

Eclipse IDE

The [Eclipse IDE](#) Integrated Development Environment is open source and provides an excellent environment to develop web applications. I migrated the LAMP server from XAMPP to WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux) with the arrival of Windows 10. See [here](#) for XAMPP related instructions.

Application	Version
Eclipse for PHP Developers	2024-03
OS	Debian 12.5
Apache	2.4.59
PHP	8.3.7
MariaDB	10.11.6 ¹

¹[MariaDB 10.11 versus MySQL 8.0](#)

LAMP with Xdebug

- Follow [LAMP on Debian 12](#)

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Java

Eclipse requires Java to run, so install this first.

- Install Java Runtime Environment [32 Bit Version](#) or [64 Bit Version](#)
- If you have recently installed Java 8 and uninstalled older versions, install [Java SE Development Kit 8](#) and retry.
- If you get a [Java was started but returned exit code=13](#) error, you most likely installed the wrong Java version. Try re-installing Java with the 64-bit version, or vice versa.

Eclipse

- Install [Eclipse for PHP Developers](#)
- Choose x:\ as installation path, where “x” can be any drive letter available to your system, also a portable one.
- [How do I increase the heap size available to Eclipse?](#)

XDebug for PHP 5.6

To activate the debugger, you need to add the following lines to the bottom of x:/xampp/php/php.ini:

```
[Xdebug]
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4. Go to **Window → Preferences → PHP → Servers** and enter the web server settings.



5. Go to **Window → Preferences → PHP → Validation** and set the PHP version.



6. Go to **Window → Preferences → PHP → Debug → Debuggers** and check the XDebug settings. They must comply with the settings in the php.ini file. Set "Accept remote session (JIT)" to *off* if you don't want the debugger to automatically start when opening any URL on localhost.



7. There are three places where the "Break on first line" configuration can be set:

- Window → Preferences → PHP → Debug
- Project → Properties → PHP → Debug
- Run → Debug Configurations → PHP Web Application → <Your configuration> → Debugger

8. Add or Edit **Debug Configurations....** If you pointed the DocumentRoot to your workspace, then you can leave the URL on "Auto Generate", otherwise you must modify the URL.



9. **Window -> Preferences -> PHP -> Code Style -> Formatter.** Select "PHP Conventions" as active profile.



10. If you have existing projects

- either select the project directory as workspace when first starting up the new eclipse, or
- delete the workspace directories and files (filenames start with "."), then import the project directories with **File -> Import -> General -> Existing Projects into Workspace**

Links

- [Adding existing project folders to the project explorer in eclipse](#)
- [Guide for installing Owncloud 9 to Synology NAS running DSM 6](#)
- [Install Owncloud 10 on DSM 6.1](#)
- [Setting Up a Programming Environment via Windows 10 Bash](#)
- [eclipse stuck when building workspace](#)

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