

1. osTicket Pre-Requisite and Installation

Deployment of a Cloud-Based osTicket System on Microsoft Azure for Home Network Support on Windows

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1. Setting up on Microsoft Azure

1.1. Virtual Machine Setup

First we'll be needing to create a Virtual Machine. So let's add and create a new Virtual Machine.

The screenshot shows the 'Create a virtual machine' wizard in the Azure portal. At the top, there's a header bar with the Microsoft Azure logo, an 'Upgrade' button, and a search bar. Below the header, the breadcrumb navigation shows 'Home > Virtual machines > Create a virtual machine'. The main content area has a heading 'Create a virtual machine' followed by a callout box with the text 'Try out the Microsoft Copilot for Azure for additional recommendations when creating a virtual machine.' and three buttons: 'Help me create a low cost VM', 'Help me create a VM optimized for high availability', and 'Help me choose the right size'. A note below says 'This subscription may not be eligible to deploy VMs of certain sizes in certain regions.' The 'Project details' section includes fields for 'Subscription' (set to 'Azure subscription 1') and 'Resource group' (set to '(New) OST-LAB-1' with a 'Create new' link). The 'Instance details' section includes fields for 'Virtual machine name' (set to 'VM-OST'), 'Region' (set to '(Europe) UK South'), 'Availability options' (set to 'No infrastructure redundancy required'), 'Security type' (set to 'Standard'), and 'Image' (set to 'Windows 10 Pro, version 22H2 - x64 Gen2 (free services eligible)'). Below the image field, there's a note about compatibility with Trusted Launch security features. At the bottom, there are navigation buttons: '< Previous' and 'Next : Disks >', and a prominent blue 'Review + create' button.

- We can start doing this by filling out the Resource Group. We'll call it OST-LAB-1 (Short for osTicket-LAB-1)
- Create a Virtual Machine Name: VM-OST
- Region will be closest to our region
- Availability Options: No infrastructure redundancy required
- Security Type: Standard
- Image: Windows 10 Pro, version 22H2 - x64 Gen2 (free services eligible)

Size * ⓘ Standard_D2s_v3 - 2 vcpus, 8 GiB memory (\$84.68/month)

Enable Hibernation ⓘ
 ⚠️ Hibernate is not supported by the size that you have selected. Choose a size that is compatible with Hibernate to enable this feature. [Learn more](#)

Administrator account

Username * ⓘ	ErvinLabUser1 <input type="button" value=""/>
Password * ⓘ	***** <input type="button" value=""/>
Confirm password *	***** <input type="button" value=""/>

Inbound port rules
Select which virtual machine network ports are accessible from the public internet. You can specify more limited or granular network access on the Networking tab.

Public inbound ports * ⓘ None Allow selected ports

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- Follow the same size - we're on a trial so we can afford this.
- Make the username
- Set a password
- Select inbound ports: RDP (3389) (MAKE SURE THIS IS ON SO WE CAN REMOTE ACCESS THIS!!)
- Tick the box for license below
- Go "Next : Disks >"

Basics [Disks](#) [Networking](#) [Management](#) [Monitoring](#) [Advanced](#) [Tags](#) [Review + create](#)

⚠️ The configuration of this virtual machine and its attached disk(s) does not allow for the disk(s) to utilize their full throughput performance. The current virtual machine size supports 48 MBps. The total for disk(s) attached to virtual machine 'VM-OST' is 100 MBps. You can change the virtual machine size to support additional disk(s) throughput. [Learn more](#)

Azure VMs have one operating system disk and a temporary disk for short-term storage. You can attach additional data disks. The size of the VM determines the type of storage you can use and the number of data disks allowed. [Learn more](#)

VM disk encryption

Azure disk storage encryption automatically encrypts your data stored on Azure managed disks (OS and data disks) at rest by default when persisting it to the cloud.

Encryption at host ⓘ
 ⚠️ Encryption at host is not registered for the selected subscription. [Learn more about enabling this feature](#)

OS disk

OS disk size ⓘ	Image default (127 GiB) <input type="button" value=""/>
OS disk type * ⓘ	Premium SSD (locally-redundant storage) <input type="button" value=""/>
Delete with VM ⓘ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Key management ⓘ	Platform-managed key <input type="button" value=""/>

< Previous [Next : Networking >](#) [Review + create](#)

- No changes needed, move to the next page (Next : Networking >)

Name *
VM-OST-ip

SKU * Basic Standard

Assignment Dynamic Static

Routing preference Microsoft network Internet

Availability zone
Zone-redundant

Virtual network * (new) VM-OST-vnet Create new

Subnet * (new) default (10.0.0.0/24) Create new

Public IP (new) VM-OST-ip Create new

NIC network security group None Basic Advanced

Public inbound ports None Allow selected ports

Select inbound ports RDP (3389)

⚠️ This will allow all IP addresses to access your virtual machine. This is only recommended for testing. Use the Advanced controls in the Networking tab to create rules to limit inbound traffic to known IP addresses.

- This should all be already set. If not:
 - Virtual Network: VM-OST-vnet
 - Subnet: Default 10.0.0.0/24
 - Public IP: VM-OST-ip
- That's all that's needed. Go to "Review + Create"

Validation passed

Try out the Microsoft Copilot for Azure for additional recommendations when creating a virtual machine.

Help me create a low cost VM Help me create a VM optimized for high availability Help me choose the right VM size for my workload

Basics Disks Networking Management Monitoring Advanced Tags **Review + create**

Price

1 X Standard D2s v3 by Microsoft Subscription credits apply [\(i\)](#)

0.1160 USD/hr [Pricing for other VM sizes](#)

TERMS

By clicking "Create", I (a) agree to the legal terms and privacy statement(s) associated with the Marketplace offering(s) listed above; (b) authorize Microsoft to bill my current payment method for the fees associated with the offering(s), with the same billing frequency as my Azure subscription; and (c) agree that Microsoft may share my contact, usage and transactional information with the provider(s) of the offering(s) for support, billing and other transactional activities. Microsoft does not provide rights for third-party offerings. See the [Azure Marketplace Terms](#) for additional details.

⚠️ You have set RDP port(s) open to the internet. This is only recommended for testing. If you want to change this setting, go back to Basics tab.

- Virtual Machine is ready to go! Click "Create".

... Deployment is in progress



Deployment name: CreateVm-MicrosoftWindowsDesktop.Windows...

Subscription: Azure subscription 1

Resource group: OST-LAB-1

Deployment details

Resource	Type
VM-OST	Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines
vm-ost781	Microsoft.Network/networkInterfaces
VM-OST-vnet	Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks
VM-OST-nsg	Microsoft.Network/networkSecurityGroups
VM-OST-ip	Microsoft.Network/publicIPAddresses

- Now we wait for the deployment

✓ Your deployment is complete



Deployment name: CreateVm-MicrosoftWindowsDesktop.Windows...

Subscription: Azure subscription 1

Resource group: OST-LAB-1

Deployment details

Next steps

[Setup auto-shutdown](#) Recommended

[Monitor VM health, performance and network dependencies](#) Recommended

[Run a script inside the virtual machine](#) Recommended

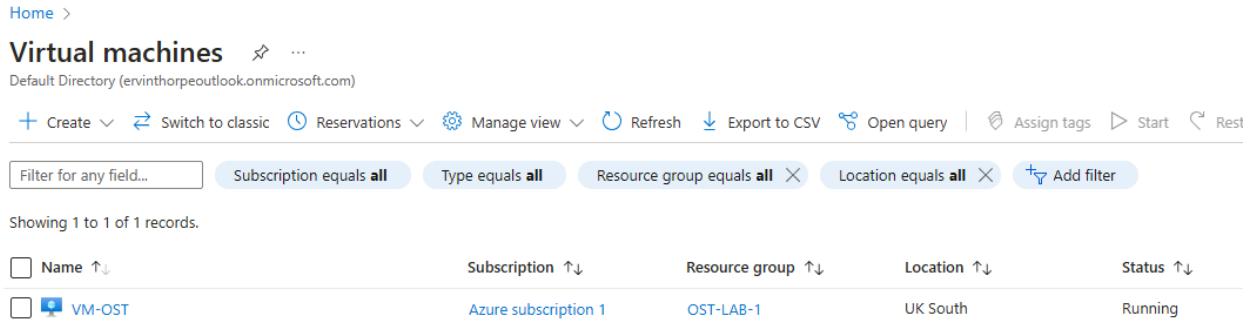
[Go to resource](#)

[Create another VM](#)

Now it's done! Time to use this Virtual Machine.

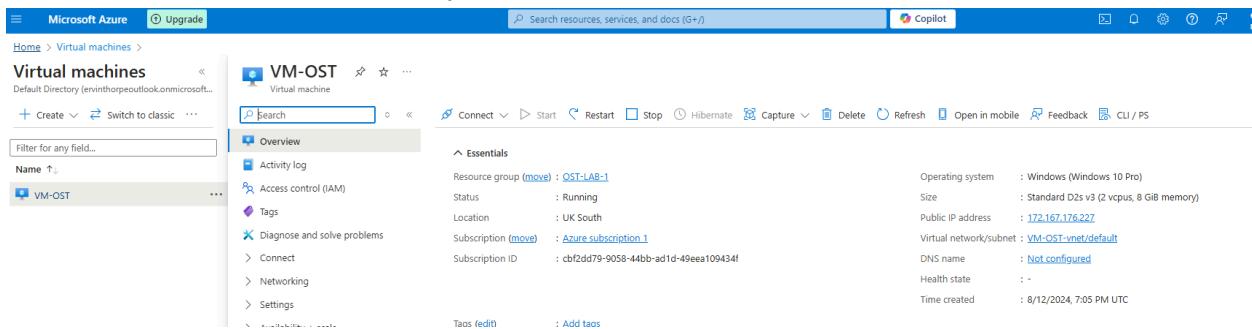
1.2. Accessing our Virtual Machine

Before proceeding with our Virtual Machine, we will have to note down some information regarding our VM.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal's Virtual Machines list. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, Create, Switch to classic, Reservations, Manage view, Refresh, Export to CSV, Open query, Assign tags, Start, and Rest. Below these are several filter buttons: Filter for any field..., Subscription equals all, Type equals all, Resource group equals all, Location equals all, and Add filter. The main table displays one record: VM-OST. The columns are Name (VM-OST), Subscription (Azure subscription 1), Resource group (OST-LAB-1), Location (UK South), and Status (Running).

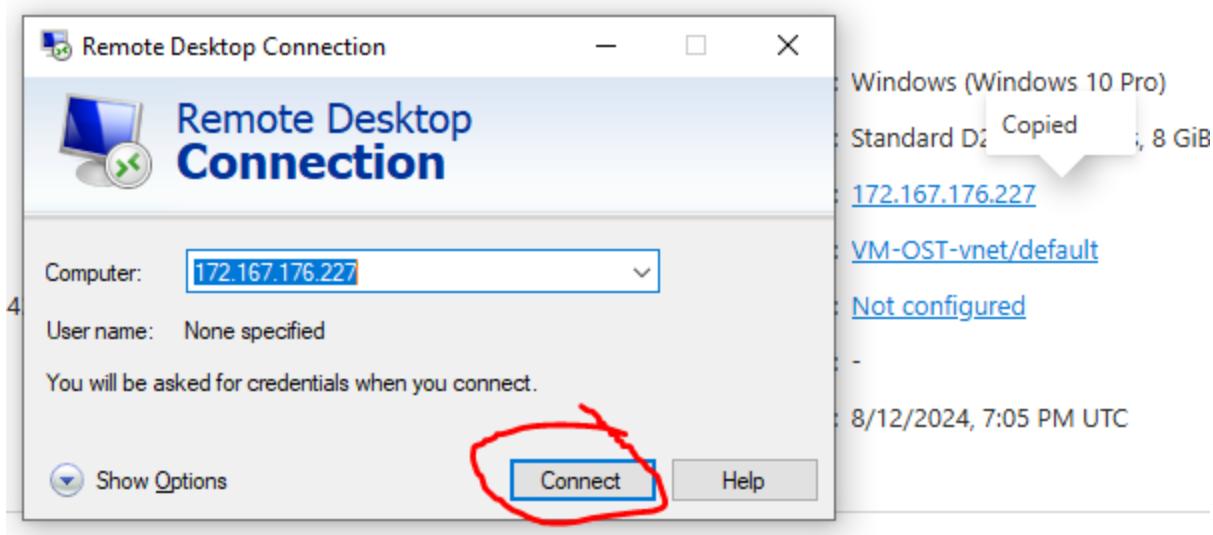
- First check to find our newly made Virtual Machine



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal's Virtual Machine details page for VM-OST. The left sidebar shows the VM-OST resource group. The main pane displays the Overview tab, which includes sections for Essentials, Activity log, Tags, and Diagnose and solve problems. The Essentials section provides detailed information about the VM, such as Resource group (OST-LAB-1), Status (Running), Location (UK South), Subscription (Azure subscription 1), Subscription ID (cbf2dd79-9058-44bb-ad1d-49ea109434f), and Tags (Add tags). The Public IP address is listed as 172.167.176.227.

Operating system	: Windows (Windows 10 Pro)
Size	: Standard D2s v3 (2 vcpus, 8 GiB memory)
Public IP address	: <u>172.167.176.227</u>
Virtual network/subnet	: <u>VM-OST-vnet/default</u>
DNS name	: <u>Not configured</u>
Health state	: -
Time created	: 8/12/2024, 7:05 PM UTC

- Next we'll be accessing this Virtual Machine Remotely using Windows "Remote Desktop Connection"



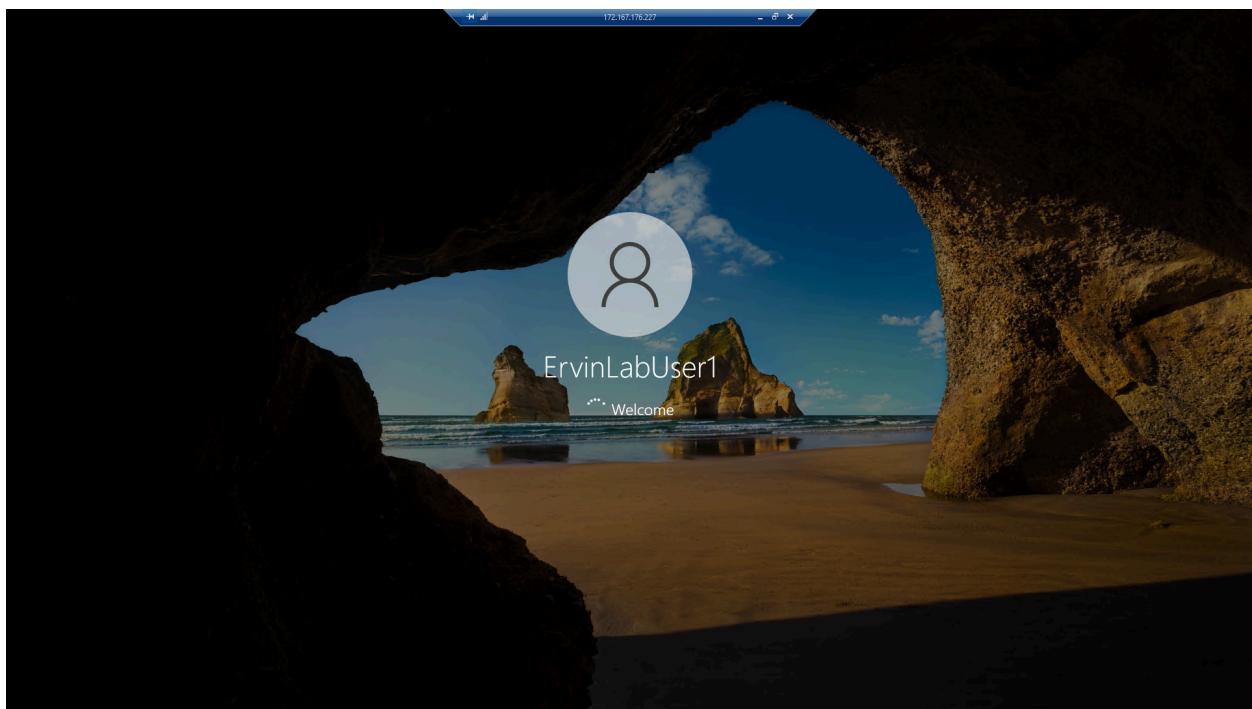
- To access this, search for “Remote Desktop Connection” from your Windows Computer
- Once it opens, copy the IP address and “connect”.



