# 3 ways to install LAMP server on Ubuntu

In this guide I will show you the easiest way, how to install a LAMP server. LAMP stands for Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP. There are a few methods to install LAMP server using Terminal:

#### **Method One**

Under Terminal type command:

sudo apt-get install tasksel

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To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".

See "man sudo_root" for details.

cosc213@ubuntu:~$ sudo apt-get install tasksel
[sudo] password for cosc213:

Reading package lists... Done

Building dependency tree

Reading state information... Done

The following additional packages will be installed:
   tasksel-data

The following NEW packages will be installed:
   tasksel tasksel-data

0 upgraded, 2 newly installed, 0 to remove and 112 not upgraded.

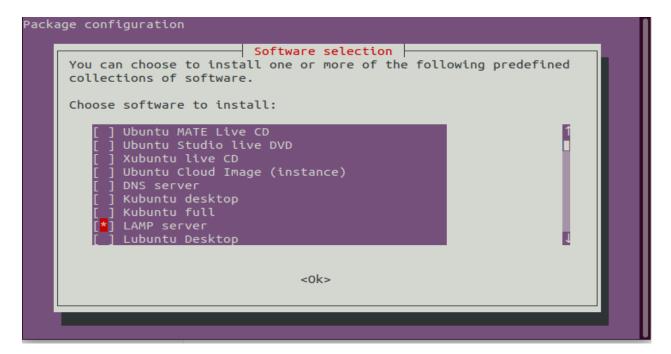
Need to get 34.0 kB of archives.

After this operation, 289 kB of additional disk space will be used.

Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
```

sudo tasksel

Use up/down arrow keys to scroll up/down for highlighting "LAMP server" option, hit the Space bar to select it with an asterisk symbol. Then hit the Tab key to highlight the "OK" button, followed by the Enter key.



## **Method Two (using Terminal)**

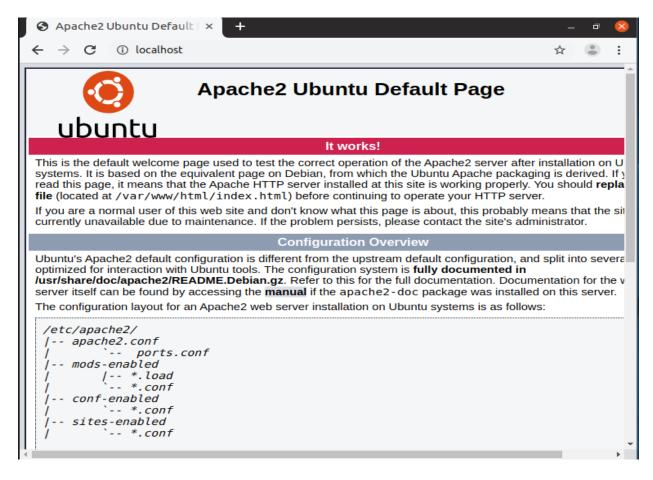
sudo tasksel install lamp-server

### **Method Three (using Terminal)**

sudo apt-get install php7.4 apache2 mysql-server

## **Testing Apache**

Open a web browser and enter the address <a href="http://localhost">http://localhost</a>. You should see a default webpage like this below:



## **Testing PHP**

To test our PHP installation we need to create file called **info.php** in /var/www/html. Open Terminal and enter:

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sudo gedit /var/www/html/info.php
```

Enter the line below, save the file, and exit the text editor.

```
1 <?php
2 phpinfo();
3 ?>
```

