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Title: A lab report on LAMP stack on Ubuntu

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## **Lab 3: Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP (LAMP) Stack on Ubuntu**

### **Objectives:**

- To understand the components of the LAMP stack and their roles.
- To install and configure Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP.

### **Theory:**

#### Introduction:

A “LAMP” stack is a group of open-source software that is typically installed together in order to enable a server to host dynamic websites and web apps written in PHP. This term is an acronym which represents the Linux operating system with the Apache web server. The site data is stored in a MySQL database, and dynamic content is processed by PHP.

- **Linux:** The operating system (OS) that forms the foundation of the stack. Linux provides the core functionalities and services needed to run web applications.
- **Apache:** The web server software that handles HTTP requests from clients (such as web browsers) and serves web pages and other content over the internet. Apache is highly customizable and widely used due to its stability and performance.
- **MySQL:** A relational database management system (RDBMS) that stores and manages structured data. MySQL is used for storing and retrieving data in web applications, making it an essential component of the stack for handling dynamic content.
- **PHP:** A server-side scripting language used for developing dynamic web pages and web applications. PHP code is executed on the server, generating HTML content that is then sent to the client's web browser for display.

#### Setting up LAMP Stack on Ubuntu

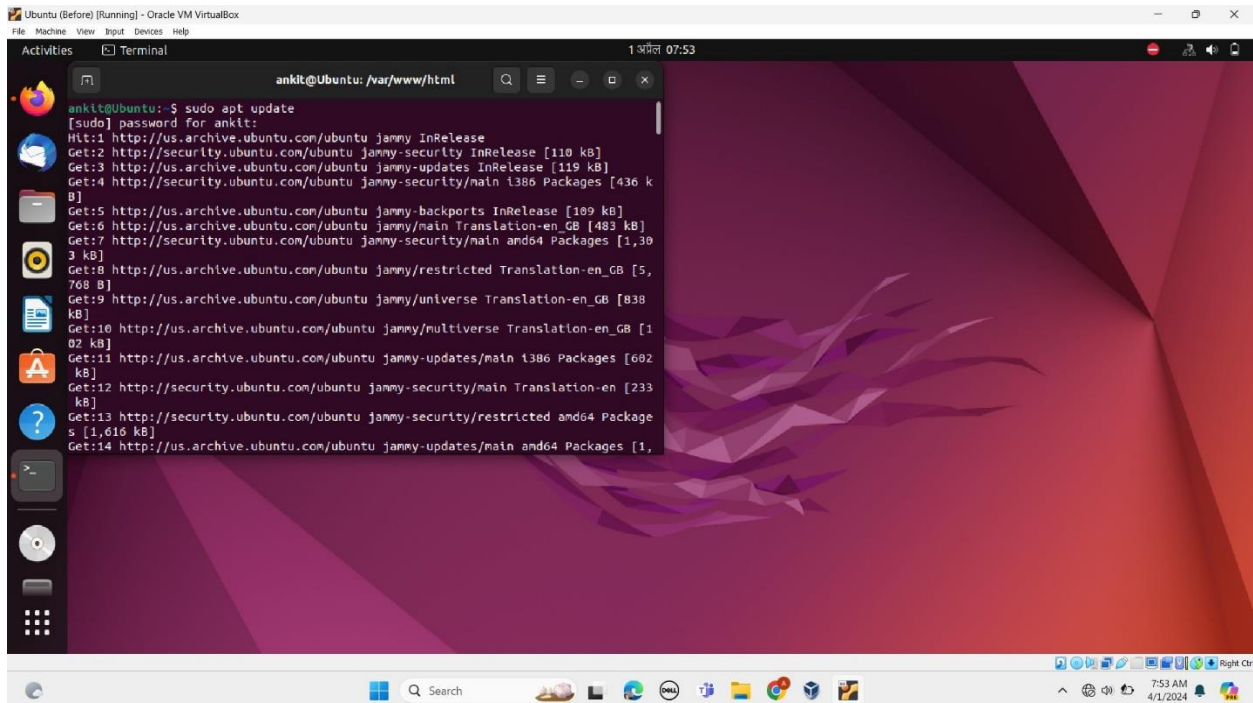
1. Install Apache & Update Firewall
2. Install MySQL Database
3. Install PHP
4. Setup Virtual Webhost
5. Test PHP Processing