- Enter your details. This should match the details given when you setup the VM. Then click “OK”



- Select "Yes"

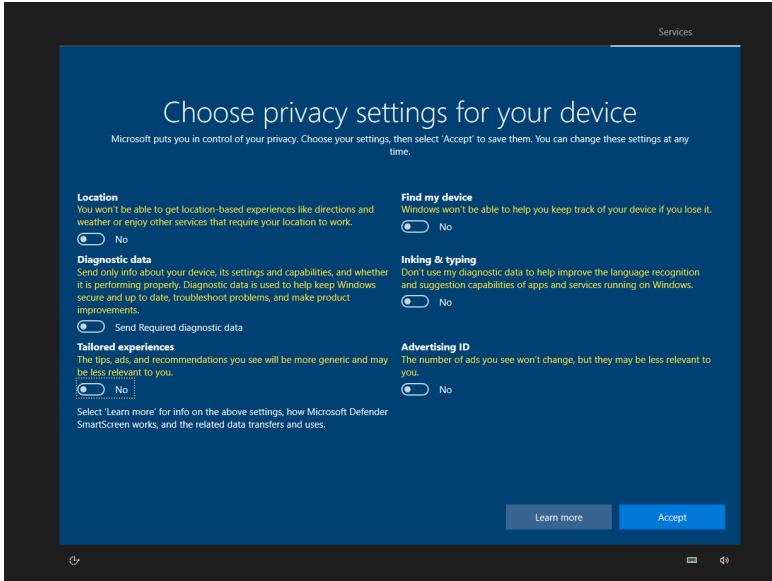


- WE'RE IN!!!

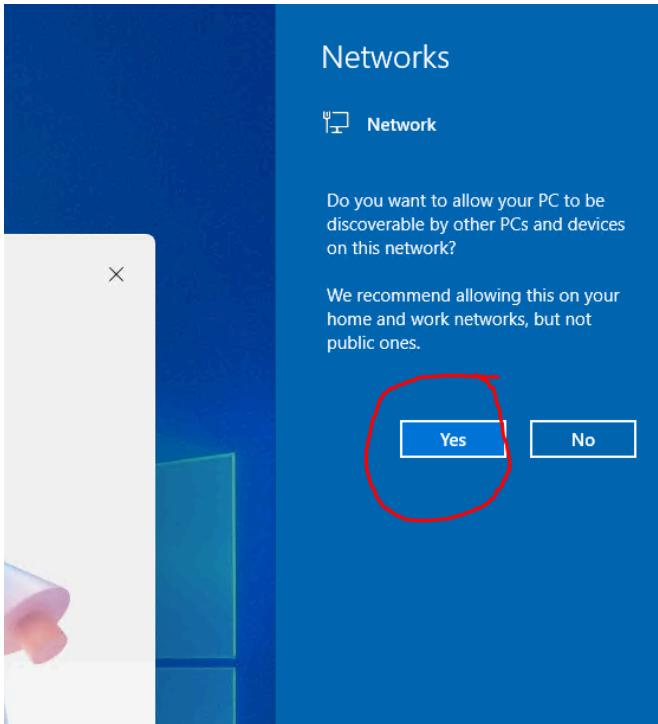
2. Setting up all the Prerequisites

2.1. Windows Features - CGI (Common Gateway Interface)

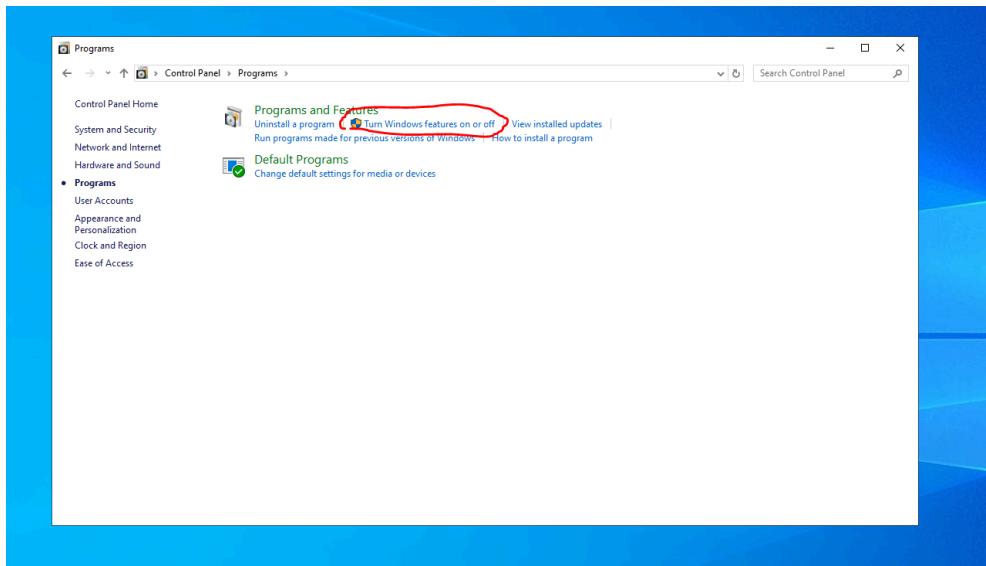
There's a lot to setup before being able to run osTicket, so we're going to follow all the requirements to get osTicket running



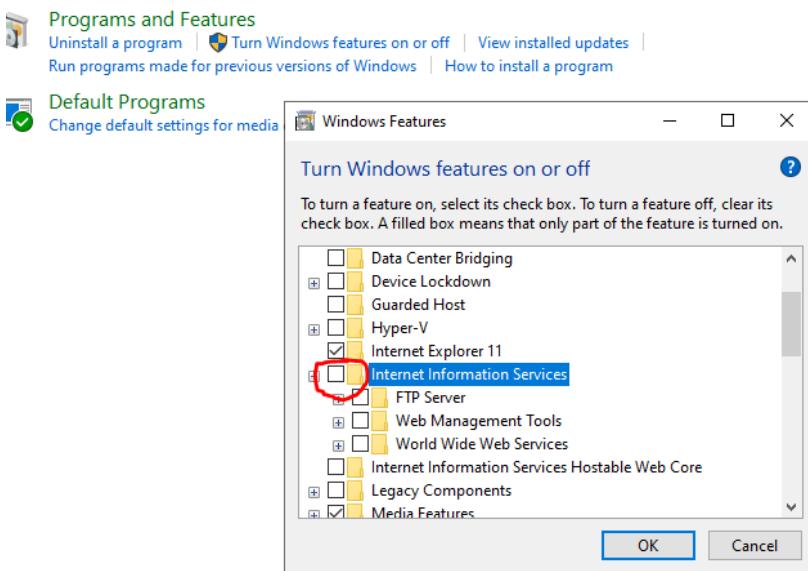
- Select no on all options



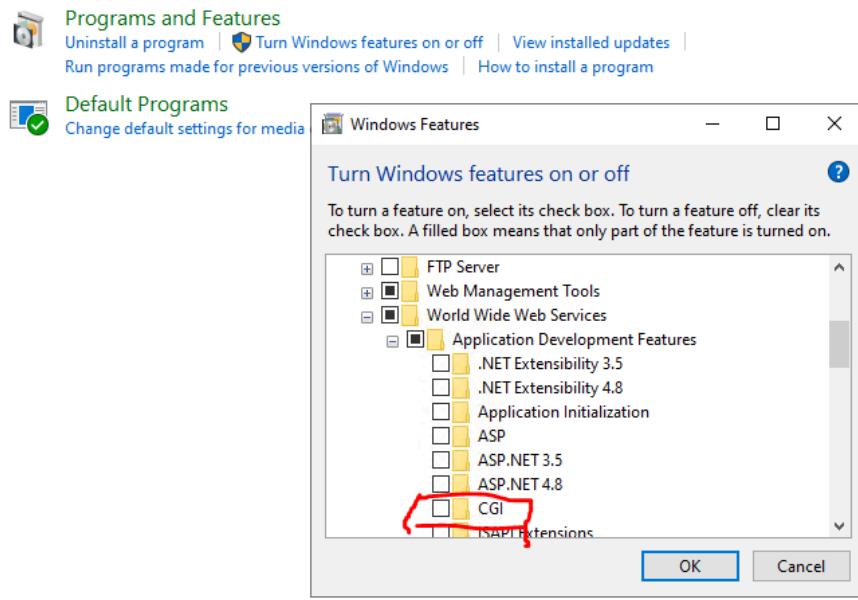
- Select Yes



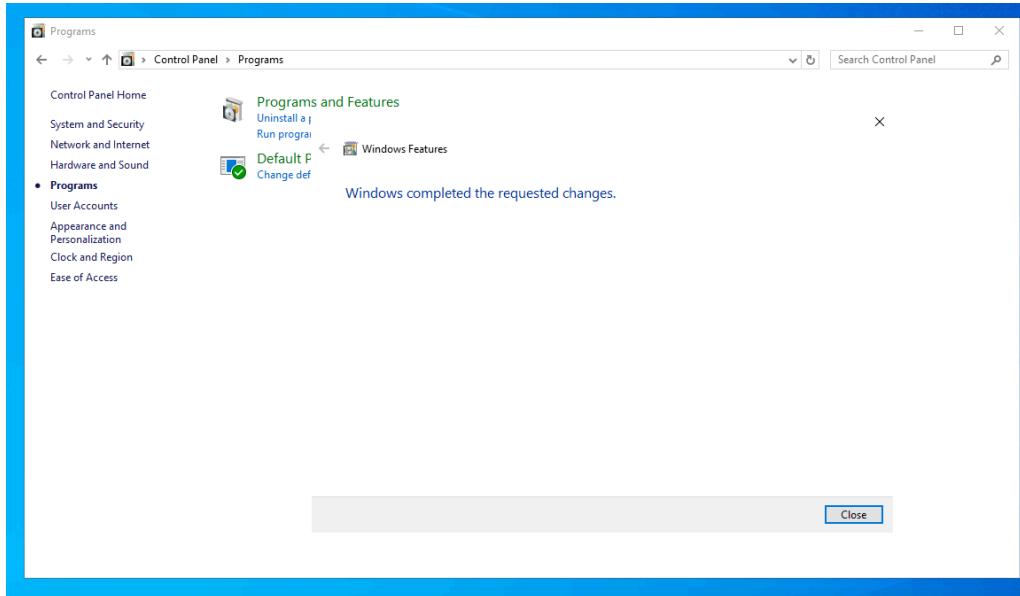
- Search up “Control Panel”
- Select “Programs”
- Select “Turn Windows features on or off”



- Look for Internet Information Services, click on the tick box and expand on it
- Select “World Wide Web Service” and expand on this too



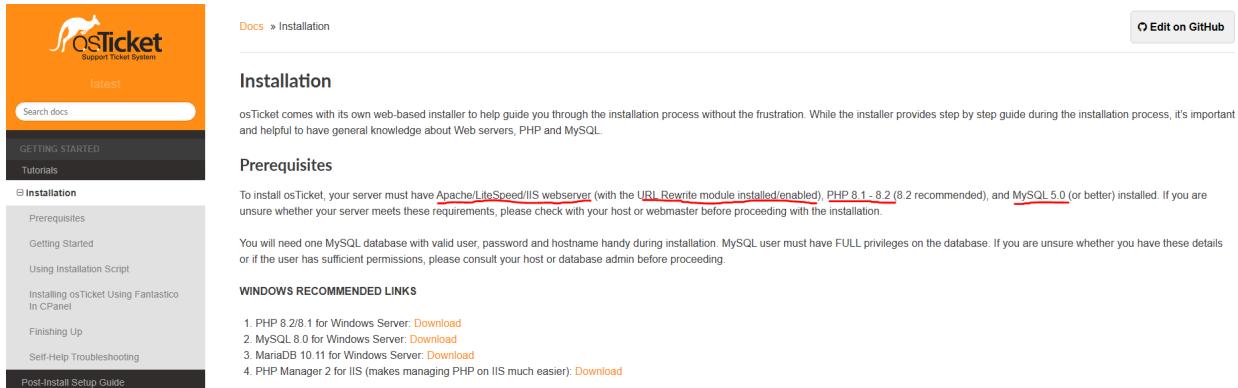
- Find “Application Development Features” and expand on that
- Select and tick “CGI” - Common Gateway Interface



- Wait until it's complete then close

2.2. Prerequisites

To even begin installing and using osTicket, we'll have to follow the the pre-requisites that require:



The screenshot shows the osTicket documentation website. The left sidebar has a dark theme with orange highlights for sections like 'Prerequisites' and 'Getting Started'. The main content area is titled 'Installation' and includes a sub-section 'Prerequisites'. It lists requirements for Apache/LiteSpeed/IIS webserver, PHP 8.1 - 8.2, and MySQL 5.0. It also provides links for recommended Windows installations.

Prerequisites

To install osTicket, your server must have Apache/LiteSpeed/IIS webserver (with the URL Rewrite module installed/enabled), PHP 8.1 - 8.2 (8.2 recommended), and MySQL 5.0 (or better) installed. If you are unsure whether your server meets these requirements, please check with your host or webmaster before proceeding with the installation.

You will need one MySQL database with valid user, password and hostname handy during installation. MySQL user must have FULL privileges on the database. If you are unsure whether you have these details or if the user has sufficient permissions, please consult your host or database admin before proceeding.

WINDOWS RECOMMENDED LINKS

1. PHP 8.2/8.1 for Windows Server: [Download](#)
2. MySQL 8.0 for Windows Server: [Download](#)
3. MariaDB 10.11 for Windows Server: [Download](#)
4. PHP Manager 2 for IIS (makes managing PHP on IIS much easier): [Download](#)

These include:

- Apache/LiteSpeed/IIS Webserver
- URL Rewrite Module
- PHP
- MySQL

For our osTicket stack, we'll be using what is required but also adding a few extra components to work through this process easier:

- **(MUST - to use PHP) VC_redist (Visual C++ Redistributable):**
 - Runtime Library.
 - Installs the necessary C++ runtime libraries required by applications and components, including PHP, to function correctly on Windows.
 - Naming: Visual C++ Runtime Installer.
- **(MUST) PHP:**
 - Server-Side Scripting Language.
 - Executes PHP scripts, which are essential for running the osTicket application.
 - Naming: PHP Interpreter.
- **(MUST) PHP Manager for IIS:**
 - IIS Extension/Management Tool.
 - Simplifies the management and configuration of PHP on IIS, including setting up PHP versions and managing PHP settings.
 - Naming: PHP Configuration Manager for IIS.
- **(MUST) MySQL:**
 - Relational Database Management System (RDBMS).
 - Stores and manages all data related to osTicket, including tickets, user information, and system configurations.
 - Naming: MySQL Database Server.
- **(Optional - Provides GUI) HeidiSQL:**
 - Database Management Tool.

- Provides a graphical interface for managing MySQL databases, allowing you to interact with and manipulate the database more easily.
 - Naming: MySQL Database Client.
- **(MUST) IIS URL Rewrite Module 2:**
 - IIS Module.
 - Allows for URL rewriting and redirection, helping manage and optimize URLs for better performance and SEO.
 - Naming: URL Rewrite Module for IIS.
- **(MUST - Main Application) osTicket:**
 - Web-Based Helpdesk System.
 - Provides a ticketing system for managing customer support requests and internal communications.
 - Naming: osTicket Application.

As there is a lot to download and our VM isn't the fastest machine, something we can do is download all of these separately and upload them onto a Google Drive. Then have that folder be accessible to anyone. We can then use our Virtual Machine to access the link and download all the necessary files.

This will save us time - and funny enough, money (since it costs to run VMs with Azure). So it's a win-win situation!

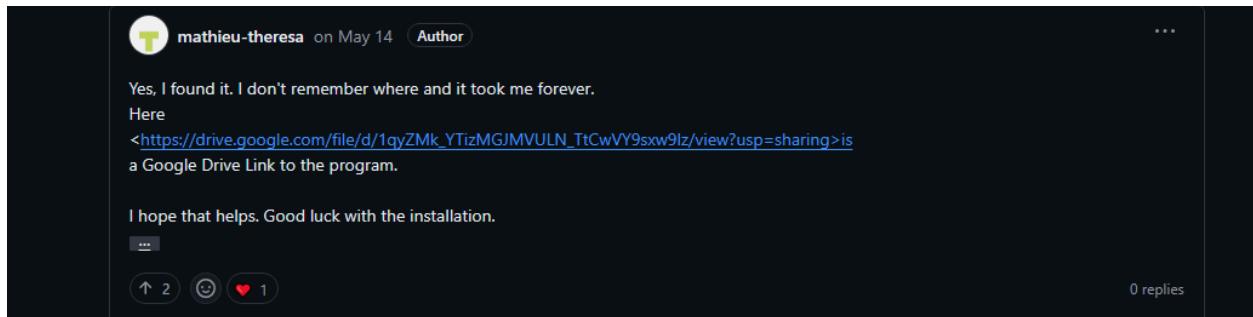
2.2.1. PHP and PHP Manager

First we download the C++ Runtime Library:

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/windows/latest-supported-vc-redist?view=msvc-170>

Second, we'll have to use PHP Manager and download a compatible PHP version. The issue is the PHP Manager 2.0 is no longer being used. It's available to download but no longer updated:
<https://www.iis.net/downloads/community/2018/05/php-manager-150-for-iis-10>

Downside is, the download does not work. But thankfully there's installations out there available. As seen through this forum:



mathieu-theresa on May 14 Author

Yes, I found it. I don't remember where and it took me forever.
Here
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qyZMk_YTizMGJMVULN_TtCwVY9sxw9lz/view?usp=sharing> is a Google Drive Link to the program.

I hope that helps. Good luck with the installation.

