that has `phpinfo()`. Load it in a browser and look for the info on the Xdebug module. If you see it next to the Zend logo, you have been successful!
13. On the command line, you can also `php -m`. This lists all loaded modules. Xdebug should appear twice there (once under 'PHP Modules' and once under 'Zend Modules').

## phpMyAdmin

Debian 10/11, other than Debian 9, require manual installation of `phpmyadmin`, `phpmyadmin` has been removed from Debian's repositories.

## Installation

- Download [phpMyAdmin](#) from the Downloads page, scroll down to the table with download links for the latest stable release, and copy the download link ending in tar.gz:

```
wget
https://files.phpmyadmin.net/phpMyAdmin/5.0.2/phpMyAdmin-5.0.2-english.
tar.gz
```

- Unzip the tarball, then move the folder:

```
tar xvf phpMyAdmin-5.0.2-english.tar.gz
sudo mv phpMyAdmin-5.0.2-english/ /usr/share/phpmyadmin
```

## Configuration

- To begin, make a new directory where phpMyAdmin will store its temporary files and set ownership:

```
sudo mkdir -p /var/lib/phpmyadmin/tmp
sudo chown -R www-data:www-data /var/lib/phpmyadmin
```

- In the same folder, create a file with the blowfish secret passphrase and set permissions:

```
sudo vim /var/lib/phpmyadmin/blowfish_secret.inc.php
<?php
$config['blowfish_secret'] = '32-CHAR-LONG-SECRET-KEY';
<ESC>:wq
sudo chown root:www-data /var/lib/phpmyadmin/blowfish_secret.inc.php
sudo chmod 640 /var/lib/phpmyadmin/blowfish_secret.inc.php
```

- Copy folder [phpmyadmin](#) from a Debian 9 installation to /etc. Check the **apache.conf** file and remove path elements in *php\_admin\_value open\_basedir* which do not exist in your system.
- Symlink the configuration files for apache:

```
cd /etc/apache2/conf-available
ln -s ../../phpmyadmin/apache.conf phpmyadmin.conf
cd ../conf-enabled
ln -s ../conf-available/phpmyadmin.conf phpmyadmin.conf
```

- Symlink the configuration files for phpmyadmin in it's root folder:

```
cd /usr/share/phpmyadmin
ln -s /etc/phpmyadmin/config.inc.php config.inc.php
ln -s /etc/phpmyadmin/config.header.inc.php config.header.inc.php
ln -s /etc/phpmyadmin/config.footer.inc.php config.footer.inc.php
```

- Create a additional config file with the path to the **tmp** directory:

```
vim /etc/phpmyadmin/conf.d/tempdir.php
```

```
<?php
$config['TempDir'] = '/var/lib/phpmyadmin/tmp';
```

- Make sure the *phpmyadmin* user has been created in mysql:

```
mysql -u <my-admin-user> -p
SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;
CREATE USER 'user'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
GRANT USAGE ON phpmyadmin.* TO phpmyadmin
```

- The password is in file `/etc/phpmyadmin/config-db.php`. Restrict permissions of that file as it contains a password:

```
sudo chown root:www-data /etc/phpmyadmin/config-db.php
sudo chmod 640 /etc/phpmyadmin/config-db.php
```

- Create a regular MariaDB user for the purpose of managing databases through phpMyAdmin, as it's recommended that you log in using another account than the pma user. You could create a user that has privileges to all tables within the database, as well as the power to add, change, and remove user privileges, with this command. Whatever privileges you assign to this user, be sure to give it a strong password as well:

```
sudo mariadb
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* TO 'user'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY
'password' WITH GRANT OPTION;
exit
```

- [phpMyAdmin Configuration](#)

## Manual Upgrade on Debian 9

- Check latest version of [phpMyAdmin](#)
- Download and install

```
cd /usr/share/phpmyadmin/
sudo wget
https://files.phpmyadmin.net/phpMyAdmin/5.1.0/phpMyAdmin-5.1.0-english.
tar.gz
tar xzf phpMyAdmin-5.1.0-english.tar.gz
sudo mv phpMyAdmin-5.1.0-english phpmyadmin
```

- Modify the following lines in `/usr/share/phpmyadmin/libraries/vendor_config.php`

```
define('TEMP_DIR', '/var/lib/phpmyadmin/tmp/');
define('CONFIG_DIR', '/etc/phpmyadmin/');
```