## 6. Test Database Connection

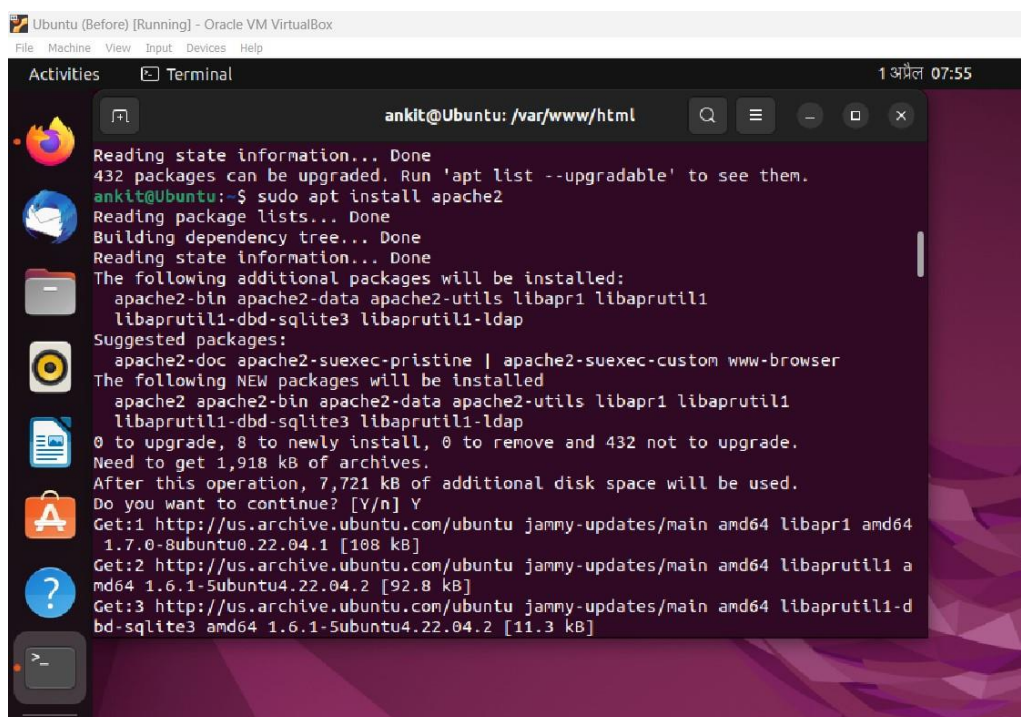
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### Step 1 — Installing Apache and Updating the Firewall

First update the package manager syntax: `sudo apt update`

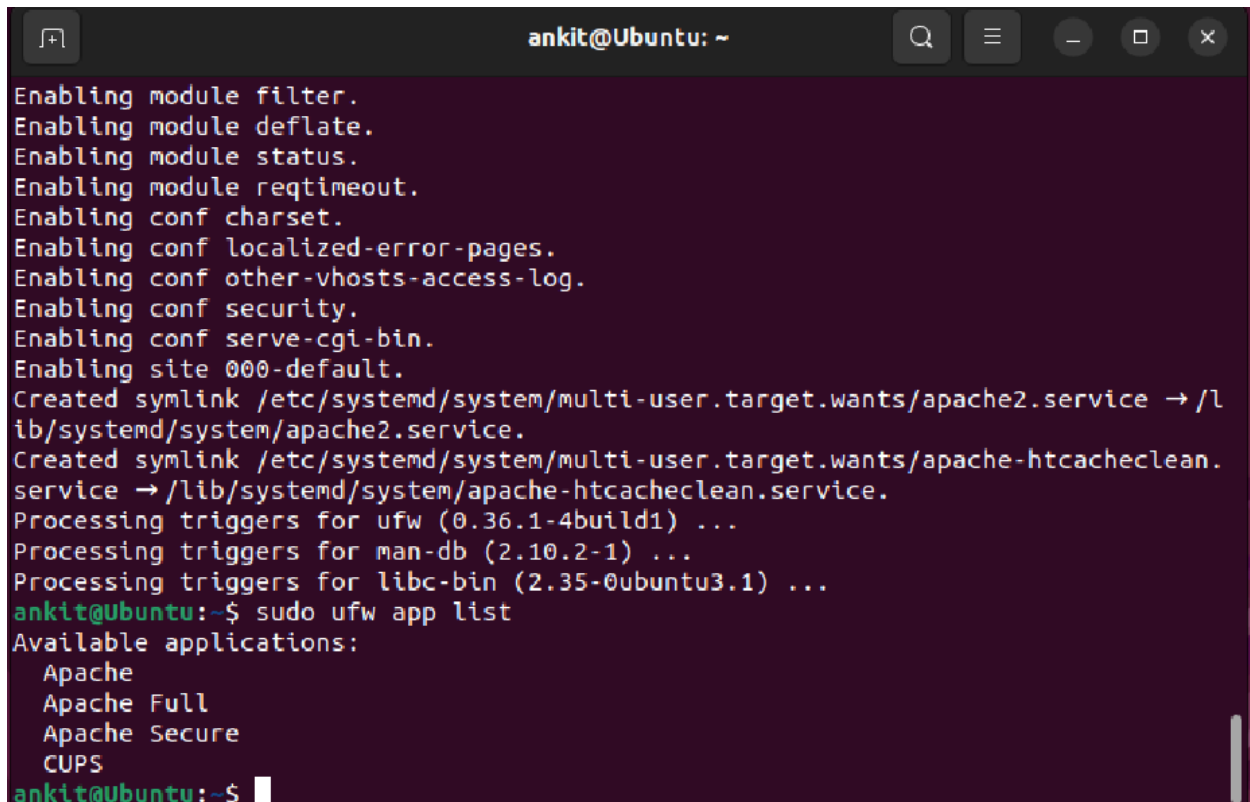


Then, install Apache with: `sudo apt install apache2`



Once the installation is finished, you'll need to adjust your firewall settings to allow HTTP traffic. Ubuntu's default firewall configuration tool is called Uncomplicated Firewall (UFW). It has different application profiles that you can leverage. To list all currently available UFW application profiles, execute this command:

```
-$ sudo ufw app list
```