0 replies

<https://github.com/snipe/snipe-it/discussions/14641>

Next is finding compatible PHP versions to install this. According to ChatGPT, PHP 7.x and PHP 8.0 and partially PHP 8.1 are compatible with PHP Manager 1.5.0. We are using a newer PHP Manager but to be on the safe side to avoid potential issues, we'll stick with 7.4.

PHP Versions Compatible with PHP Manager 1.5.0:

PHP Manager 1.5.0 is compatible with the following PHP versions:

1. PHP 7.x:

- **Compatibility:** Fully supported. PHP Manager 1.5.0 works well with all PHP 7.x versions, including 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4.
- **Note:** PHP 7.4 is the last release in the PHP 7 series, and it is supported by PHP Manager 1.5.0.

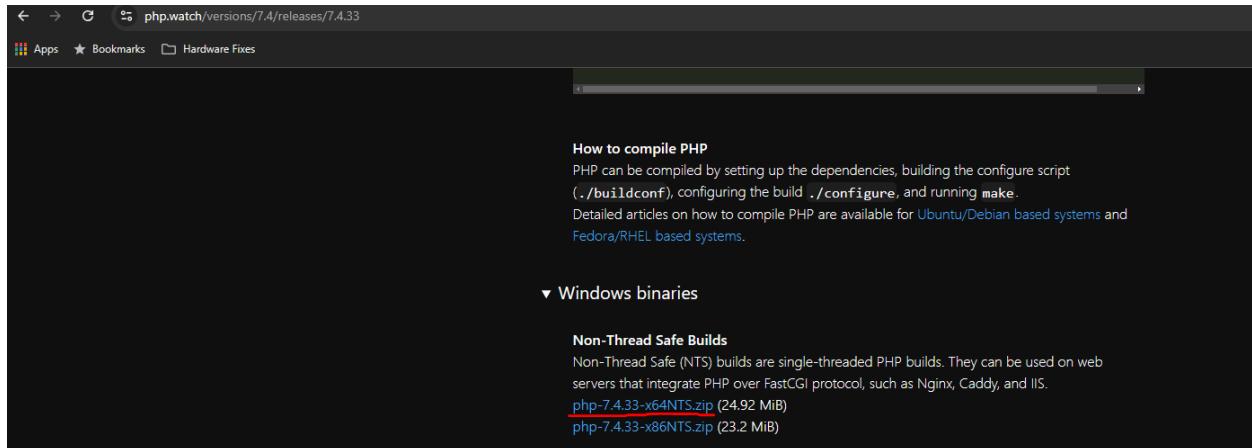
2. PHP 8.0:

- **Compatibility:** Supported. PHP 8.0, which introduced new features like JIT compilation, is compatible with PHP Manager 1.5.0.

3. PHP 8.1:

- **Compatibility:** Generally supported. PHP Manager 1.5.0 can manage PHP 8.1, though you might need to ensure that all extensions and configurations are updated to handle PHP 8.1's new features and changes.

However, as there isn't a need for PHP 8.x and there may be risks working with a later version of PHP when PHP manager hasn't been updated since 2018, it's a safe bet to stick with the latest compatible version it worked with. PHP 7.4



PHP 7.4.33 is the last version

- Download the NTS x64 version. That's used for 64 bit machines.
- Ignore the SRC version. Download NTS.
 - The SRC version is the “Source” version. It’s purpose is to be used by developers who need custom configurations or optimisations or those who need to build PHP for a specific platform
 - PHP NTS is focused around Windows servers running IIS

2.2.2. SQL and HeidiSQL

Next is downloading MySQL and HeidiSQL - this will be the GUI to make working with SQL easier.

MySQL Community Downloads

◀ MySQL Installer

The screenshot shows the MySQL Community Downloads website. At the top, there are tabs for "General Availability (GA) Releases" (which is selected), "Archives", and a search icon. Below the tabs, it says "MySQL Installer 8.0.39". A note states: "Note: MySQL 8.0 is the final series with MySQL Installer. As of MySQL 8.1, use a MySQL product's MSI or Zip archive for installation. MySQL Server 8.1 and higher also bundle MySQL Configurator, a tool that helps configure MySQL Server." Under "Select Version:", a dropdown menu shows "8.0.39". Under "Select Operating System:", a dropdown menu shows "Microsoft Windows". There are two download options: "Windows (x86, 32-bit), MSI Installer" (8.0.39, 2.1M, MD5: d8499da0b2c4b5dfa81a5c5185af9238 | Signature) and "Windows (x86, 32-bit), MSI Installer" (8.0.39, 303.6M, MD5: 353c5e5ab9350d0e9ddcb42264229b5d | Signature). A note at the bottom suggests using MD5 checksums and GnuPG signatures for verification.

First download MySQL from here: <https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/installer/>

The screenshot shows the HeidiSQL website. The header includes the HeidiSQL logo, a "FREE" badge, and links for "ServiceDesk Plus", "IT Help Desk Software", and "Try for free". The main navigation bar has links for "Home", "Downloads" (which is highlighted in orange), "Images", "Forum", "Donate", "Bugtracker", and "Help". Below the navigation, it says "Download HeidiSQL 12.8, released on 11 Jul 2024". On the left, there is a "Downloads" section with links for "Installer, 32/64 bit combined" (highlighted in red), "Portable version (zipped)", "Sourcecode", "Previous releases", and "Windows Package Manager". On the right, there is a "Compatibility notes" section with a bulleted list: "HeidiSQL runs fine on Windows 10 and 11 (and on Windows 7 + 8 with some minor issues)" and "Running HeidiSQL on Wine can have various issues, depending on the version of Wine and HeidiSQL.". Further down, there is a "Nightly Builds of heidisql.exe" section with a table of builds:

Revision	About box: show Delphi version behind compiled date
12.8.0.6919	committed: 10 Aug 2024 12:18 compiled: 10 Aug 2024 12:25 64bit build 23.2 MB
12.8.0.6918	Issue #1998: fix non-scaled title text font in completion proposal committed: 30 Jul 2024 14:21 compiled: 30 Jul 2024 14:25 64bit build 23.2 MB
12.8.0.6917	Issue #1991: check if left part of table name up to a dot lives in the database list. If not, assume it is part of the table name. committed: 25 Jul 2024 20:06 compiled: 25 Jul 2024 20:25 64bit build 23.2 MB

Next is HeidiSQL from here: https://www.heidisql.com/download.php#google_vignette

2.2.3. IIS URL Rewrite Model and osTicket

Next is the IIS URL Rewrite Model and the osTicket

- Support for IIS kernel-mode and user-mode output caching
- Lowercase conversion function
- Rewrite maps to generate the substitution URL during rewriting
- Failed Request Tracing support

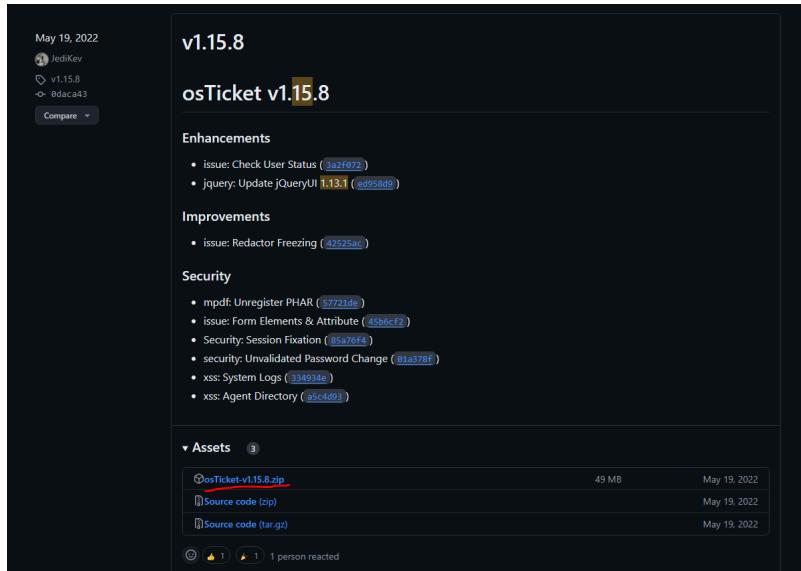
Awards



Download URL Rewrite Module 2.1

- English: [x86 installer](#) / [x64 installer](#)
- German: [x86 installer](#) / [x64 installer](#)
- Spanish: [x86 installer](#) / [x64 installer](#)
- French: [x86 installer](#) / [x64 installer](#)

- IIS URL Rewrite Mode x64::: <https://www.iis.net/downloads/microsoft/url-rewrite>



The screenshot shows the GitHub release page for osTicket v1.15.8. At the top left, there's a timestamp "May 19, 2022" and a "Compare" button. The main title is "v1.15.8" followed by "osTicket v1.15.8". Below the title, there are sections for "Enhancements", "Improvements", and "Security", each listing specific issues and their pull request numbers. Under "Assets", there are three download links: "osTicket-v1.15.8.zip" (highlighted with a red box), "Source code (zip)", and "Source code (tar.gz)". At the bottom, there are social sharing icons and a note that 1 person reacted.

- Finally the osTicket download:
<https://github.com/osTicket/osTicket/releases?q=1.15&expanded=true>
- On the osTicket website, they have their latest version up. Unfortunately it does require 8.0 PHP and since we have 7.4 PHP, it'd be incompatible. Therefore we'll need to work with an older version.
- We can go to their Github repository and download version 1.15.8

Now what I've done is compiled all of these files into one folder on Google Drive. This way, it's a lot easier to access all of these different files from my VM. I just have to open the google drive link and download them all.

Google Drive interface showing the 'osTicket Build' folder. The folder contains the following files:

Name	Owner	Last modified	File size
HeidiSQL_12.8.0.6908_Setup.exe	Unable to load user	01:23	42.8 MB
mysql-installer-community-8.0.39.0.msi	Unable to load user	01:29	303.6 MB
osTicket-v1.15.8.zip	Unable to load user	01:39	49 MB
php-7.4.33-nts-Win32-vc15-x64.zip	Unable to load user	02:16	24.9 MB
PHPManagerForIIS_x64.msi	Unable to load user	01:51	876 KB
rewrite_amd64_en-US.msi	Unable to load user	02:12	5.8 MB
VC_redist.x86.exe	Unable to load user	01:19	13.2 MB

- Simply download all the files here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19tWs-djcWmY7u39ShEN1RwgNCS3S88E5?usp=sharing>

Microsoft Edge download context menu for 'osTicket Build-20240813T015305Z-001':

- Delete
- Keep** (highlighted with a red underline)
- Report this file as safe
- Learn more
- Copy download link

- You'll likely get this message. Don't worry about it. The files are safe, so keep the files.

Windows File Explorer showing the contents of the 'osTicket Build' folder:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
HeidiSQL_12.8.0.6908_Setup	8/13/2024 1:58 AM	Application	43,833 KB
mysql-installer-community-8.0.39.0.msi	8/13/2024 1:58 AM	Windows Installer...	310,916 KB
osTicket-v1.15.8	8/13/2024 1:58 AM	Compressed (zipp...)	50,127 KB
PHPManagerForIIS_x64	8/13/2024 1:58 AM	Windows Installer...	876 KB
VC_redist.x86	8/13/2024 1:58 AM	Application	13,543 KB
rewrite_amd64_en-US	8/13/2024 2:20 AM	Windows Installer...	5,936 KB
php-7.4.33-nts-Win32-vc15-x64	8/13/2024 2:19 AM	Compressed (zipp...)	25,520 KB

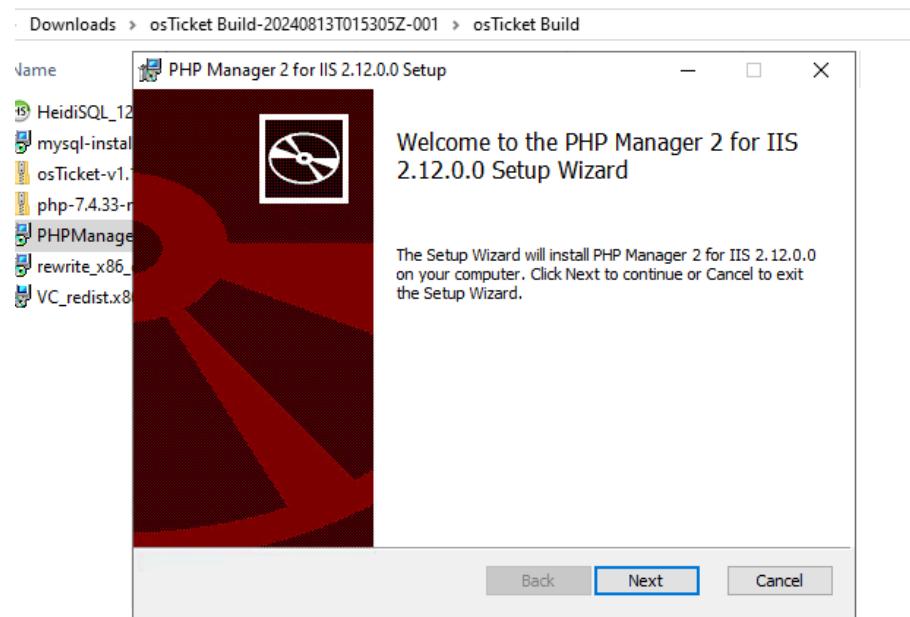
- Now you have all the files to begin the installations!

3. Going through all Installations

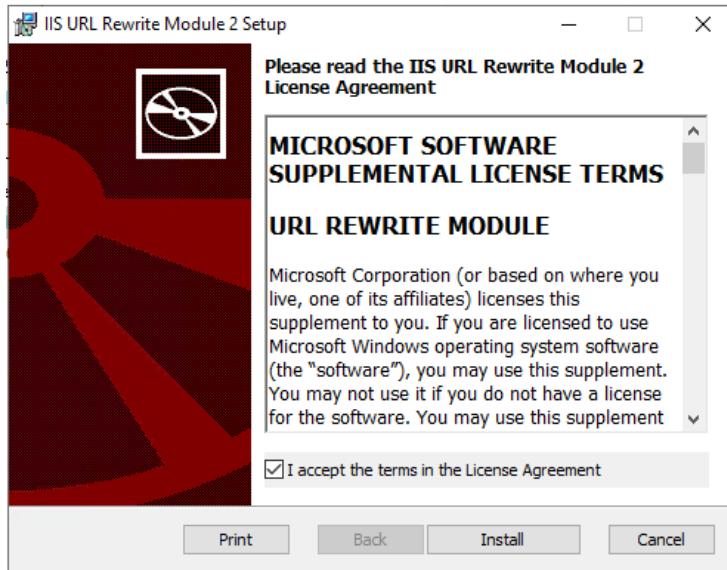
Here we'll go through all the installations (the final section)

3.1. PHP, PHP Manager & Rewrite

First we'll focus on downloading PHP Manager, then the Rewrite then PHP.

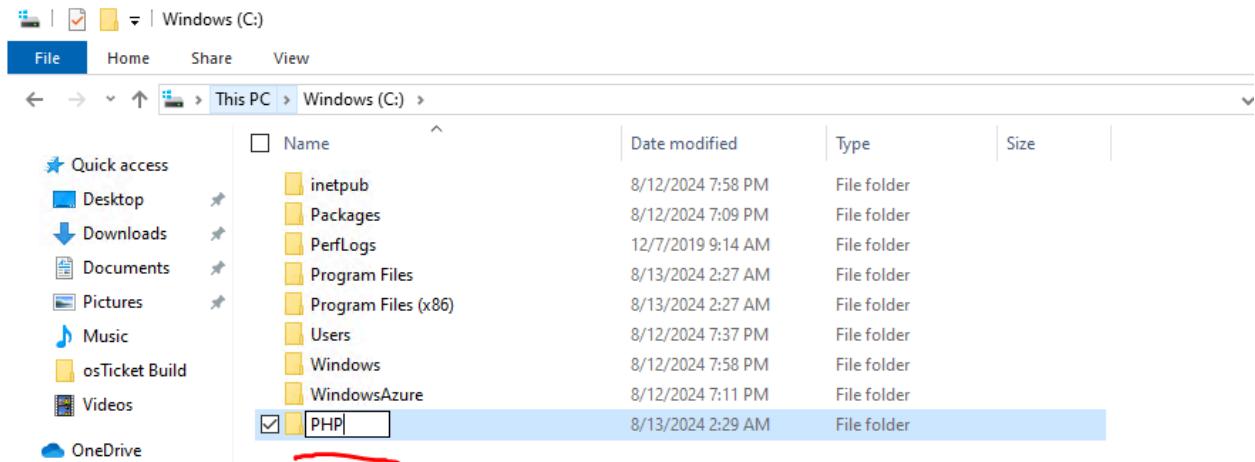


- Install PHP Manager 2. Keep going next and complete the installation

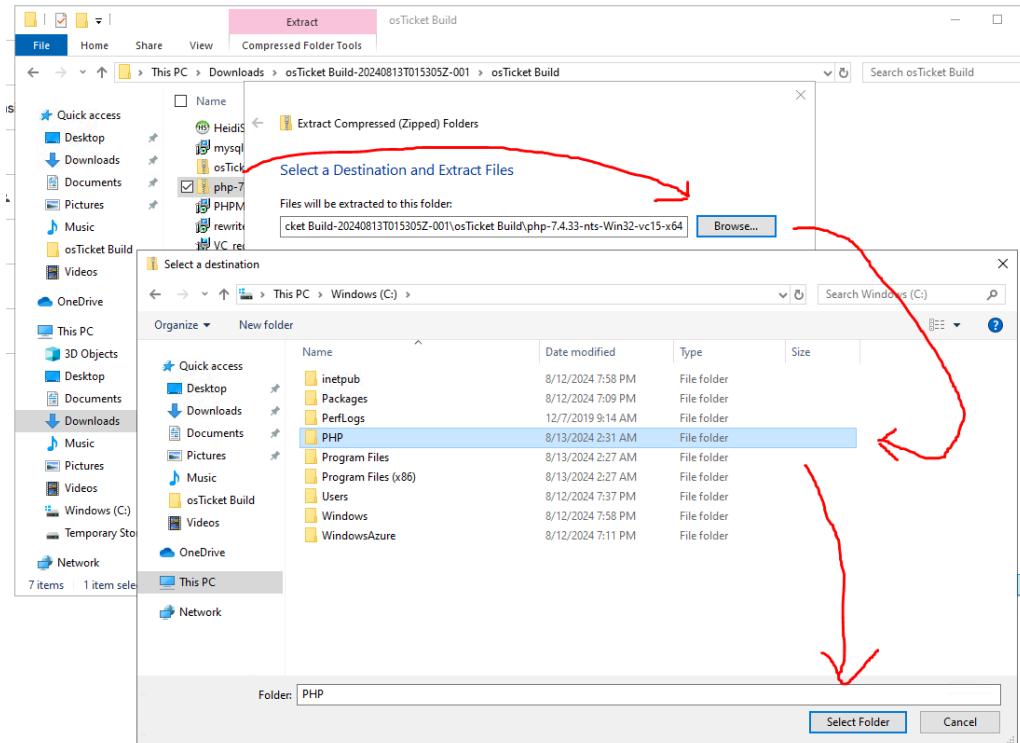


- Install IIS URL Rewrite Module 2

Now for PHP, we have all of the required files and folders. We just need to move them to the correct location so we have to make a new directory.



