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## PHP Not Accepting <? Tag; Only Accepting <?php and <script> Tag

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**Q.** I'm using PHP along with latest version of Apache. Only <?php and <script> tags are recognized. Many of my scripts are broken. How do I allow the <? tag also?

**A.** You need to allow the <? tag by editing php.ini file. Using short tags should be avoided when developing applications or libraries that are meant for redistribution, or deployment on PHP servers which are not under your control, because short tags may not be supported on the target server. For portable, redistributable code, be sure **not to use short tags**.



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Open php.ini ( /etc/php.ini or /usr/local/etc/php.ini), enter:

```
# vi php.ini
```

Set short\_open\_tag to On:

```
short_open_tag = On
```

Save and close the file. Restart webserver:

```
# service httpd restart
```

OR

```
# /usr/local/etc/rc.d/apache22 restart
```

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