- See [How To Manually Upgrade phpMyAdmin](#) and [phpMyAdmin blowfish secret generator](#)

## Security

- You should secure access to phpmyadmin, for example by limiting access to verified ip

addresses

## Windows Subsystem for Linux

- For Windows Subsystem for Linux, create a **Virtual Host** file with document root in `/mnt/<drive>/htdocs` or similar, if you need to access it through the Windows file system.
- You should set the apache user to the one who owns the files in the document root, which helps avoiding problems with permissions on the Windows NTFS file system:

```
export APACHE_RUN_USER=<user>
export APACHE_RUN_GROUP=<user>
```

- Restart apache and remove session variables if any:

```
/etc/init.d/apache2 restart
rm /var/lib/php/sessions/*
```

- You can check the current apache user with:

```
ps -ef | egrep '(httpd|apache2|apache)' | grep -v `whoami` | grep -v
root | head -n1 | awk '{print $1}'
```

- Replace the apache default user and group permissions of `www-data` with the one of `<user>`. run:

```
sudo chown root:<user> /var/lib/phpmyadmin/blowfish_secret.inc.php
sudo chown -R <user>:<user> /var/lib/tmp
sudo chown root:<user> /etc/phpmyadmin/config-db.php
```

- Check permissions of the folder containing the http files according to [“Failed to Enumerate Objects in the Container” Windows 10 Error](#). Most importantly, make sure all files are owned by the same user. Run a (windows) command shell on the windows path of that folder as administrator and run:

```
takeown /F X:\FULL_PATH_TO_FOLDER
takeown /F X:\FULL_PATH_TO_FOLDER /r /d y
icacls X:\FULL_PATH_TO_FOLDER /grant Administrators:F
icacls X:\FULL_PATH_TO_FOLDER /grant Administrators:F /t
```

## apache2 settings

### MaxRequestedWorkers

Modify `/etc/apache2/mods-available/mdm-prefork.conf` and restart apache2

```
$ sudo apache2ctl -V | grep MPM
vim /etc/apache2/mods-available/mdm-prefork.conf
MaxRequestedWorkers 400
```

```
ServerLimit 400
$ sudo service apache2 restart
```

## Links

- [Correct steps to add another domain to existing certificate](#)
- [Revoking Let's Encrypt Certificates](#)
- [Correct Way to Delete a Certbot SSL Certificate](#)
- [What is the difference of certbot and certbot-auto?](#)
- [Remove a domain in Let's Encrypt](#)

## SSL for localhost

### Ignore invalid certificates

- You can just use the default ssl conf file in /etc/apache2/sites-available which makes use of the snakeoil certificate. Modify DocumentRoot and add Directory permissions.
- Paste this in chrome, enable, and chrome will ignore invalid certificates for localhost:

```
chrome://flags/#allow-insecure-localhost
```

### Create certificate for localhost

1. Make a folder to keep your certificate files and change to that folder, for example ~/certs/ssl.
2. Generate RootCA.pem, RootCA.key & RootCA.crt:

```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -new -sha256 -days 1024 -newkey rsa:2048 -
keyout RootCA.key -out RootCA.pem -subj "/C=US/CN=Example-Root-CA"
openssl x509 -outform pem -in RootCA.pem -out RootCA.crt
```

3. Create a file domains.ext that lists all your local domains:

```
authorityKeyIdentifier=keyid,issuer
basicConstraints=CA:FALSE
keyUsage = digitalSignature, nonRepudiation, keyEncipherment,
dataEncipherment
subjectAltName = @alt_names
[alt_names]
DNS.1 = localhost
DNS.2 = localhost.yourdomain.tld
DNS.3 = machine1.yourdomain.tld
DNS.4 = machine2.yourdomain.tld
```

4. Generate localhost.key, localhost.csr, and localhost.crt:

```
openssl req -new -nodes -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout localhost.key -out
localhost.csr -subj "/C=US/ST=YourState/L=YourCity/O=Example-
```



```
Certificates/CN=localhost.local"
openssl x509 -req -sha256 -days 1024 -in localhost.csr -CA RootCA.pem -
CAkey RootCA.key -CAcreateserial -extfile domains.ext -out
localhost.crt
```

## 5. Configure Apache:

```
SSLEngine on
SSLCertificateFile "/home/user/certs/ssl/localhost.crt"
SSLCertificateKeyFile "/home/user/certs/ssl/localhost.key"
```

## 6. Restart Apache

## 7. At this point, the site would load with a warning about self-signed certificates. In order to get a green lock, your new local CA has to be added to the trusted Root Certificate Authorities in your OS or browser.

