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Hide the Apache Web Server Version number with ServerSignature and ServerTokens directives

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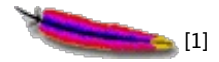
Q. How do I hide the Apache version number under CentOS Linux 5 server? [1]

A. You can easily hide Apche (httpd) version number and other information. There are two config directives that controls Apache version. The **ServerSignature** directive adds a line containing the Apache HTTP Server server version and the ServerName to any server-generated documents, such as error messages sent back to clients. ServerSignature is set to on by default. The **ServerTokens** directive controls whether Server response header field which is sent back to clients includes a description of the generic OS-type of the server as well as information about compiled-in modules. By setting this to Prod you only displays back Apache as server name and no version number displayed back.

Open your httpd.conf file using text editor such as vi:

```
vi httpd.conf
```

Append/modify config directive as follows:

```
ServerSignature Off
ServerTokens Prod
```

Save and close the file. Restart Apache web server:

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

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