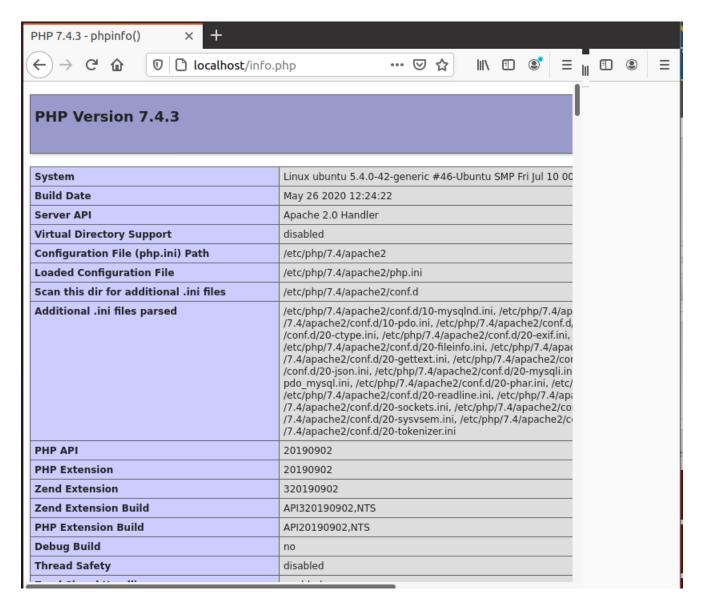
#### Restart apache (optional)

sudo service apache2 restart

or

sudo /etc/init.d/apache2 restart

Now, open your browser and enter <a href="http://localhost/info.php">http://localhost/info.php</a>. You should see a bunch of information about your version of PHP.



#### **MySQL Secure Installation**

Next set up a simple password (letmein) for MyQL server with mysql secure installation package.

sudo mysql\_secure\_installation

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Cosc213@ubuntu:~$ sudo mysql_secure_installation
[sudo] password for cosc213:

Securing the MySQL server deployment.

Connecting to MySQL using a blank password.

VALIDATE PASSWORD PLUGIN can be used to test passwords and improve security. It checks the strength of password and allows the users to set only those passwords which are secure enough. Would you like to setup VALIDATE PASSWORD plugin?

Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No: n
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Type n for not bothering the strength of password for simplicity and convenience reasons for ourselves.

When it prompts for your root password, please key in **letmein** as your root password!

When it prompts to remove anonymous users, type y to remove it!

When it prompts to disallow root login remotely, type **n** to allow remote login!

When it prompts to remove test database and access to it, type **n** to keep it!

When it prompts to reload privilege tables now, type y to reload!

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Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No: n
Please set the password for root here.
New password:
Re-enter new password:
  default, a MySQL installation has an anonymous user
allowing anyone to log into MySQL without having to have a user account created for them. This is intended only for
testing, and to make the installation go a bit smoother.
You should remove them before moving into a production
environment.
Remove anonymous users? (Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No) : y
Success.
Normally, root should only be allowed to connect from
'localhost'. This ensures that someone cannot guess at
the root password from the network.
Disallow root login remotely? (Press y|Y for Yes, any other key for No) : n
     skipping.
By default, MySQL comes with a database named 'test' that
anyone can access. This is also intended only for testing, and should be removed before moving into a production
environment.
Remove test database and access to it? (Press y\midY for Yes, any other key for No)
: n
 ... skipping.
Reloading the privilege tables will ensure that all changes
nade so far will take effect immediately.
Reload privilege tables now? (Press y\midY for Yes, any other key for No) : y
Success.
All done!
cosc213@ubuntu:~$
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sudo mysql

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cosc213@ubuntu:~$ sudo mysql
[sudo] password for cosc213:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 10
Server version: 5.7.27-OubuntuO.19.04.1 (Ubuntu)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql>
```

Now create a root user account for MySQL server with a simple password (letmein):

```
mysql>ALTER USER 'root'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED WITH mysql_native_password BY 'letmein'; mysql>FLUSH PRIVILEGES; mysql> exit
```

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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 'letmein';

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;

Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)

mysql> exit

Bye
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Let's try logging in as root user with password (letmein):

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$ mysql —u root -p
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cosc213@ubuntu:~$ mysql -u root -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 11
Server version: 5.7.27-OubuntuO.19.04.1 (Ubuntu)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql>
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That's it! You have successfully installed LAMP server using a simple password (letmein) for MySQL server.