

1) Download XAMPP (Windows)

1. Open your web browser and go to **<https://www.apachefriends.org>**.
2. Click **XAMPP for Windows**. Choose the latest version that matches your needs (it shows the PHP version in the download button).
3. Click **Download** and save the installer (an .exe) to your Downloads folder.

2) Install XAMPP (Windows)

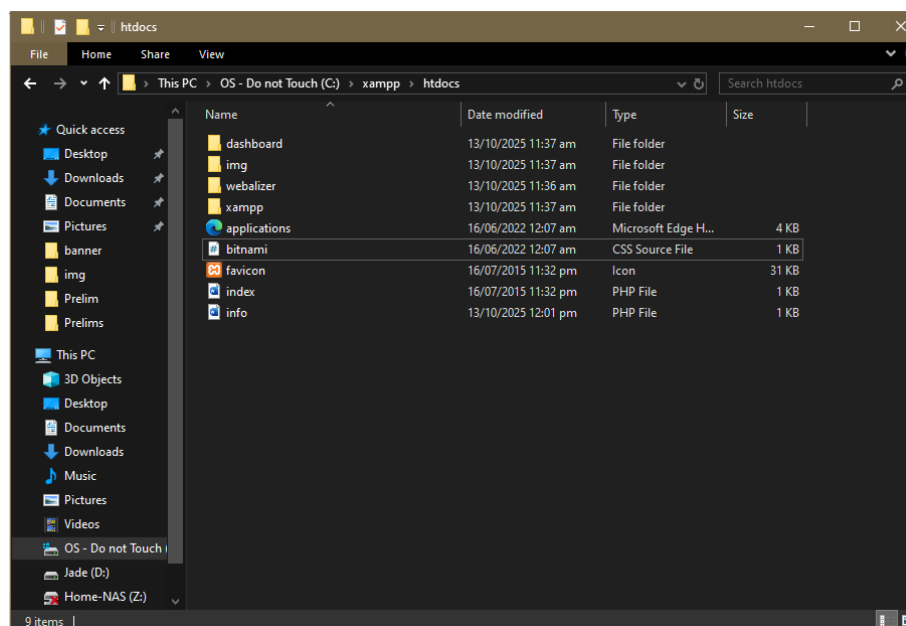
1. Double-click the downloaded xampp-installer.exe.
2. If a security prompt appears, click **Yes** to allow it.
3. Follow the installer steps:
 - Click **Next** → choose components (leave defaults: Apache, MySQL, PHP, phpMyAdmin) → **Next**.
 - Choose install location (default C:\xampp) → **Next** → **Install**.
4. When installation finishes, check **Start the Control Panel now** and click **Finish**.

3) Start Apache and MySQL

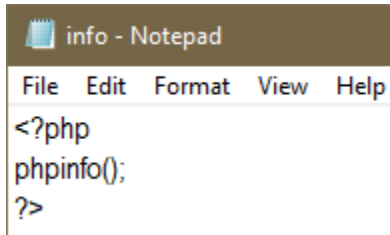
1. Open **XAMPP Control Panel** (it usually opened after install).
2. Click **Start** next to **Apache** and **MySQL**.
3. Both should show **Running** (green).
4. Open a browser and go to <http://localhost/> — you should see the XAMPP welcome page.

4) Create a test PHP file

1. Open File Explorer to C:\xampp\htdocs\.
2. Create a file named info.php.

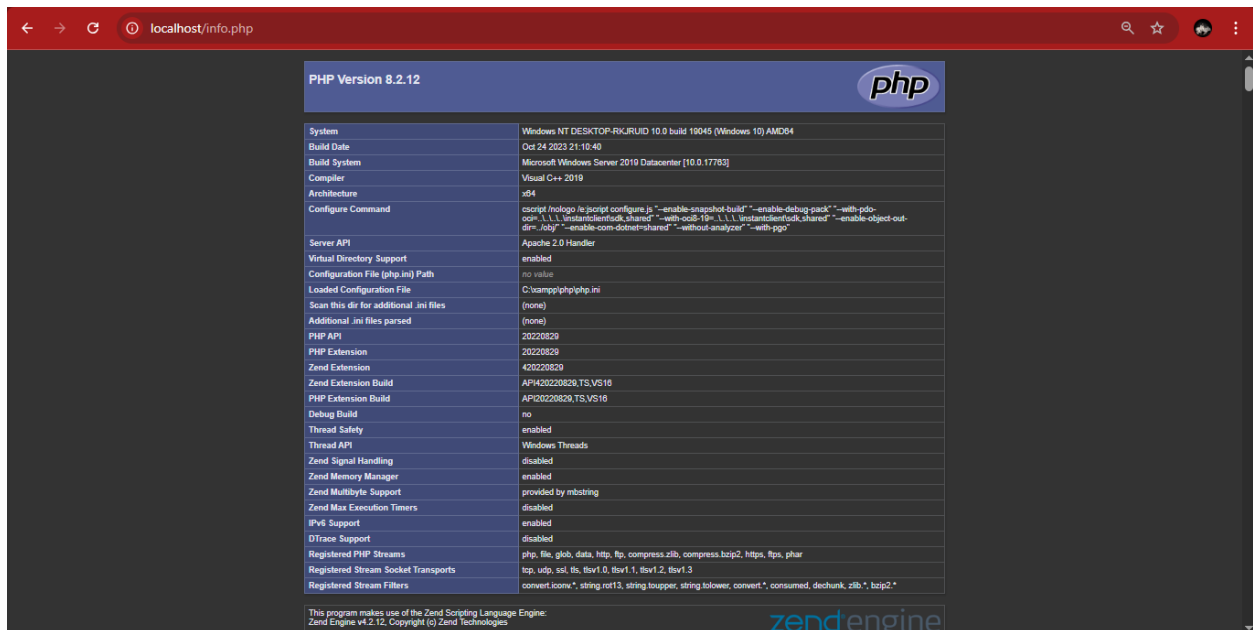


3. Open it with Notepad and type:



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info - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
<?php
phpinfo();
?>
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4. Save the file.
5. In your browser, type: <http://localhost/info.php>
6. You should see a **PHP information page** (a purple/white table showing the PHP version).



4. Test MySQL

1. Open the XAMPP Control Panel.
2. Click **Admin** next to MySQL — it will open **phpMyAdmin** in your browser (<http://localhost/phpmyadmin>).
3. If phpMyAdmin loads, MySQL is running fine.

localhost / 127.0.0.1 | phpMyAdmin

localhost/phpmyadmin/

Server: 127.0.0.1

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General settings

Server connection collation: utf8mb4_unicode_ci

More settings

Appearance settings

Language: English

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Database server

Server: 127.0.0.1 via TCP/IP

Server type: MariaDB

Server connection: SSL is not being used

Server version: 10.4.32-MariaDB - mariadb.org binary distribution

Protocol version: 10

User: root@localhost

Server charset: UTF-8 Unicode (utf8mb4)

Web server

Apache/2.4.58 (Win64) OpenSSL/3.1.3 PHP/8.2.12

Database client version: libmysql - mysqlnd 8.2.12

PHP extension: mysqlicurlmbstring

PHP version: 8.2.12

phpMyAdmin

Version information: 5.2.1, latest stable version: 5.2.3

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A newer version of phpMyAdmin is available and you should consider upgrading. The newest version is 5.2.3, released on 2025-10-08.

Console