- Create a directory/folder called PHP under C:/ Drive as shown above



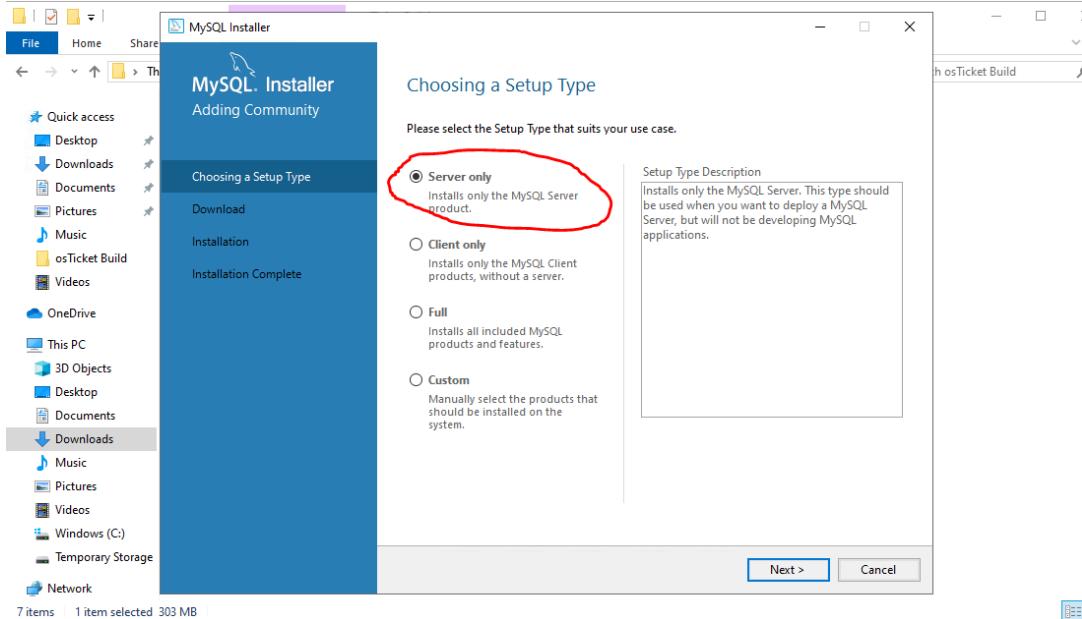
- Then all we do is extract the PHP zipped folder into the PHP folder.

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extras	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	File folder	
lib	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	File folder	
sasl2	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	File folder	
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gmodule-2.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	18 KB
icudt66.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	27,381 KB
icuin66.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	2,571 KB
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icuuc66.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	1,851 KB
libcrypto-1_1-x64.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	3,394 KB
libenchant.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	47 KB
libpq.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	276 KB
libsasl.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	106 KB
libsodium.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	294 KB
libsqLite3.dll	8/13/2024 2:33 AM	Application exten...	1,302 KB
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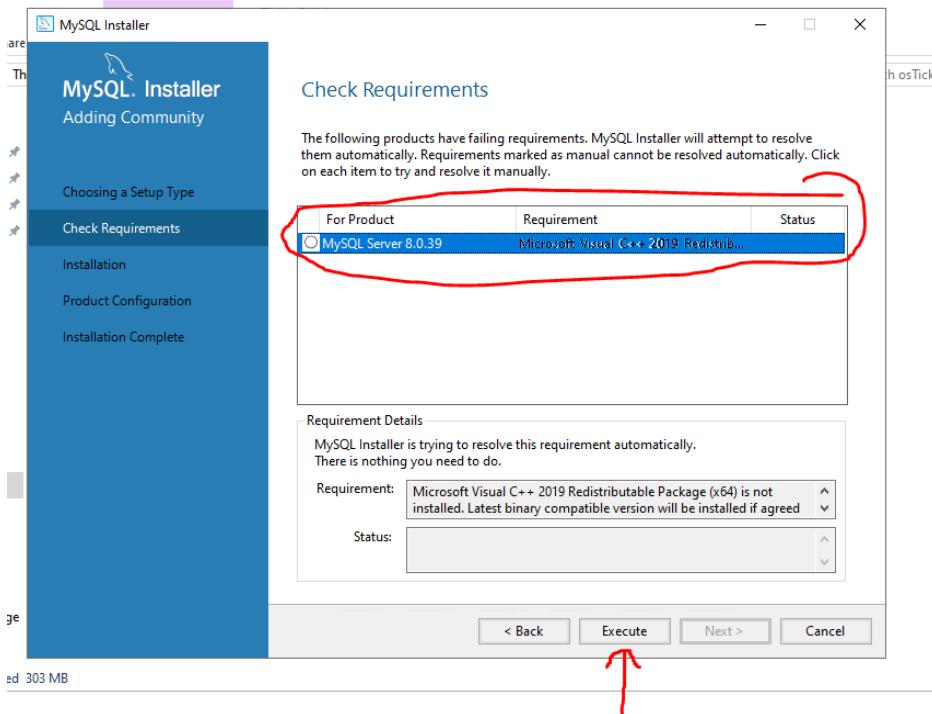
- Done!

3.2. Visual C++, MySQL and HeidiSQL

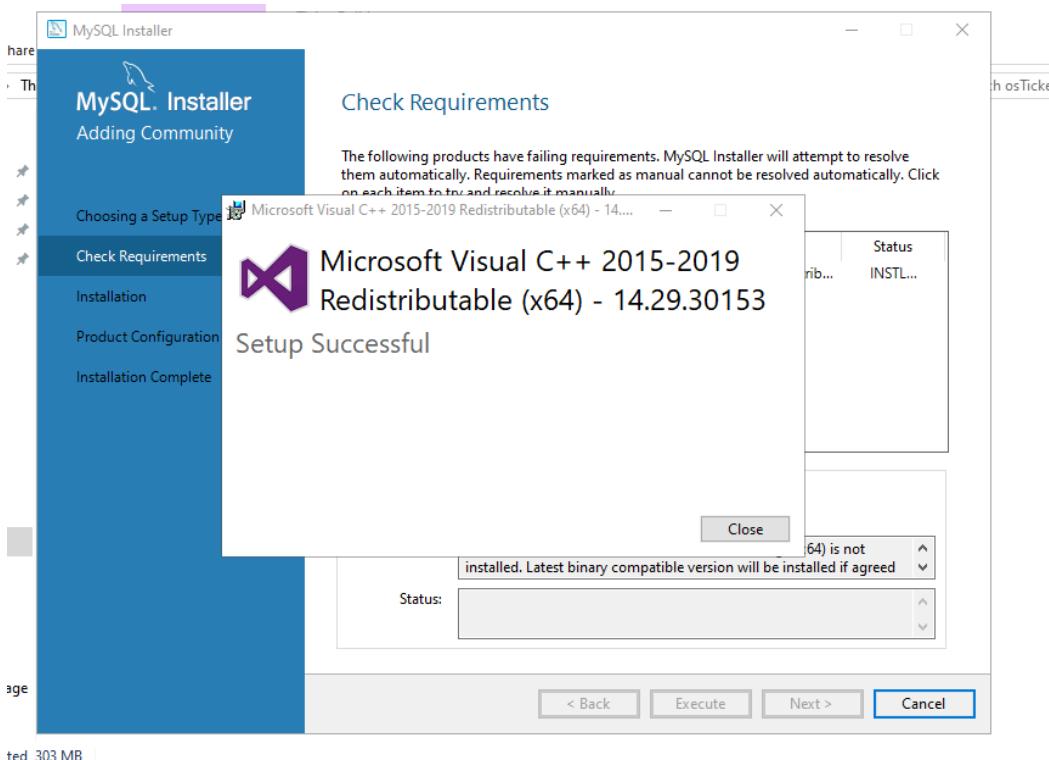
Now it's time to install MySQL



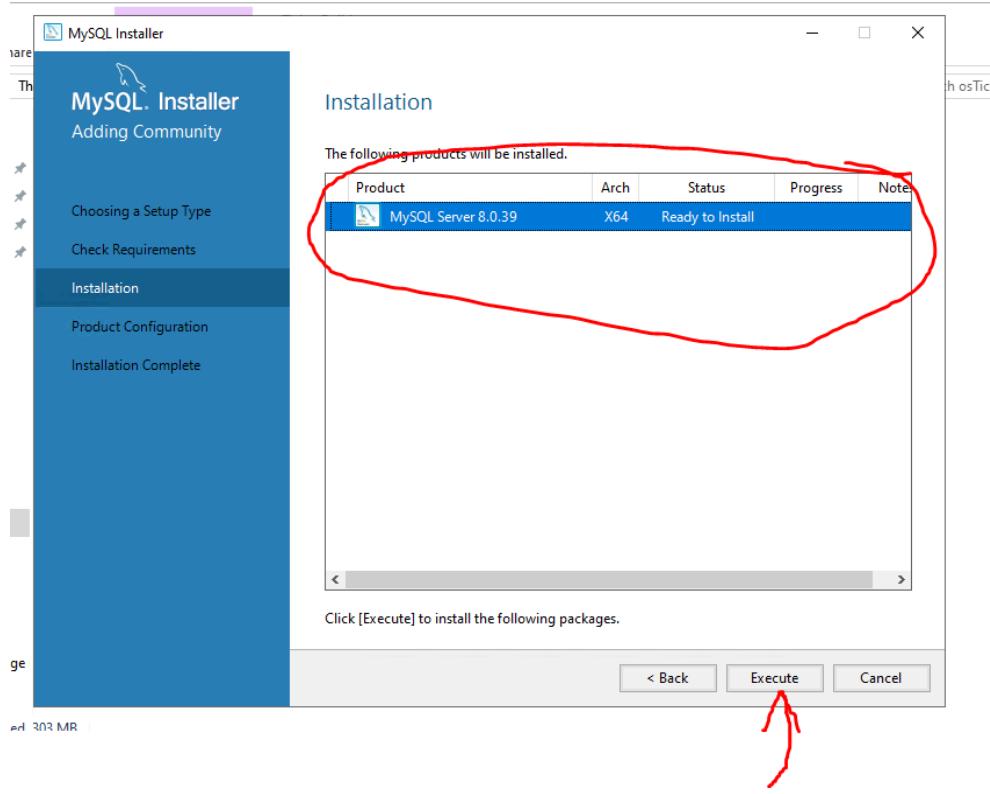
- Select “Server Only” as we’ll be wanting to deploy an SQL server, not developing any applications.



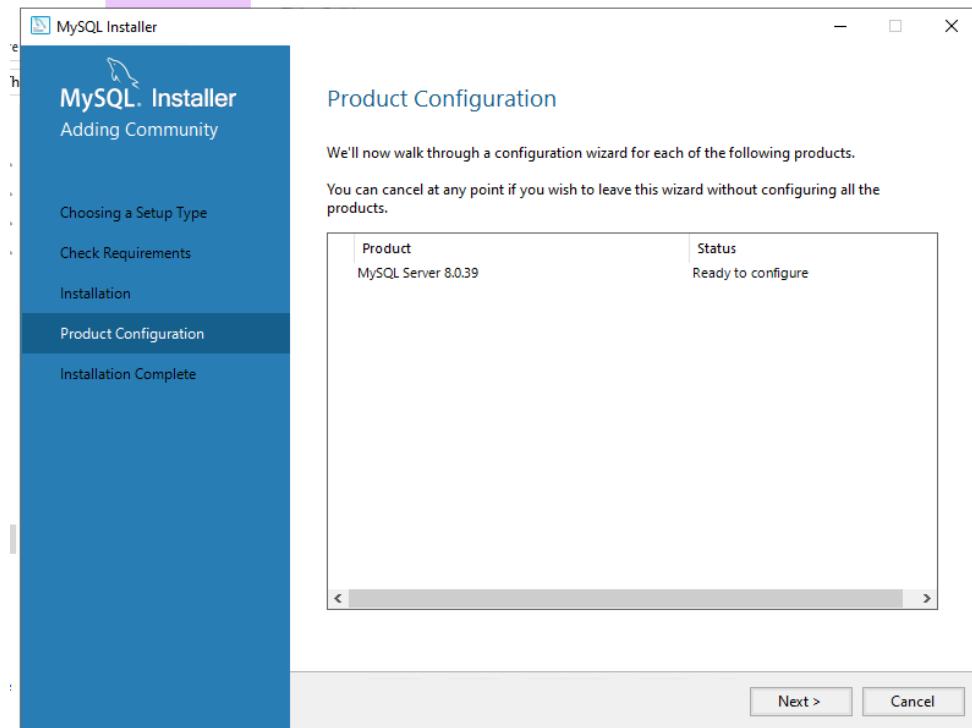
- Select MySQL Server > Execute



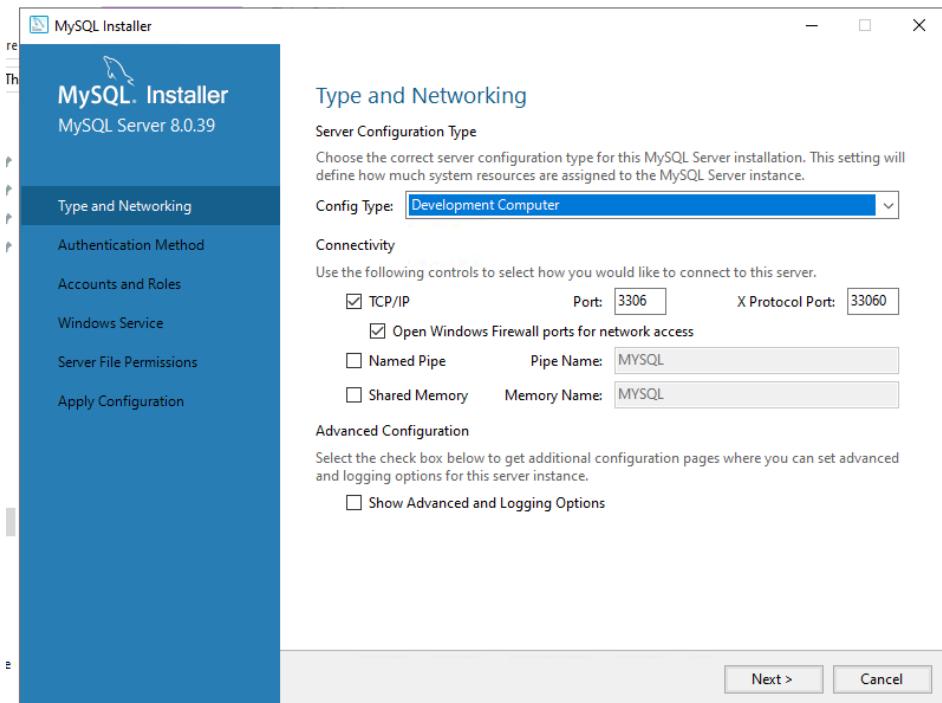
- This will automatically setup a Visual C++ update for us. In case it didn't, we also can install it from the files we have downloaded just incase.