- For Windows 10 Chrome & Edge: Windows 10 recognizes .crt files, so you can right-click and open *RootCA.crt*.
- Select *Install Certificate...*, select *Local Machine*, then select *Trusted Root Certification Authorities* and confirm.
- You might need to clear cookies and cache for the browser to pick up the certificate from the server

## 8. If you want to utilize the certificate for an Endian Firewall, do the following:

- Rename the files *server.crt*, *server.csr*, and *server.key* in folder */etc/httpd* and *etc/httpd/cert*
- Copy the newly generate certificate files *localhost.crt*, *localhost.csr*, and *localhost.key* to *server.crt*, *server.csr*, and *server.key* in folder */etc/httpd*
- Copy the newly generate certificate file *localhost.crt* to *server.crt* in folder */etc/httpd/certs* and append the parameters from the renamed original *server.crt* file
- Restart httpd
- You can check the domain names included in the original certificate:

```
openssl x509 -text < $CERT_FILE
```

## Links

- [How to create an HTTPS certificate for localhost domains](#) (reference)
- [Let's Encrypt: Certificates for localhost](#)
- [How to Get SSL HTTPS for localhost](#)
- [Troubleshooting Apache SSL Certificate Errors](#)

## Proxy

\* Setup a VirtualHost on your main apache server, which for this example is now called "proxy". \* There needs to be another (regular) VirtualHost file on the backuppc server, which for this example is now called "host". \* The SSL certificates are served from the "proxy" through access to <https://sub.domain.tld> \* The "host" serves an unencrypted site through port 80. This assumes your local network is secure.

## VirtualHost on the "proxy" server

\* sub.domain.tld: external domain name with which you access the "host" behind the "proxy" \*  
host.yourdomain.tld: internal domain name of your "host". You may also choose to have both names the same.

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
 ServerName sub.domain.tld
 Redirect 301 / https://sub.domain.tld
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost *:443>
 ServerName sub.domain.tld
 ServerAdmin you@domain.tld
 DocumentRoot /var/www/html/yoursite
 SSLEngine on
 RedirectMatch ^/$ /yourapp/ # use this if backuppc is not the default
app, or if you need to access another app on the same server
 <Location "/yourapp/">
 ProxyPass "http://host.yourdomain.tld/yourapp/"
 ProxyPassReverse "http://host.yourdomain.tld/yourapp/"
 Require all granted
 </Location>
 # add other options such as Files and Directory permissions
 Include /etc/letsencrypt/options-ssl-apache.conf
 SSLCertificateFile /etc/letsencrypt/live/sub.domain.tld/fullchain.pem
 SSLCertificateKeyFile /etc/letsencrypt/live/sub.domain.tld/privkey.pem
</VirtualHost>
```

## Links

- [Use apache as a HTTPS to HTTP Proxy](#)
- [Reverse Proxy Guide](#)
- [Simple Apache reverse proxy example](#)

## Links

- [How To Install PHP 7.4 / 7.3 / 7.2 / 7.1 on Debian 10 / Debian 9](#)
- [DEB.SURY.ORG](#)
- [How To Install PHP \(7.2, 7.1 & 5.6\) on Debian 9 Stretch](#)
- [How to Install PHP on Debian 9](#)
- [How to Switch between Multiple PHP Version on Debian 9](#)
- [How to Install Multiple PHP Version with Apache on Debian 9](#)
- [php.net - SimpleXML Installation](#)
- [php.net - The configuration file](#)
- [How To Specify A Custom php.ini For A Web Site](#)
- [SSL Checker](#)
- [How to Setup Auto-Renew for Let's Encrypt SSL Certificates \(Apache\)](#)
- [Correct Way to Delete a Certbot SSL Certificate](#)

- [How To Secure Apache with Let's Encrypt on Debian 9](#)
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