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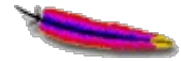
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## How do I enable apache file and directory indexing under Linux or UNIX?

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**Q.** I'm using Apache 2 under Linux. How do I enable apache file and directory indexing? Currently it is disabled and I would like to enable the same for /pdfs/ directory (<http://domain.com/pdfs>). [1]

**A.** Under Apache web server automatic index generation is enabled with using Options +Indexes or Options Indexes directive.

If a URL which maps to a directory is requested, and there is no DirectoryIndex (e.g., index.html) in that directory, then mod\_autoindex will return a formatted listing of the directory.

### Option # 1: Using Apache config file

Add directory option to Apache configuration file /etc/httpd/httpd.conf or /etc/apache2/apache2.conf:

```
# vi /etc/apache2/apache2.conf
```

Add following code:

```
<Directory /var/www/domain.com/pdfs>
Options Indexes FollowSymLinks
</Directory>
```

Save and close the file. Restart Apache:

```
# /etc/init.d/httpd restart
```

OR

```
# /etc/init.d/apache2 restart
```

### Option #2: Using .htaccess Files with Apache

You can place config line Options Indexes in .htaccess file. Make sure .htaccess file support is enabled. Change directory to pdfs

```
$ cd pdfs
```

Open .htaccess file

```
$ vi .htaccess
```

Append following apache directive:

```
Options Indexes
```

Save and close the file.

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