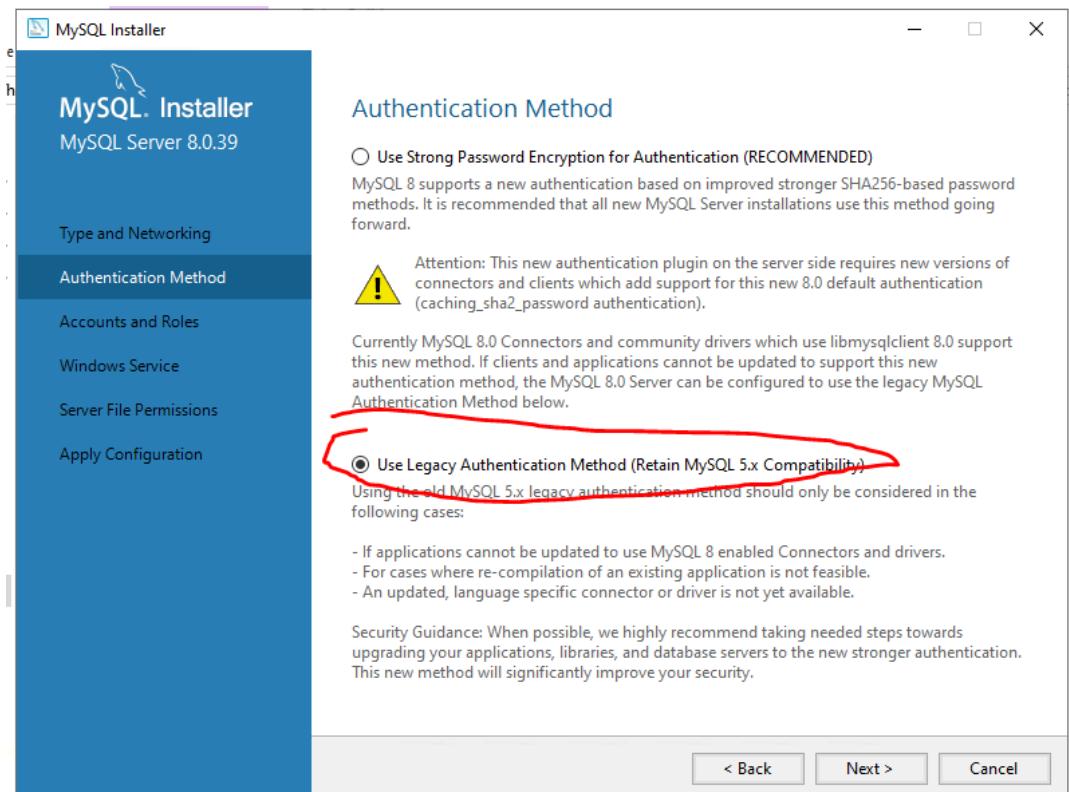
- Selected the correct Installation and click on Execute
- Once completed, go next



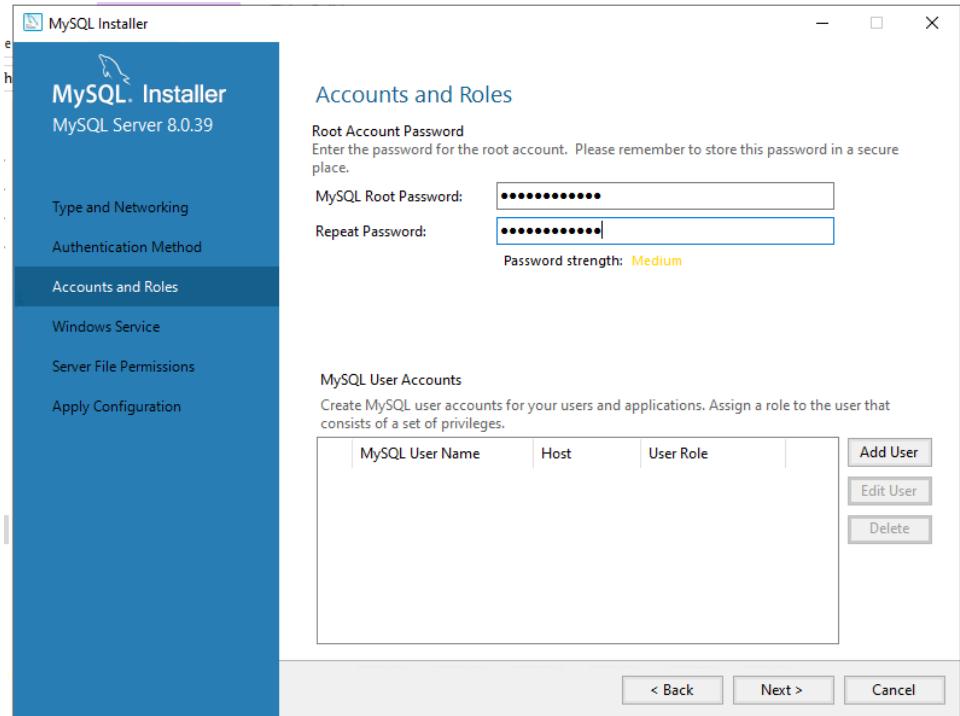
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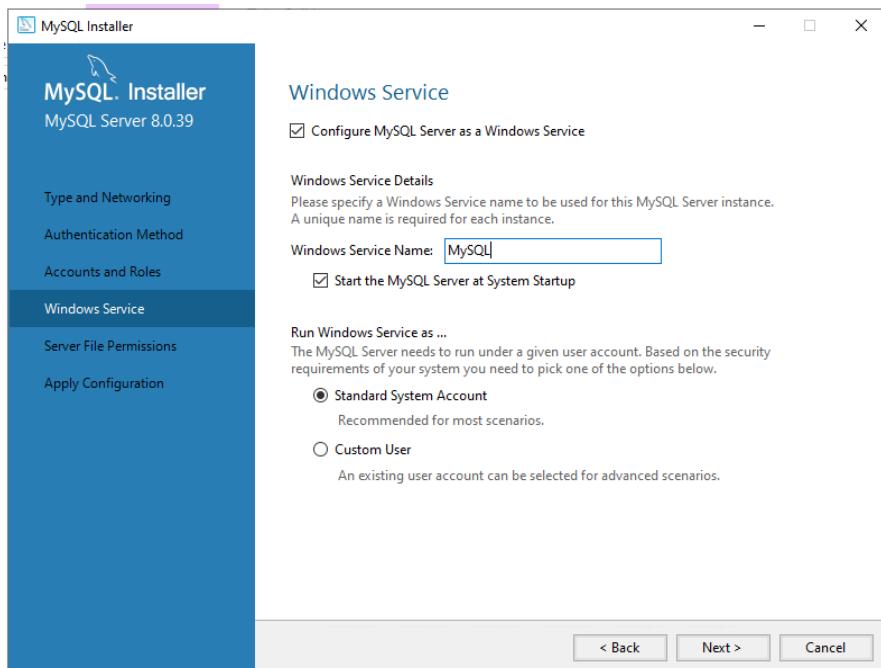
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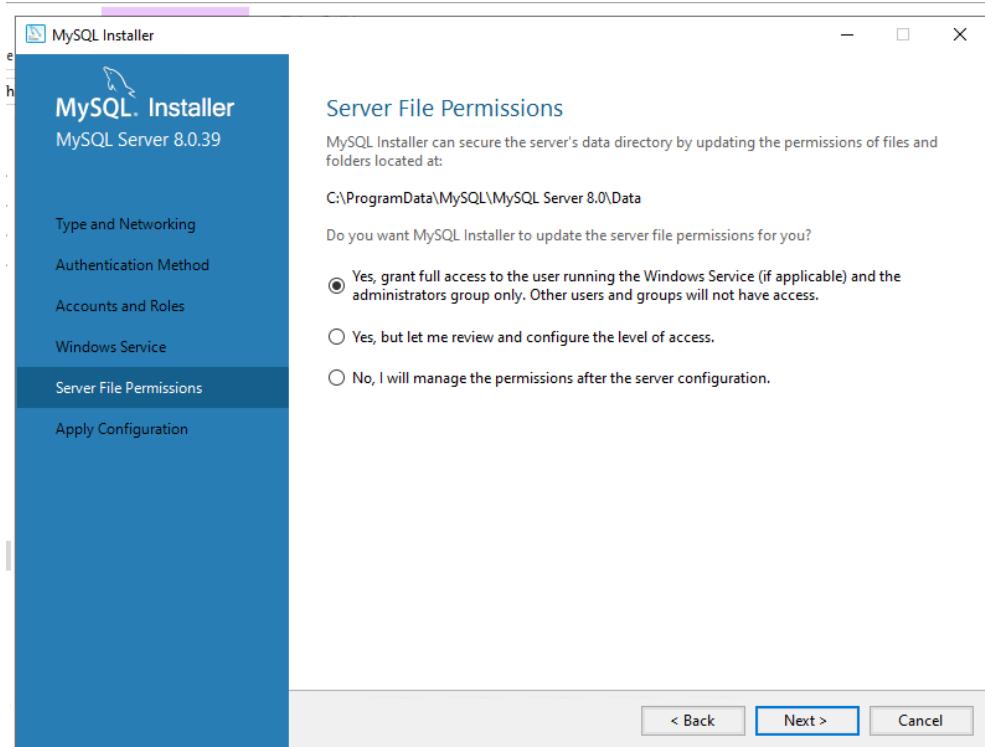
- Select Legacy - so we can work with the osTicket version we have
- Go Next



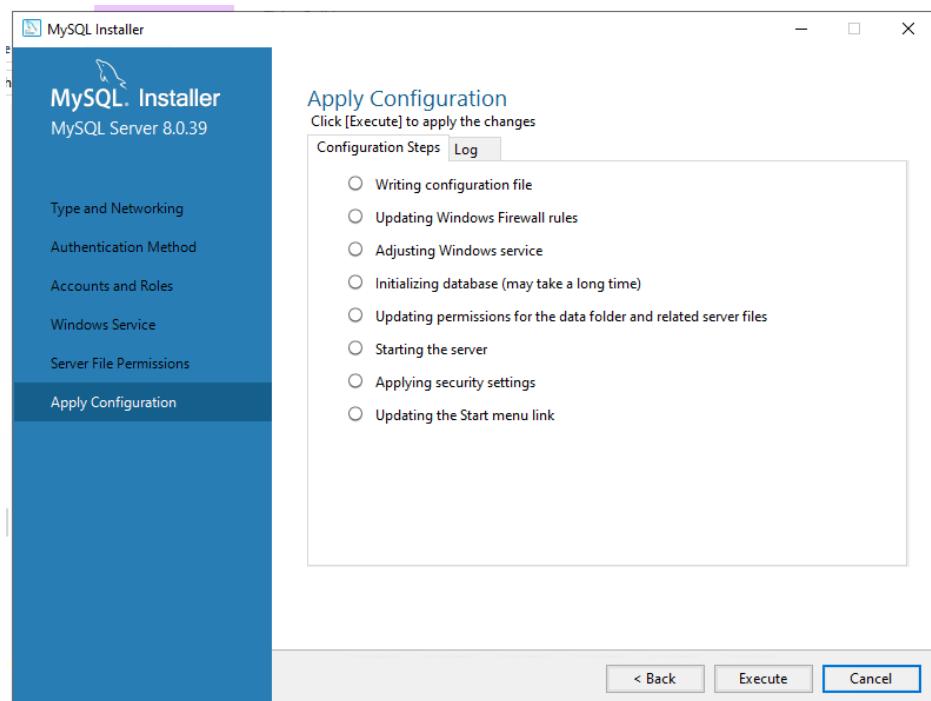
- Create a password for this. As this is a lab, you can make a simple password like:
Password1 (Make sure you do not forget it)
- Next