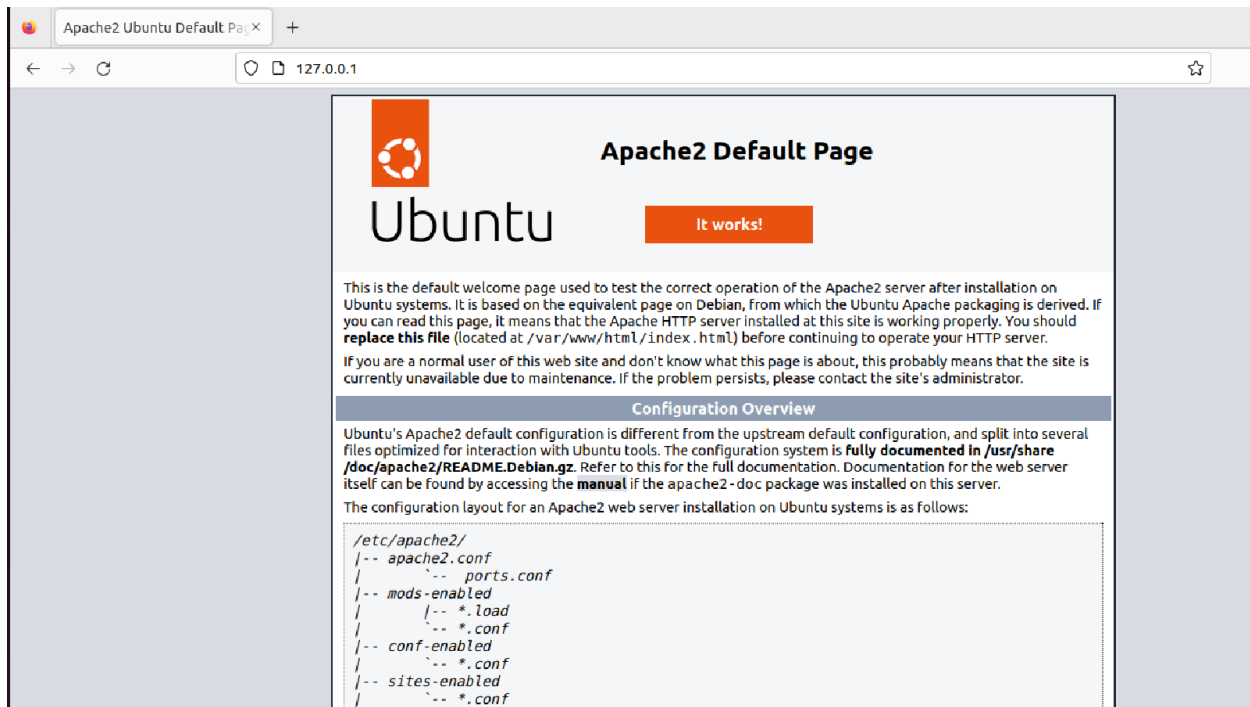
A terminal window titled 'ankit@Ubuntu: ~' with standard Ubuntu window controls. The terminal output shows the process of enabling various modules and services for Apache, followed by the command 'sudo ufw app list'. The output of the command lists available applications: Apache, Apache Full, Apache Secure, and CUPS.

```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
Enabling module filter.  
Enabling module deflate.  
Enabling module status.  
Enabling module reqtimeout.  
Enabling conf charset.  
Enabling conf localized-error-pages.  
Enabling conf other-vhosts-access-log.  
Enabling conf security.  
Enabling conf serve-cgi-bin.  
Enabling site 000-default.  
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/apache2.service → /lib/systemd/system/apache2.service.  
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/apache-htcacheclean.service → /lib/systemd/system/apache-htcacheclean.service.  
Processing triggers for ufw (0.36.1-4build1) ...  
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...  
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-0ubuntu3.1) ...  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo ufw app list  
Available applications:  
  Apache  
  Apache Full  
  Apache Secure  
  CUPS  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$
```

Here's what each of these profiles mean:

- Apache: This profile opens only port 80 (normal, unencrypted web traffic).
- Apache Full: This profile opens both port 80 (normal, unencrypted web traffic) and port 443 (TLS/SSL encrypted traffic).
- Apache Secure: This profile opens only port 443 (TLS/SSL encrypted traffic).

