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How To Find Apache Document Root

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Q. How do I find out my Apache webserver document root under Linux / UNIX / BSD operating
systems? [1]

A. Apache has DocumentRoot directive.

This directive sets the directory from which Apache will serve files. Unless matched by a
directive like Alias, the server appends the path from the requested URL to the document
root to make the path to the document. Example:

DocumentRoot /home/www/theos.in

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then an access to http://www.theos.in/index.html refers to /home/www/theos.in/index.html.

Finding Apache Document Root

Use grep command as follows:

```
# grep -i 'DocumentRoot' httpd.conf
```

RHEL / Red hat / Fedora / CentOS Linux specific command:

```
# grep -i 'DocumentRoot' /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf
```

FreeBSD specific command:

```
# grep -i 'DocumentRoot' /usr/local/etc/apache22/httpd.conf
```

Sample output:

```
# DocumentRoot: The directory out of which you will serve your
DocumentRoot "/usr/local/www/apache22/data"
```

/usr/local/www/apache22/data is default document root for your website.

To modify DocumentRoot use vi command and change DocumentRoot:

```
# vi /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf
```

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