- Give a name
- Select Standard
- Next

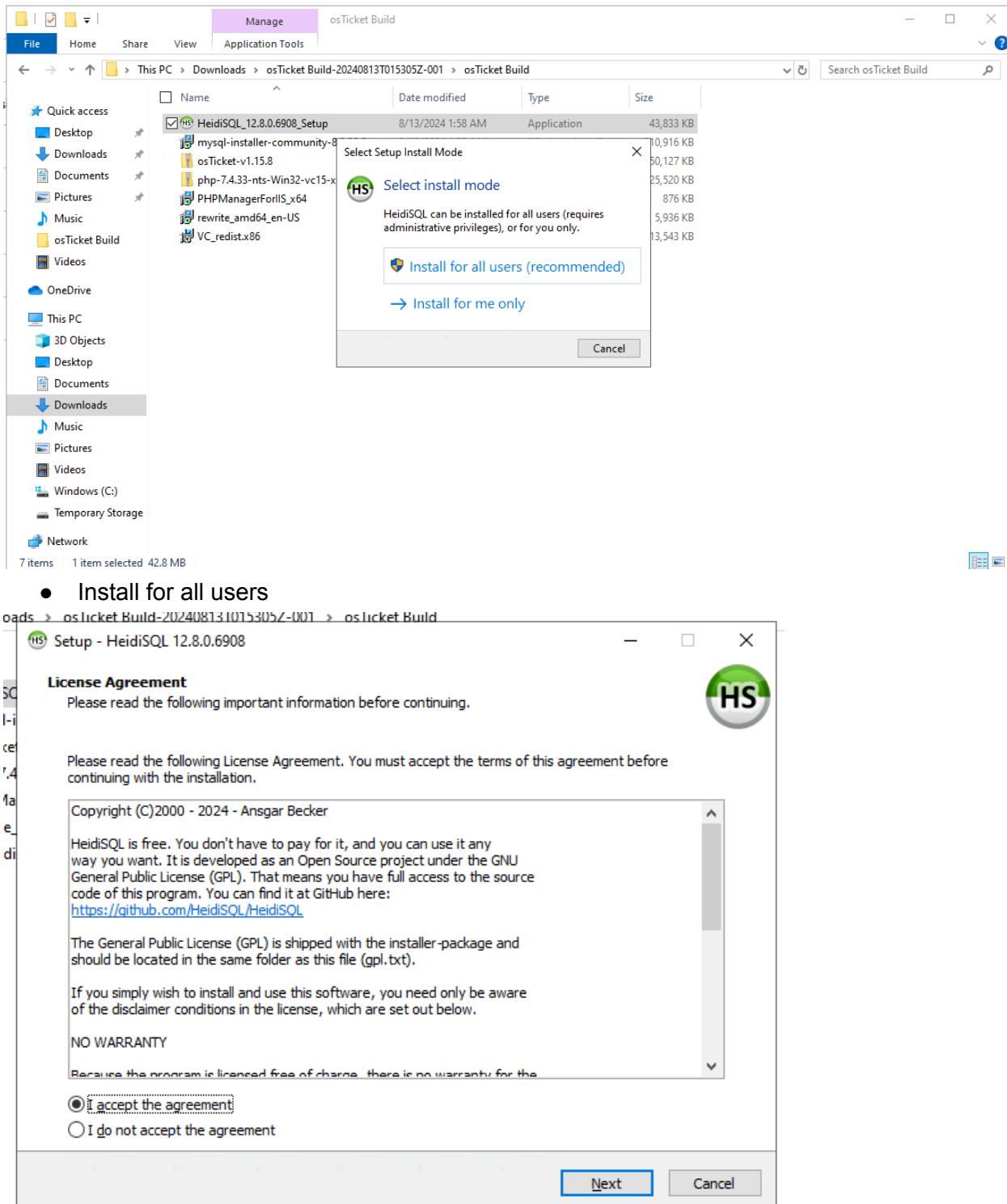


- **Next**

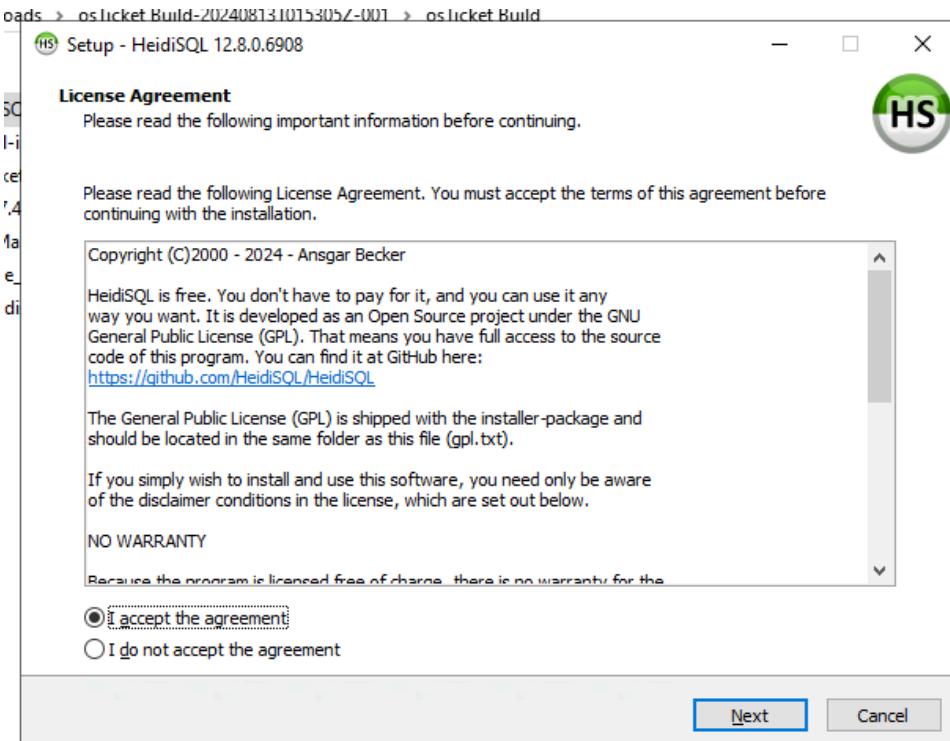


- **Execute**
- And that should be completed

Now we can install HeidiSQL - the GUI



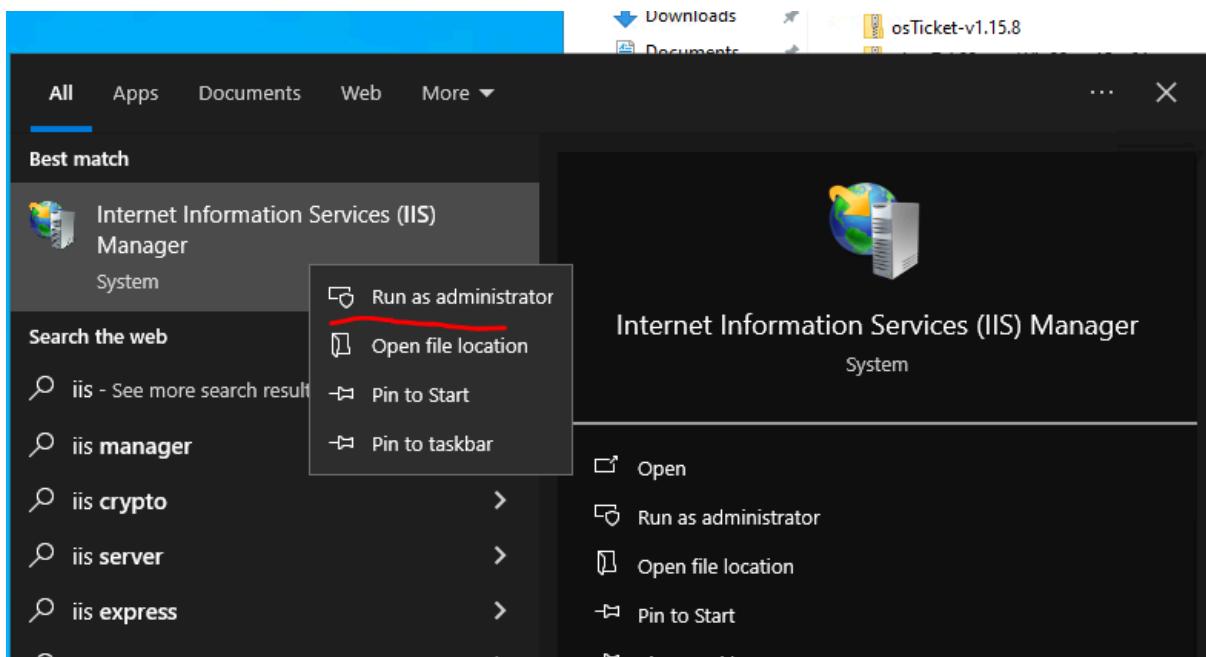
- **Install for all users**



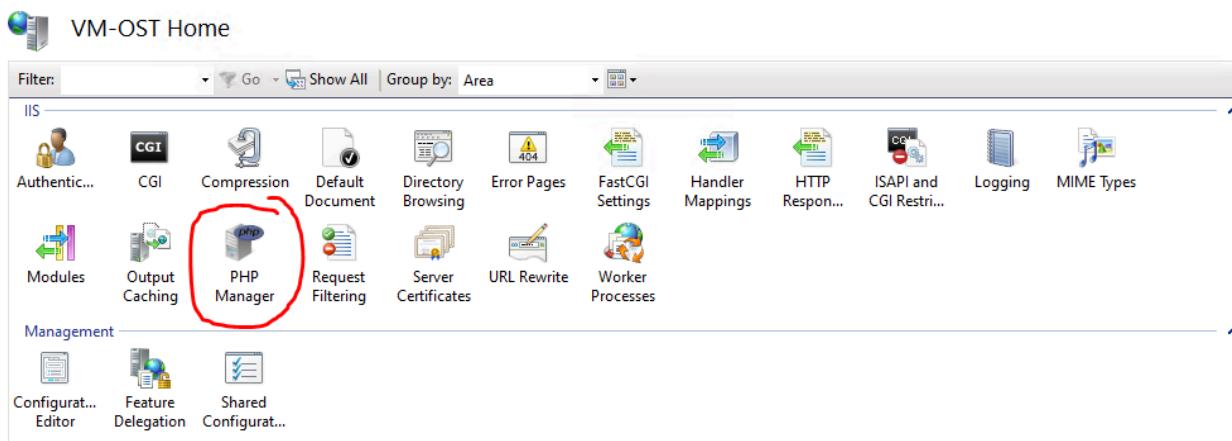
- Go next and install. You don't need to open this for now.
- Finish the installation

3.3. osTicket

Now we can focus on building the osTicket. First we need to setup PHP within an IIS



- Search for IIS and run it as an Administrator



- Start PHP within the IIS

Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager

VM-OST >

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PHP Manager

[2.12] Use this feature to check the PHP runtime settings, to configure PHP runtime directives and to enable or disable PHP extensions.

PHP Setup

PHP is not enabled. Register new PHP version to enable PHP via FastCGI.

PHP version:	Not available
PHP executable:	Not available
Handler mapping:	Not available

[Register new PHP version](#) | [Change PHP version](#) | [Check phpinfo\(\)](#)

PHP Settings

Configuration file:	Not available
Error log:	Not available

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PHP Extensions

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- It then tells us that the PHP is not registered. All we have to do is register it

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Select PHP executable file

This PC > Windows (C:) > PHP >

File name: PHP executable (php-cgi.exe)

Open Cancel

- All we have to do is provide the path to php-cgi and we're good to go

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PHP Setup

This PHP release is already obsolete. [View PHP supported versions.](#)

PHP version:	7.4.33
PHP executable:	C:\PHP\php-cgi.exe
Handler mapping:	Local

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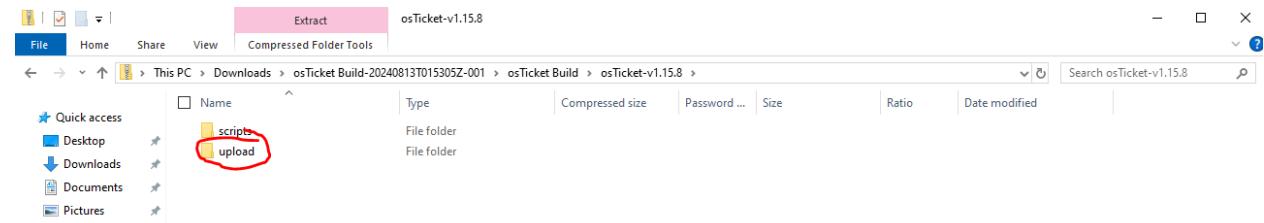
PHP Settings

Configuration file:	C:\PHP\php.ini
Error log:	C:\Windows\Temp\php-7.4.33_errors.log

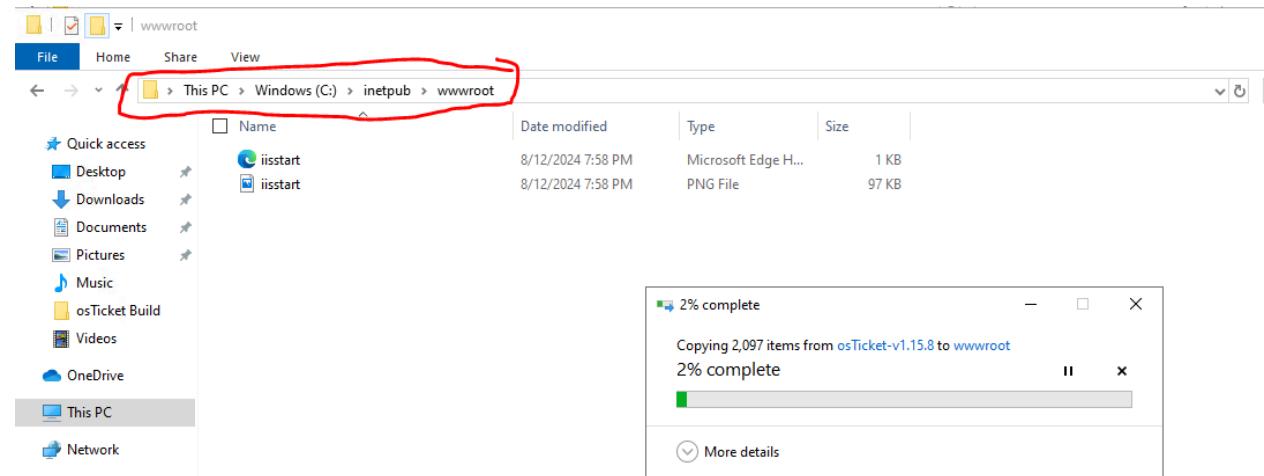
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- Don't worry about this message. This will all still work.

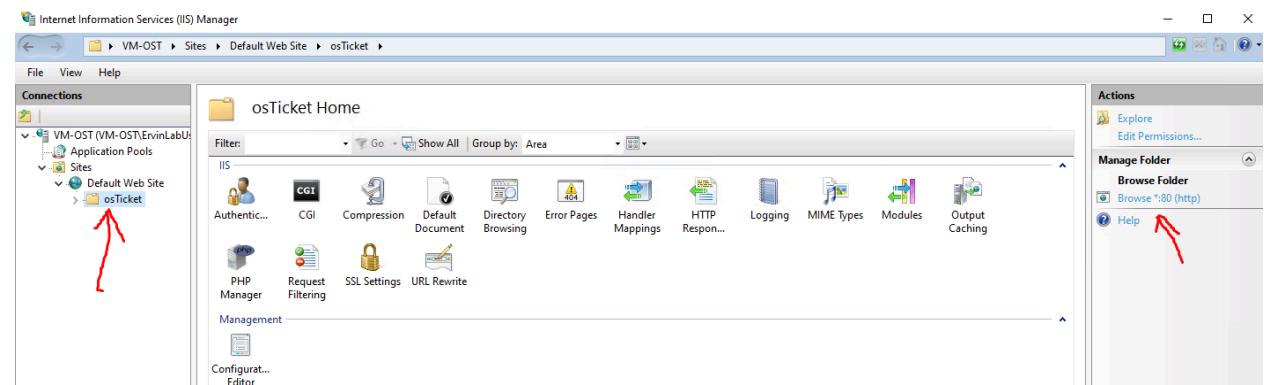
Next we'll setup the osTicket. Go to the osTicket Zipped folder.



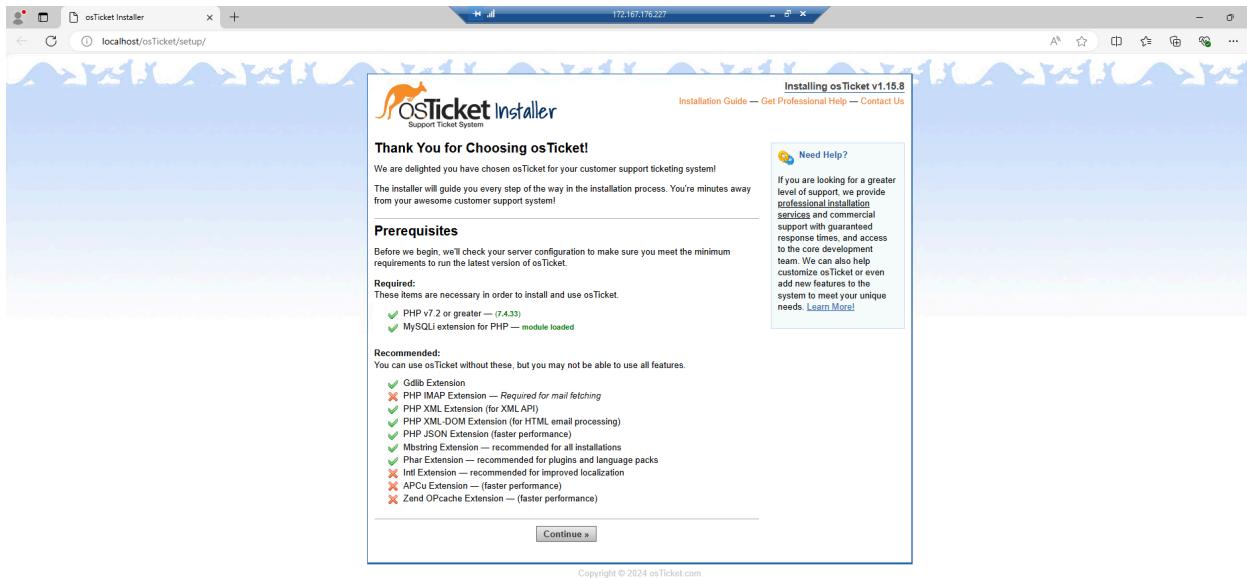
- Copy the “upload” folder



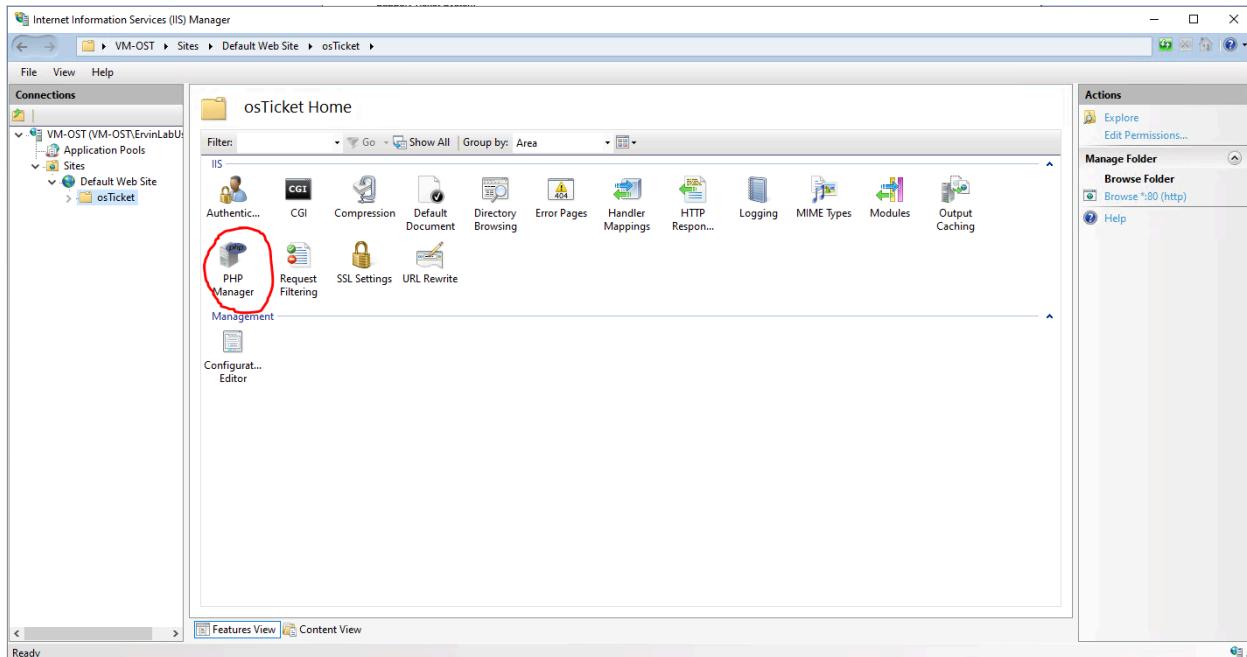
- Upload it onto this directory. This is the default folder for the Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS)
- Once completed, rename the folder to osTicket, then go back to the IIS Manager