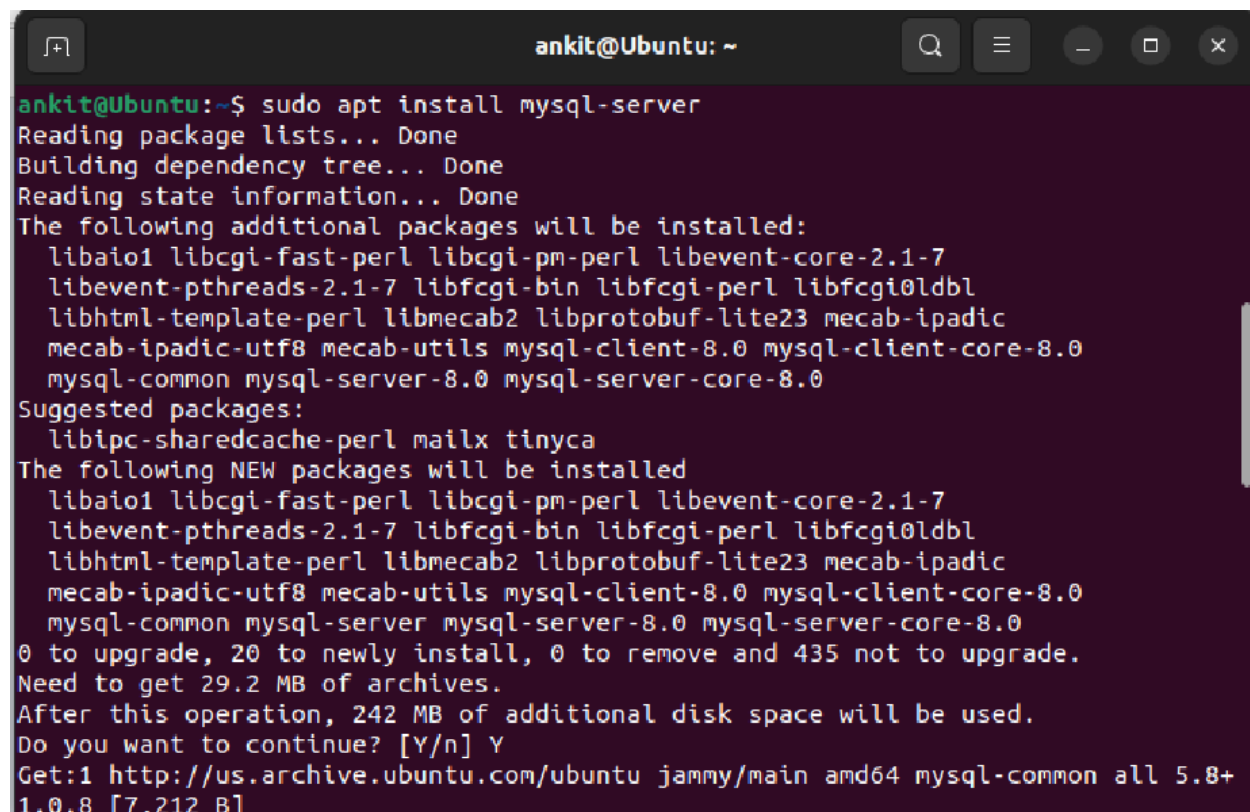
## The default Ubuntu Apache web page



## Step 2 — Installing MySQL

Again, use apt to acquire and install this software:

Command: `sudo apt install mysql-server`



```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
reading /usr/share/mecab/dic/ipadic/Adnominal.csv ... 135  
reading /usr/share/mecab/dic/ipadic/Noun.csv ... 60477  
emitting double-array: 100% |#####|  
reading /usr/share/mecab/dic/ipadic/matrix.def ... 1316x1316  
emitting matrix      : 100% |#####|  
  
done!  
update-alternatives: using /var/lib/mecab/dic/ipadic-utf8 to provide /var/lib/me  
cab/dic/debian (mecab-dictionary) in auto mode  
Setting up mysql-server-8.0 (8.0.36-0ubuntu0.22.04.1) ...  
update-alternatives: using /etc/mysql/mysql.cnf to provide /etc/mysql/my.cnf (my  
.cnf) in auto mode  
Renaming removed key_buffer and myisam-recover options (if present)  
mysqld will log errors to /var/log/mysql/error.log  
mysqld is running as pid 6376  
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/mysql.service → /lib  
/systemd/system/mysql.service.  
Setting up mysql-server (8.0.36-0ubuntu0.22.04.1) ...  
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...  
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-0ubuntu3.1) ...  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo mysql  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.  
Your MySQL connection id is 8  
Server version: 8.0.36-0ubuntu0.22.04.1 (Ubuntu)  
  
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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
  
mysql> ALTER USER 'root'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password BY '@nkit2081';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.06 sec)  
  
mysql> █
```

## Step 3 — Installing PHP

Command: `sudo apt install php libapache2-mod-php php-mysql`

```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
  
mysql> exit  
Bye  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo apt install php libapache2-mod-php php-mysql  
Reading package lists... Done  
Building dependency tree... Done  
Reading state information... Done  
The following additional packages will be installed:  
  libapache2-mod-php8.1 php-common php8.1 php8.1-cli php8.1-common php8.1-mysql php8.1-opcache php8.1-readline  
Suggested packages:  
  php-pear  
The following NEW packages will be installed:  
  libapache2-mod-php libapache2-mod-php8.1 php php-common php-mysql php8.1 php8.1-cli php8.1-common php8.1-mysql php8.1-opcache php8.1-readline  
0 to upgrade, 11 to newly install, 0 to remove and 435 not to upgrade.  
Need to get 5,265 kB of archives.  
After this operation, 21.8 MB of additional disk space will be used.  
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y  
Get:1 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 php-common all 2:92ubuntu1 [12.4 kB]  
Get:2 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 php8.1-common amd64 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 [1,127 kB]  
Get:3 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 php8.1-opcache amd64 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 [365 kB]  
Get:4 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 php8.1-readline amd64 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 [13.6 kB]  
Get:5 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 php8.1-cli amd64 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 [1,833 kB]  
Get:6 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 libapache2-mod-php8.1 amd64 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 [1,766 kB]  
Get:7 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 libapache2-mod-php all 2:8.1+92ubuntu1 [2,898 B]  
Get:8 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 php8.1 all 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 [9,156 B]  
Get:9 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 php all 2:8.1+92ubuntu1 [2,756 B]  
Get:10 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 php8.1-mysql amd64 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 [130 kB]  
Get:11 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy/main amd64 php-mysql all 2:8.1+92ubuntu1 [1,834 B]  
Fetched 5,265 kB in 3s (1,560 kB/s)  
Selecting previously unselected package php-common.  
(Reading database ... 162405 files and directories currently installed.)  
Preparing to unpack .../00-php-common_2%3a92ubuntu1_all.deb ...  
Unpacking php-common (2:92ubuntu1) ...  
Selecting previously unselected package php8.1-common.  
Preparing to unpack .../01-php8.1-common_8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15_amd64.deb ...  
Unpacking php8.1-common (8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15) ...
```



```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ php -v  
PHP 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15 (cli) (built: Feb 23 2024 17:26:53) (NTS)  
Copyright (c) The PHP Group  
Zend Engine v4.1.2, Copyright (c) Zend Technologies  
with Zend OPcache v8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15, Copyright (c), by Zend Technologies  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo systemctl status apache2  
[sudo] password for ankit:  
● apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server  
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; enabled; vendor prese>  
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2024-04-20 18:12:38 +0545; 3min 30s ago  
     Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/  
  Process: 14336 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/apachectl start (code=exited, status=0/S>  
 Main PID: 14340 (apache2)  
    Tasks: 6 (limit: 4912)  
   Memory: 11.3M  
      CPU: 76ms  
   CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service  
           └─14340 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
             └─14343 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
               └─14344 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
                 └─14345 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
                   └─14346 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
                     └─14347 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
```

