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## Linux View / display a logfile in real time on screen

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**Q.** I'd like to see my php or apache web server log files in real time. How do I see log file in real time including all incoming logs?

**A.** You need to use tail command which output the last part of files in real time including all incoming logs to a file.



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### tail -f file-name command

If your log file name is /var/log/lighttpd/access.log, enter:

```
tail -f /var/log/lighttpd/access.log
```

If your php log file name is /var/log/lighttpd/scripts.log, enter

```
tail -f /var/log/lighttpd/scripts.log
```

You will get a scrolling view of the /var/log/lighttpd/scripts.log for all incoming entries on screen. To stop simply hit **CTRL+C**. Please note that you may need to login as root user to view log files.

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