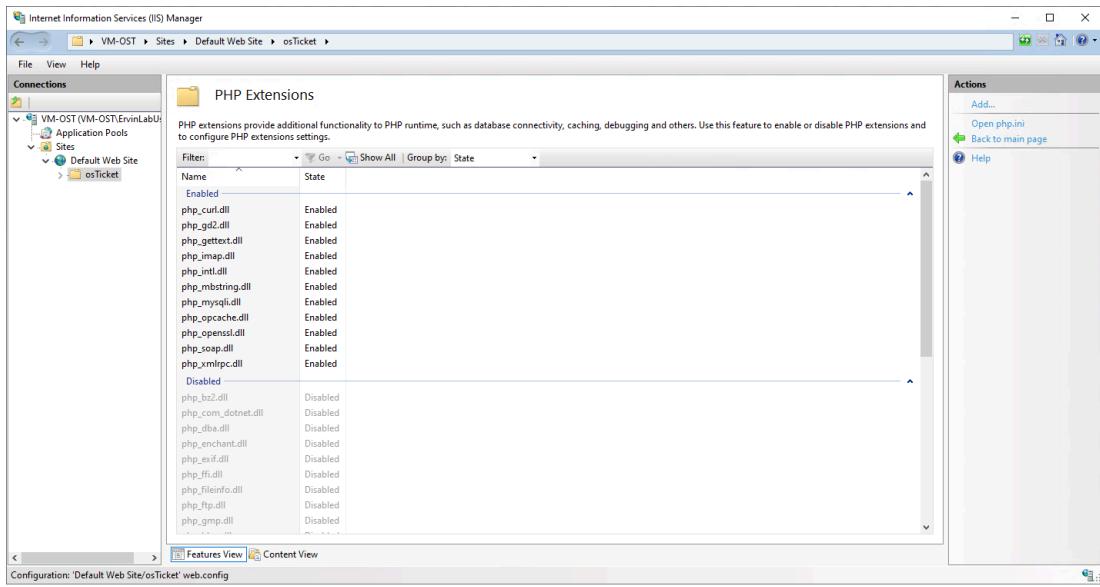
- Refresh the panel to the left, then go to sites>default web site >osTicket
- Next click on Browse *:80



- Look at that!! We have osTicket installed! But there are a few more things we still have to do, as shown in the “Recommended” section. Let’s fix that.
- We’ll have to go back to our IIS Manager



- Click on PHP Manager
- Scroll down to the bottom and select “Disable or enable extensions”



- Look for and enable:
 - `php_imap.dll`
 - `php_intl.dll`
 - `php_opcache.dll`

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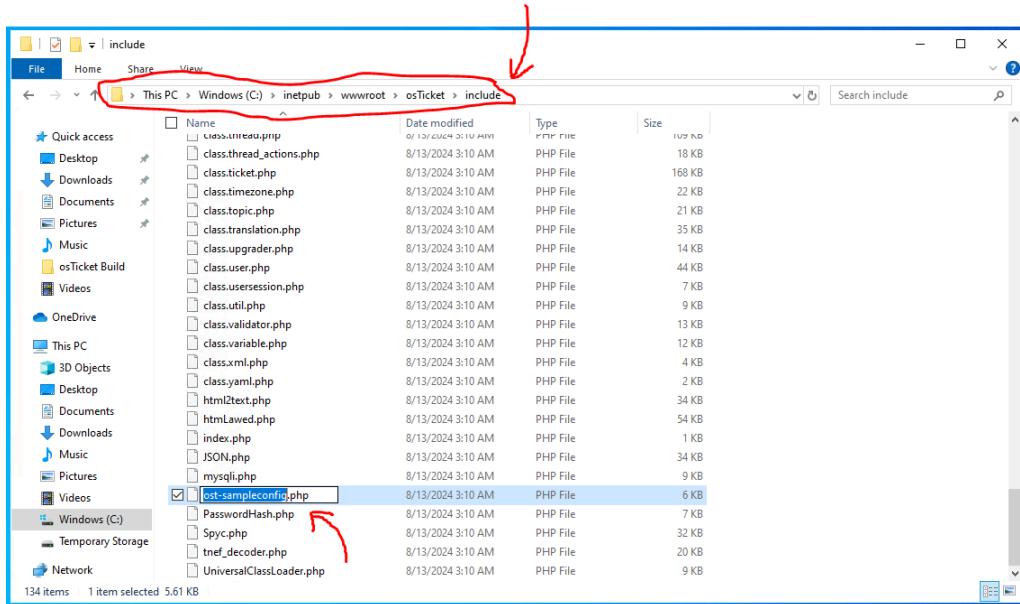
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- Now this has been updated

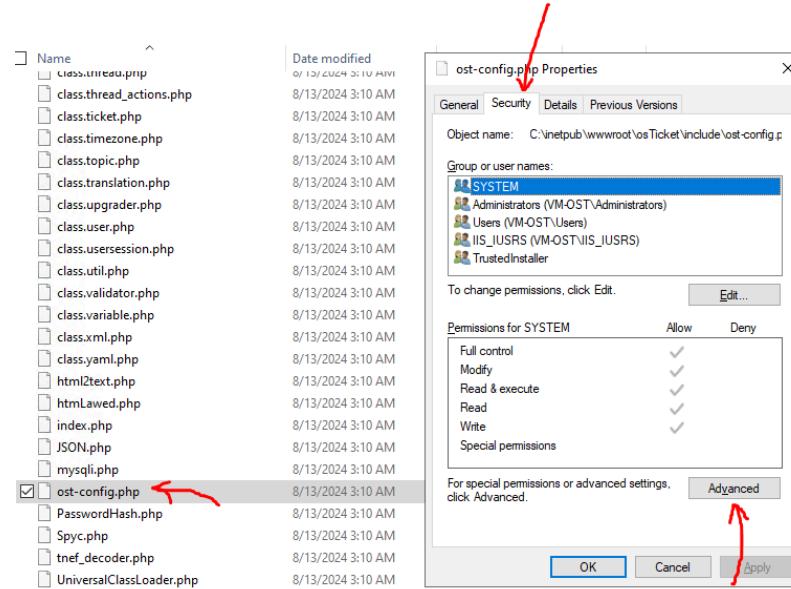
One more step before the osTicket installation, we need to find a file called `ost-sampleconfig.php`.

What we're trying to do here is remove all previous permissions and have everyone have the ability to modify the data in our osTicket system. **Later on, we will revert this back to read-only.**

The only reason we're doing this is so we can set it up seamlessly before reverting back to stricter restrictions.

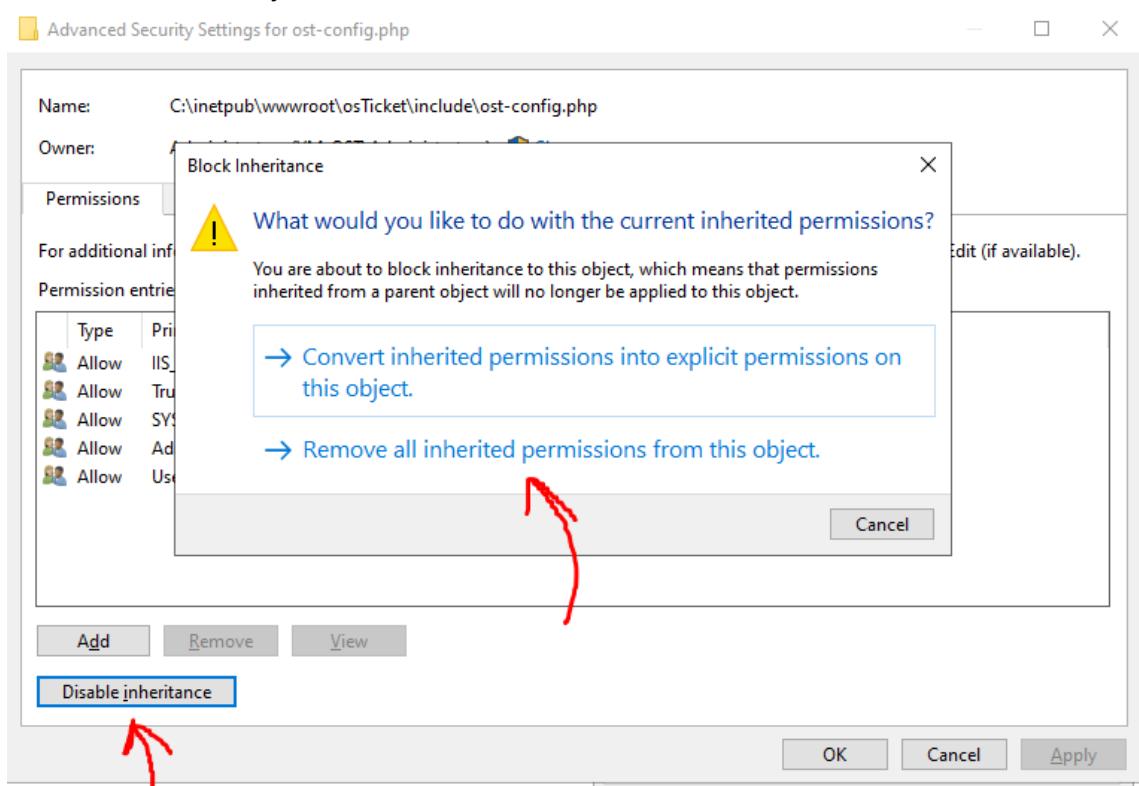


- For this, we want to go to C: > inetpub > wwwroot > osTicket > include

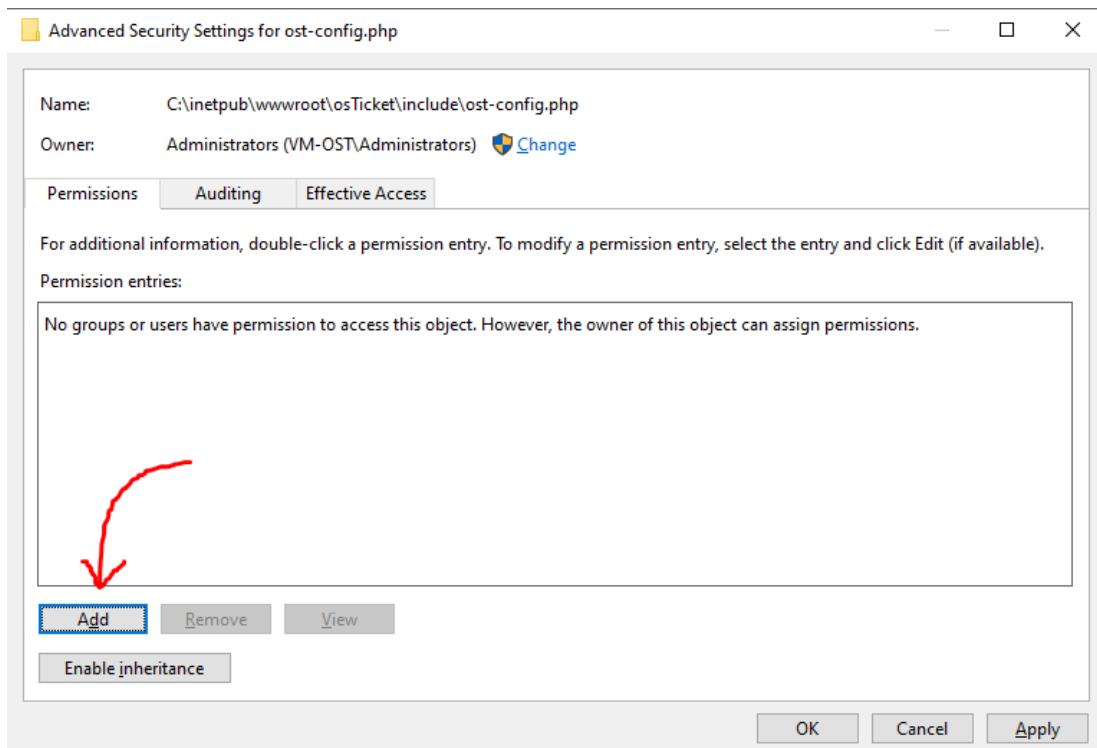


- Rename it to `ost-config.php`
- Right click > Properties

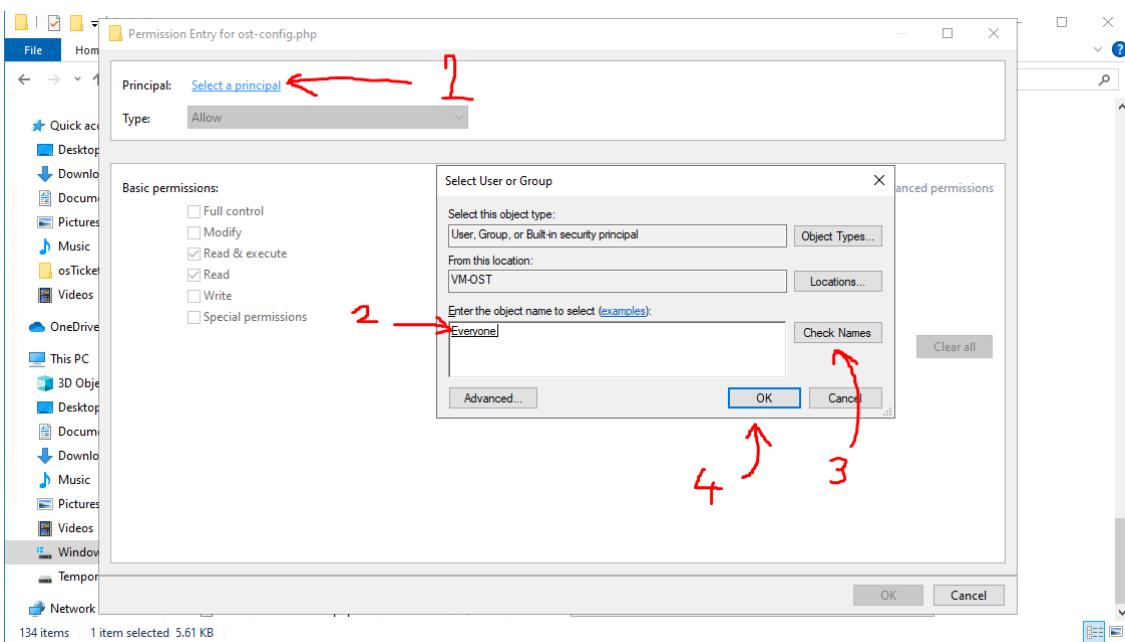
- Go to Security > Advanced



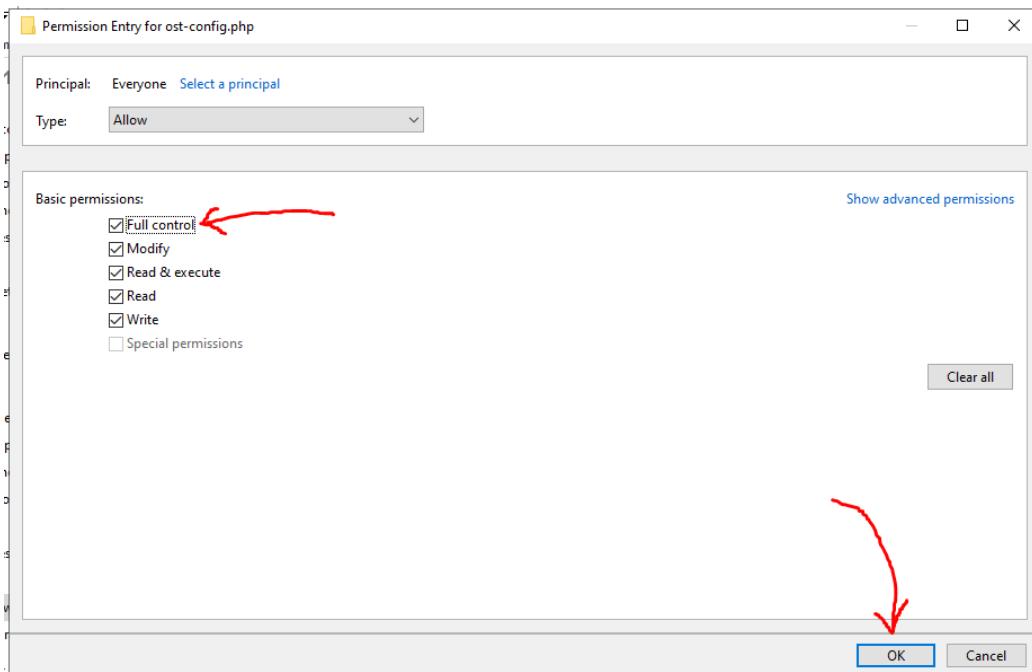
- Select Disable inheritance
- Remove all inherited permissions from this object.



- Click Add



- First select Principle
- Second type “Everyone”
- Third select “Check Names”
- The press OK



- From here select “Full Control”
- Then select “OK”

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Support Ticket System

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osTicket Basic Installation

Please fill out the information below to continue your osTicket installation. All fields are required.

System Settings
The URL of your helpdesk, its name, and the default system email address

Helpdesk URL:

Helpdesk Name:

Default Email:

Primary Language:

Admin User
Your primary administrator account - you can add more users later.

