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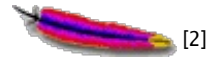
Linux / UNIX Setup and Run PHP Script As A Cron Job

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I've nicely written PHP script that I'd like to run as a cron job. I'm using CentOS 4.5 as server with Apache web server. How do I setup a PHP script as a cron job?



You need to setup execute permission on a php script. You need to use chmod command to change file access permissions. Use chmod command as follows:



```
chmod +x scriptname.php
```

Also make sure you add following line to top of php script (first line should be `#!/usr/bin/php`):

```
#!/usr/bin/php
```

If you are using FreeBSD, use:

```
#!/usr/local/bin/php
```

`#!/usr/bin/php` is called as a shebang (pound bang). It execute php script using the interpreter `/usr/bin/php`.

Save and close the file.

Setup and run php script as a cron job

Now add [cron job](#) ^[3] by typing following command:

```
$ crontab -e
```

Output:

```
# run everyday at 10:45
45 10 * * * /path/to/myphpscript.php
```

Save and close the file.

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