## Step 4 — Creating a Virtual Host for your Website

When using the Apache web server, you can create virtual hosts (similar to server blocks in Nginx) to encapsulate configuration details and host more than one domain from a single server. In this guide, we'll set up a domain called `your_domain`, but you should replace this with your own domain name.

Apache on Ubuntu has one virtual host enabled by default that is configured to serve documents from the `/var/www/html` directory. While this works well for a single site, it can become unwieldy if you are hosting multiple sites. Instead of modifying `/var/www/html`, we'll create a directory structure within `/var/www` for the `your_domain` site, leaving `/var/www/html` in place as the default directory to be served if a client request doesn't match any other sites.

Create the directory for `your_domain` as follows:

```
-$ sudo mkdir /var/www/your_domain
```

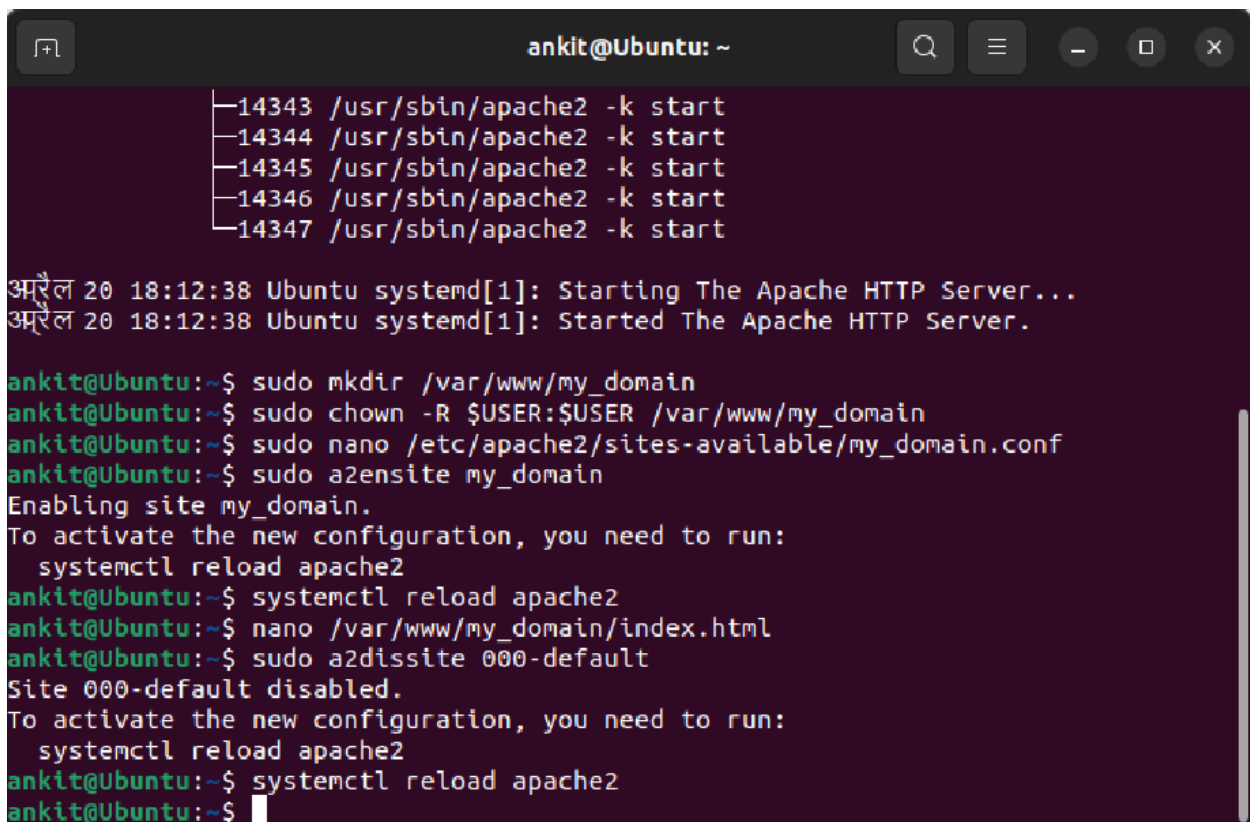
Next, assign ownership of the directory with the \$USER environment variable, which will reference your current system user:

```
-$ sudo chown -R $USER:$USER /var/www/your_domain
```

Then, open a new configuration file in Apache's sites-available directory using your preferred command-line editor. Here, we'll use nano:

```
-$ sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/your_domain.conf
```