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

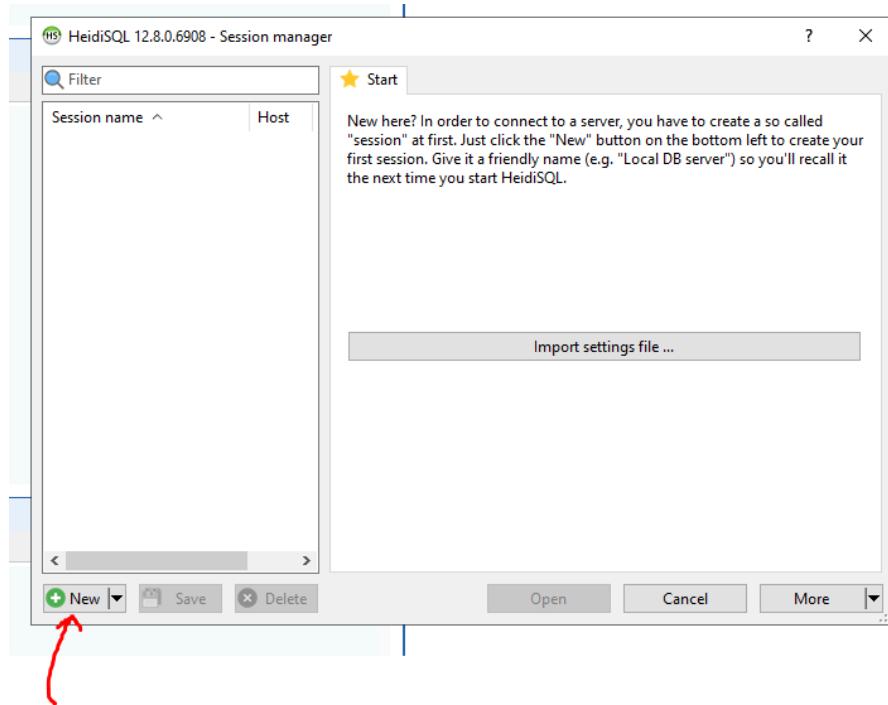
Username:

Password:

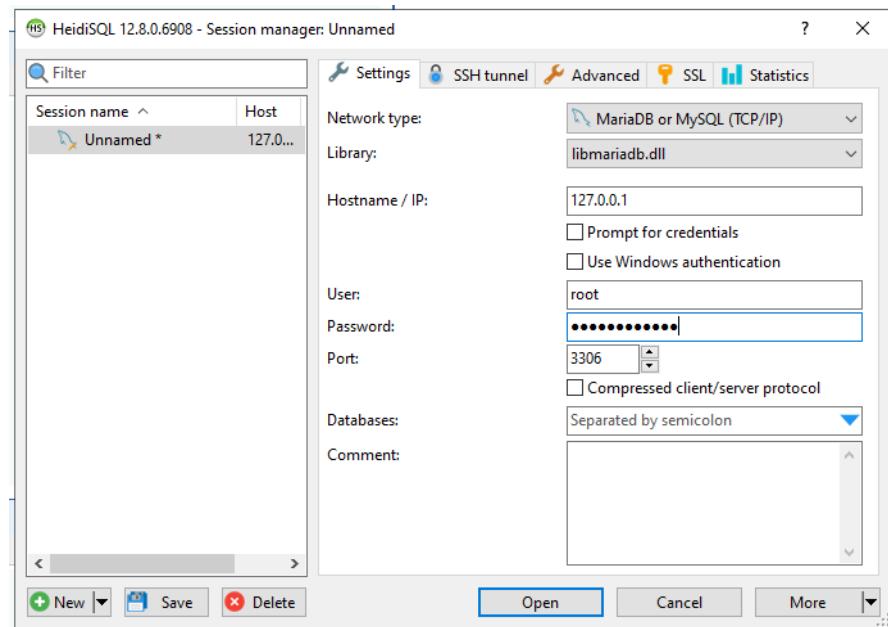
Retype Password:

- Fill in your details

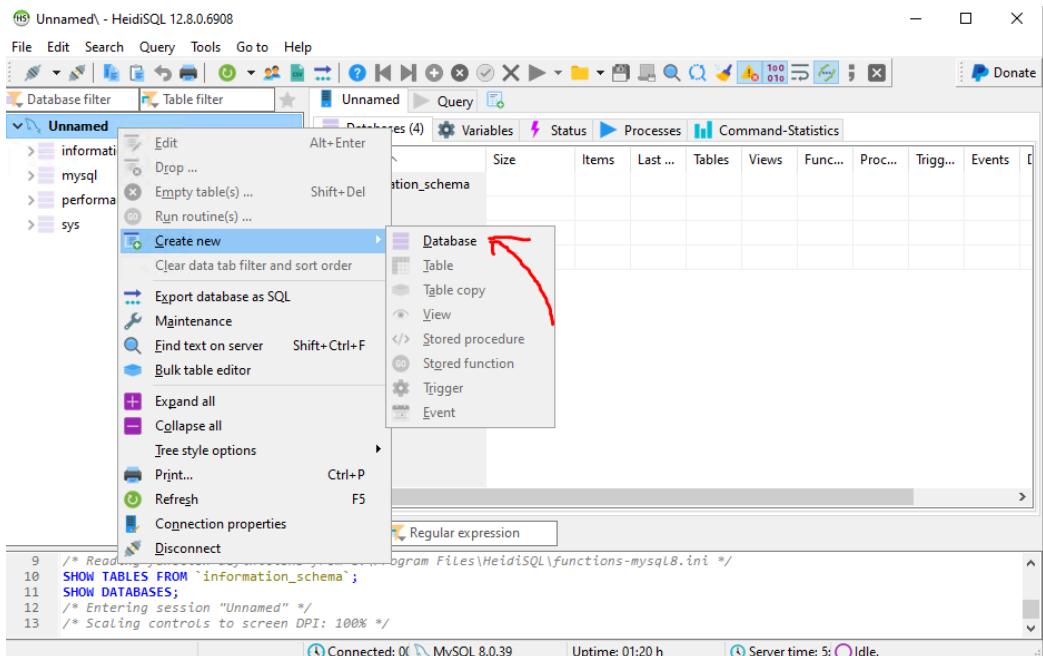
Next up, we open the program we installed awhile back. HeidiSQL. We can find this in our start menu by searching for it.



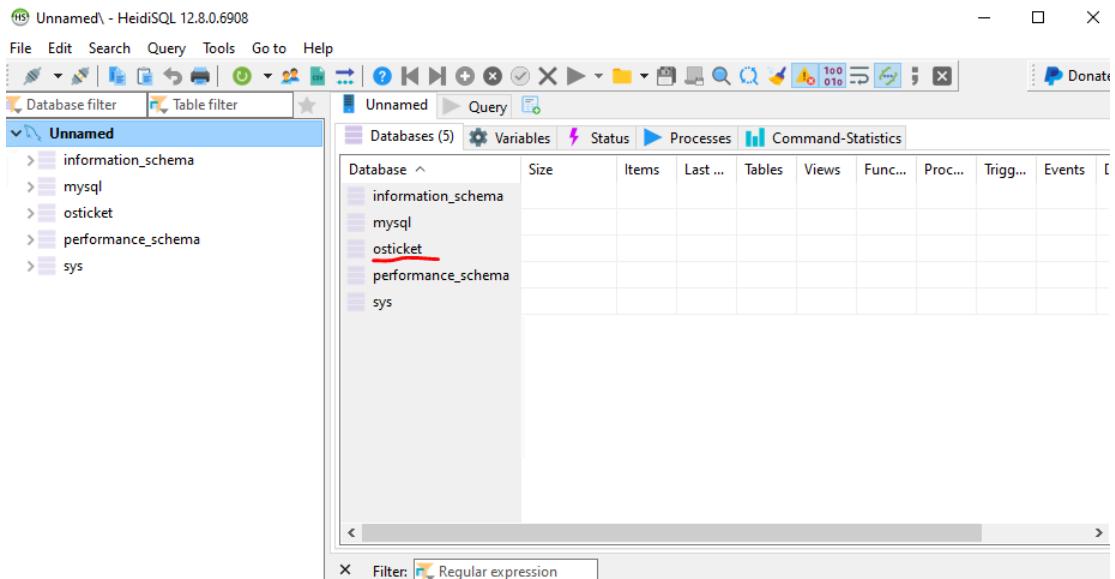
- Select New



- Next input your SQL password - we set this as Password1 before



- Setup a new database
- Call it whatever you want. I'll call mine osTicket



Database Settings

Database connection information

MySQL Table Prefix: ost_ ?

MySQL Hostname: localhost ?

MySQL Database: osTicket ?

MySQL Username: root ?

MySQL Password: ?

Install Now

- Next, fill out the rest of the form.
- Press “Install Now”

Congratulations!

Your osTicket installation has been completed successfully. Your next step is to fully configure your new support ticket system for use, but before you get to it please take a minute to cleanup.

Config file permission:

Change permission of ost-config.php to remove write access as shown below.

- **CLI:**
chmod 0644 include/ost-config.php
- **Windows PowerShell:**
icacls include\ost-config.php /reset
- **FTP:**
Using WS_FTP this would be right hand clicking on the file, selecting chmod, and then remove write access
- **Cpanel:**
Click on the file, select change permission, and then remove write access.

Below, you'll find some useful links regarding your installation.

Your osTicket URL: http://localhost/osTicket/	Your Staff Control Panel: http://localhost/osTicket/scp
osTicket Forums: https://forum.osticket.com/	osTicket Documentation: https://docs.osticket.com/

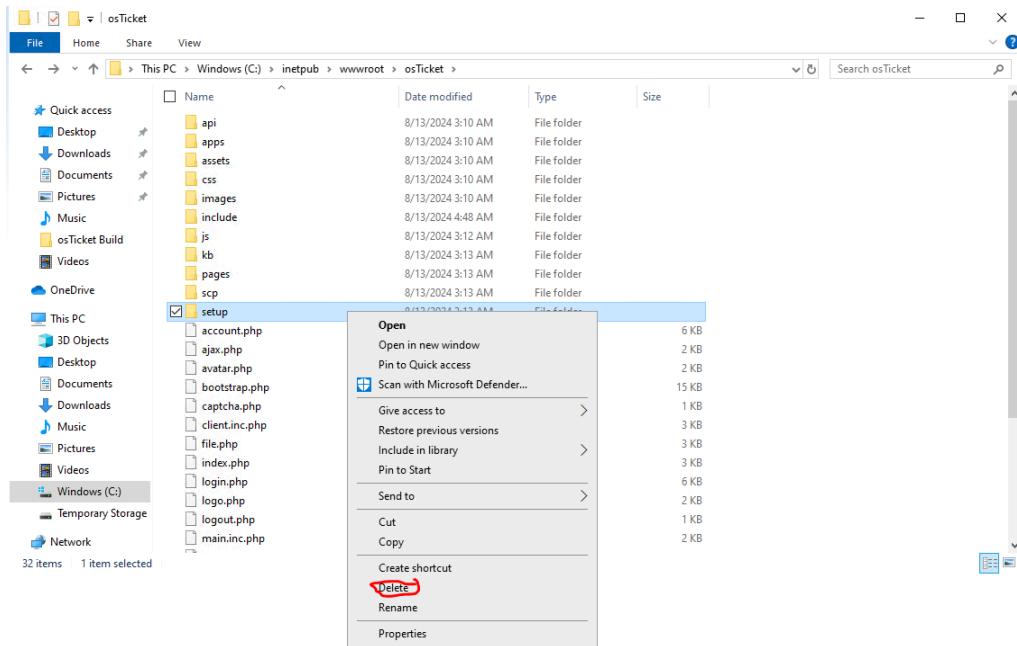
What's Next?

Post-Install Setup: You can now log in to [Admin Panel](#) with the username and password you created during the install process. After a successful log in, you can proceed with post-install setup. For complete and up-to-date guide see [osTicket wiki](#)

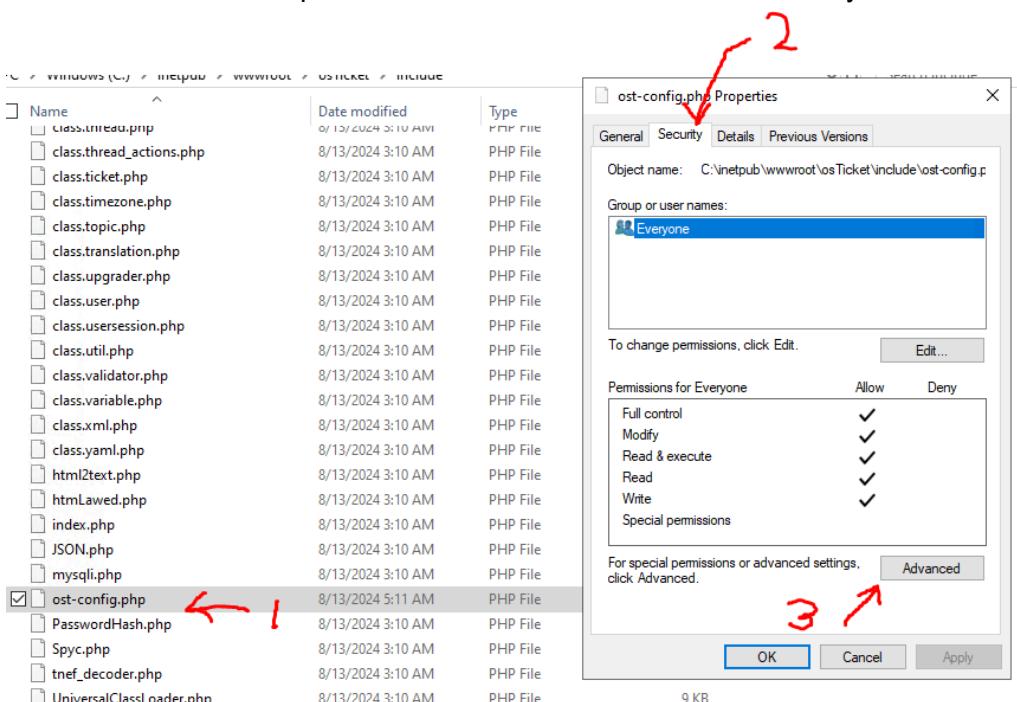
Commercial Support Available: Don't let technical problems impact your osTicket implementation. Get guidance and hands-on expertise to address unique challenges and make sure your osTicket runs smoothly, efficiently, and securely. [Learn More!](#)

PS: Don't just make customers happy, make happy customers!

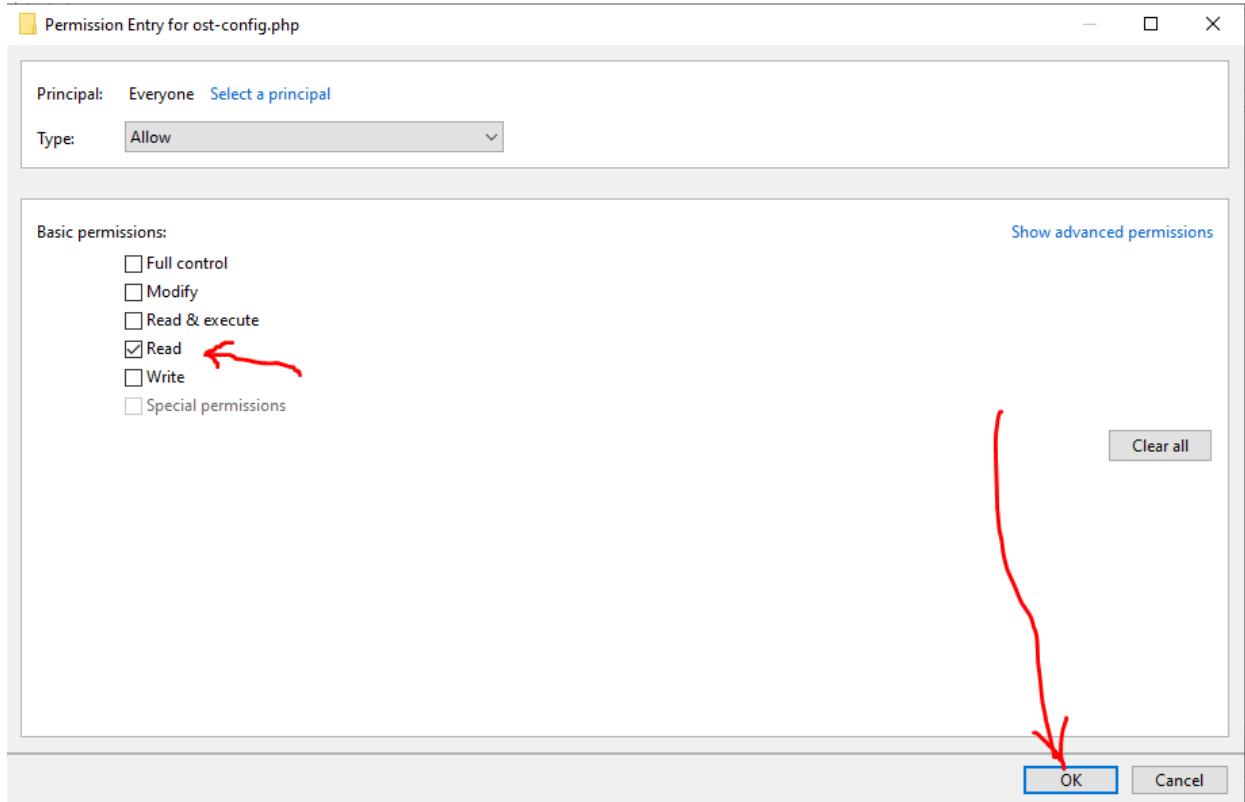
- We're done! Now we have to do a couple more steps before we finish.



- Delete the Setup folder so it will not overwrite or cause any issues with our current setup.



- Go to ost-config.php > properties
- Select Security > Advanced



- Set it to Read-Only
- Then press OK
- Now no one will have permission to create an entry to the ost-configuration. They can only read it.

And that's it! The osTicket prerequisites and installation are complete! This is the first part of the full project.