This will create a new blank file. Add in the following bare-bones configuration with your own domain name:



```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
14343 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
14344 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
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14346 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
14347 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start  
अप्रैल 20 18:12:38 Ubuntu systemd[1]: Starting The Apache HTTP Server...  
अप्रैल 20 18:12:38 Ubuntu systemd[1]: Started The Apache HTTP Server.  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo mkdir /var/www/my_domain  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo chown -R $USER:$USER /var/www/my_domain  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/my_domain.conf  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo a2ensite my_domain  
Enabling site my_domain.  
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:  
systemctl reload apache2  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ systemctl reload apache2  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ nano /var/www/my_domain/index.html  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo a2dissite 000-default  
Site 000-default disabled.  
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:  
systemctl reload apache2  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ systemctl reload apache2  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$
```

Now, use a2ensite to enable the new virtual host:

```
sudo a2ensite your_domain
```

To disable Apache's default website, type:

```
-$ sudo a2dissite 000-default
```

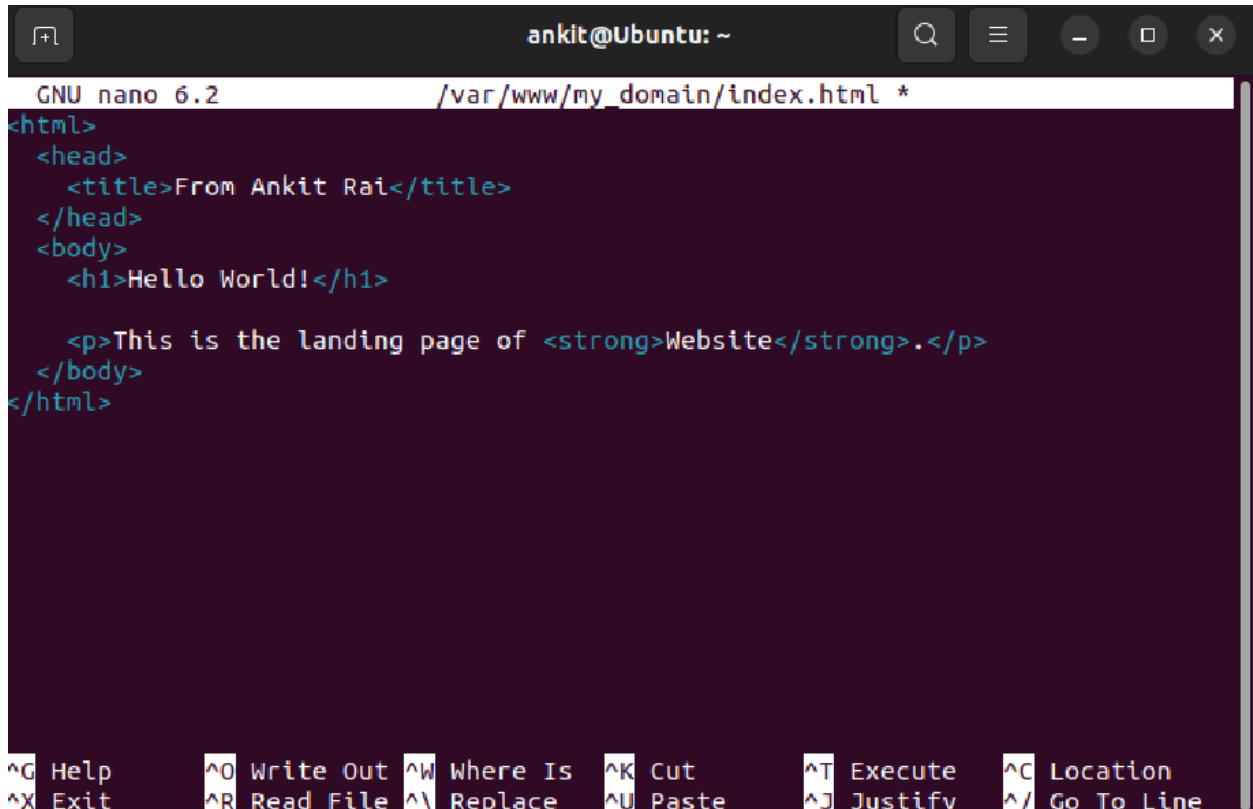


Finally, reload Apache so these changes take effect:

```
-$ sudo systemctl reload apache2
```

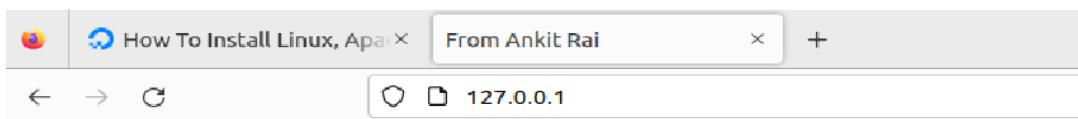
Your new website is now active, but the web root `/var/www/your_domain` is still empty. Create an `index.html` file in that location to test that the virtual host works as expected:

```
-$ nano /var/www/your_domain/index.html
```



```
GNU nano 6.2 /var/www/my_domain/index.html *
<html>
  <head>
    <title>From Ankit Rai</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello World!</h1>

    <p>This is the landing page of <strong>Website</strong>.</p>
  </body>
</html>
```



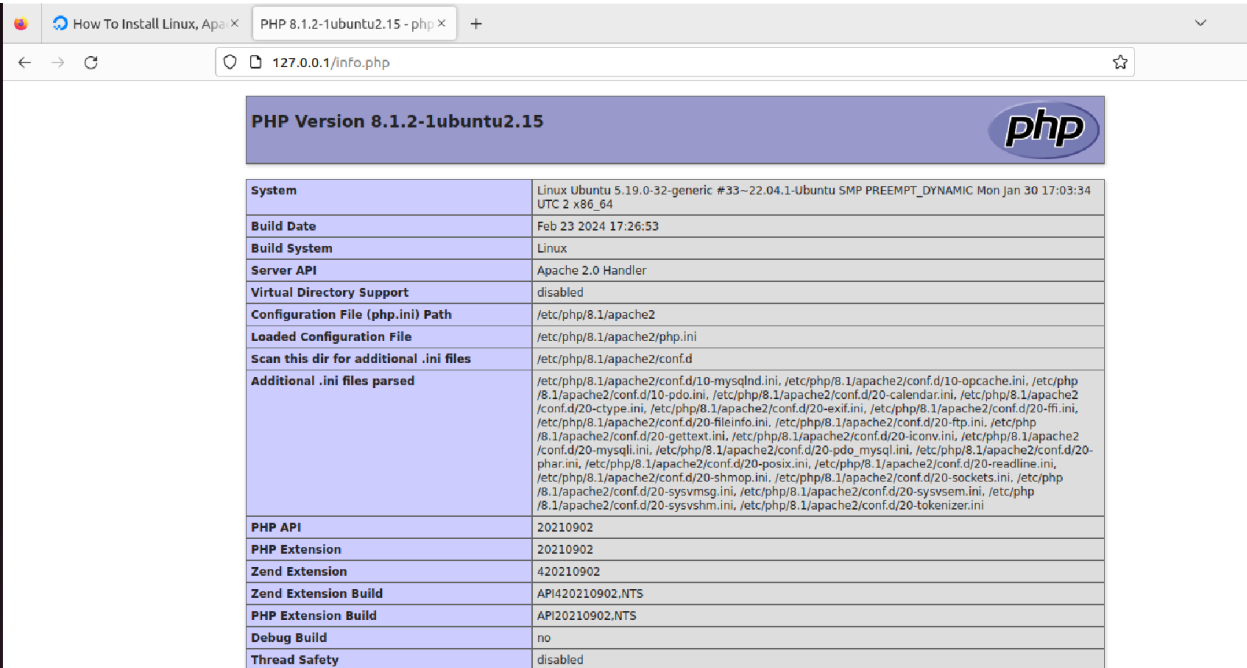
# Hello World!

This is the landing page of **Website**.

## Step 5 — Testing PHP Processing on your Web Server

Create a new file named `info.php` inside your custom web root folder:

```
-$ nano /var/www/your_domain/info.php
```



PHP Version 8.1.2-1ubuntu2.15	
System	Linux Ubuntu 5.19.0-32-generic #33~22.04.1-Ubuntu SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Mon Jan 30 17:03:34 UTC 2 x86_64
Build Date	Feb 23 2024 17:26:53
Build System	Linux
Server API	Apache 2.0 Handler
Virtual Directory Support	disabled
Configuration File (php.ini) Path	/etc/php/8.1/apache2
Loaded Configuration File	/etc/php/8.1/apache2/php.ini
Scan this dir for additional .ini files	/etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d
Additional .ini files parsed	/etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/10-mysqld.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/10-opcache.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/10-pdo.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-calendar.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-ctype.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-exif.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-ffi.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-fileinfo.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-ftp.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-gd.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-gettext.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-iconv.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-mysql.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-pdo_mysql.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-phar.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-posix.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-readline.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-shmop.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-sockets.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-sysvmsg.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-sysvsem.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-sysvshm.ini, /etc/php/8.1/apache2/conf.d/20-tokenizer.ini
PHP API	20210902
PHP Extension	20210902
Zend Extension	420210902
Zend Extension Build	API420210902.NTS
PHP Extension Build	API20210902.NTS
Debug Build	no
Thread Safety	disabled

## Step 6 — Testing Database Connection from PHP

Create a database named `example_database` and a user named `example_user`. You can replace these names with different values.

First, connect to the MySQL console using the root account and create a new database:

```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
0)  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ sudo mysql -p  
Enter password:  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.  
Your MySQL connection id is 20  
Server version: 8.0.36-0ubuntu0.22.04.1 (Ubuntu)  
  
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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
  
mysql> CREATE DATABASE example_database;  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.11 sec)  
  
mysql> CREATE USER 'example_user'@ '%' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.25 sec)  
  
mysql> CREATE USER 'example_user'@ '%' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';  
ERROR 1396 (HY000): Operation CREATE USER failed for 'example_user'@ '%'  
mysql> GRANT ALL ON example_database.* TO 'example_user'@ '%';
```

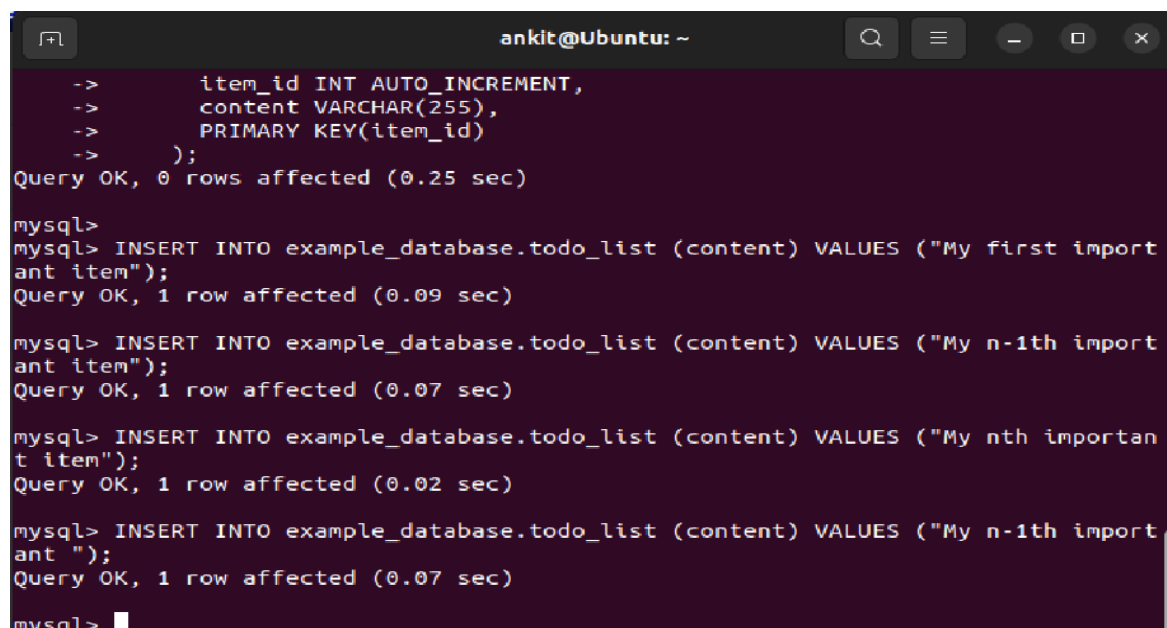
Now create a new user and grant them full privileges on the custom database you've just created.

Now give this user permission over the example\_database database as shown in above figure.



```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
Bye  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$ mysql -u example_user -p  
Enter password:  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.  
Your MySQL connection id is 21  
Server version: 8.0.36-0ubuntu0.22.04.1 (Ubuntu)  
  
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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
  
mysql> show databases  
-> ;  
+-----+  
| Database                |  
+-----+  
| example_database        |  
| information_schema      |  
| performance_schema      |  
+-----+
```

Insert a few rows of content in the test table. Repeat the next command a few times, using different values, to populate your test table:

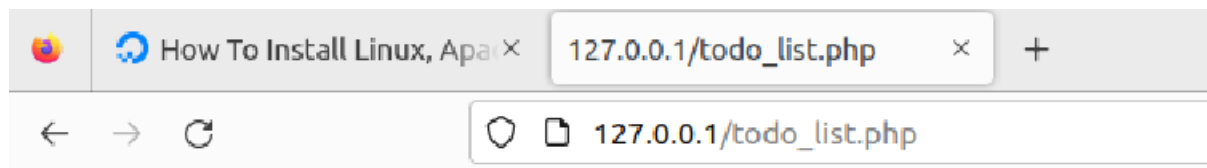


```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
->      item_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT,  
->      content VARCHAR(255),  
->      PRIMARY KEY(item_id)  
->    );  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.25 sec)  
  
mysql>  
mysql> INSERT INTO example_database.todo_list (content) VALUES ("My first import  
ant item");  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.09 sec)  
  
mysql> INSERT INTO example_database.todo_list (content) VALUES ("My n-1th import  
ant item");  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.07 sec)  
  
mysql> INSERT INTO example_database.todo_list (content) VALUES ("My nth importan  
t item");  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)  
  
mysql> INSERT INTO example_database.todo_list (content) VALUES ("My n-1th import  
ant ");  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.07 sec)  
  
mysql>
```

```
ankit@Ubuntu: ~  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.07 sec)  
  
mysql> INSERT INTO example_database.todo_list (content) VALUES ("My nth important item");  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)  
  
mysql> INSERT INTO example_database.todo_list (content) VALUES ("My n-1th important ");  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.07 sec)  
  
mysql> SELECT * FROM example_database.todo_list;  
+-----+-----+  
| item_id | content |  
+-----+-----+  
|      1 | My first important item |  
|      2 | My n-1th important item |  
|      3 | My nth important item |  
|      4 | My n-1th important |  
+-----+-----+  
4 rows in set (0.02 sec)  
  
mysql> exit  
Bye  
ankit@Ubuntu:~$
```

The following PHP script connects to the MySQL database and queries for the content of the todo\_list table, exhibiting the results in a list. If there's a problem with the database connection, it will throw an exception.

```
ankit@Ubuntu: /var/www/my_domain  
ankit@Ubuntu:/var/www$ cd my_domain  
ankit@Ubuntu:/var/www/my_domain$ ls  
index.html  todo_list.php  
ankit@Ubuntu:/var/www/my_domain$ cat todolist.php  
cat: todolist.php: No such file or directory  
ankit@Ubuntu:/var/www/my_domain$ cat todo_list.php  
<?php  
$user = "example_user";  
$password = "password";  
$database = "example_database";  
$table = "todo_list";  
  
try {  
    $db = new PDO("mysql:host=localhost;dbname=$database", $user, $password);  
    echo "<h2>TODO</h2><ol>";  
    foreach($db->query("SELECT content FROM $table") as $row) {  
        echo "<li>" . $row['content'] . "</li>";  
    }  
    echo "</ol>";  
} catch (PDOException $e) {  
    print "Error!: " . $e->getMessage() . "<br/>";  
    die();  
}  
ankit@Ubuntu:/var/www/my_domain$
```



## TODO

1. My first important item
2. My n-1th important item
3. My nth important item
4. My n-1th important

### Conclusion:

In conclusion, the LAMP stack lab provided a comprehensive hands-on experience with setting up a web server environment using Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP.