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# **LARAGON – Update PHP**

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# 1. Introduction

In Laragon, updating the PHP service to the latest PHP version is easy.



Just download the new version, unpack it into the right folder and select the new version in the Laragon menu.



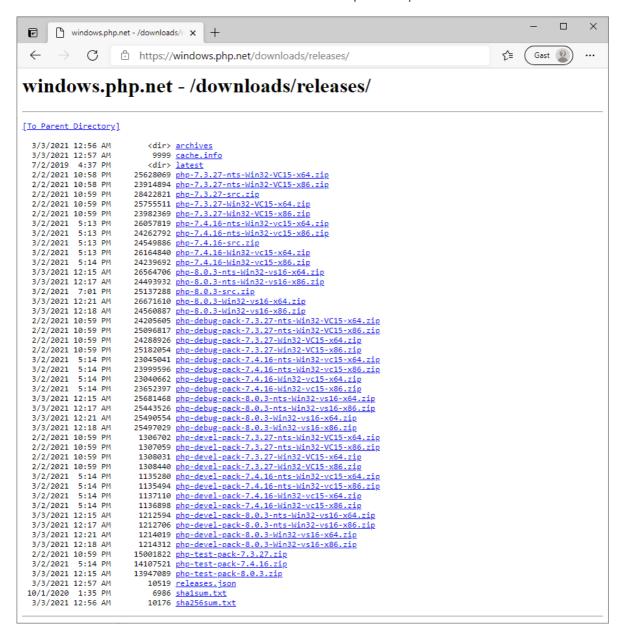
You can even have multiple PHP versions installed. Switching between them is a piece of cake.

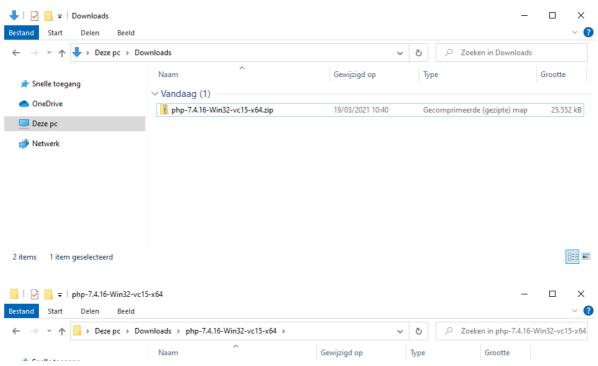
## 2. Notice

Be sure your Windows 10 (64 bit) OS has the latest Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio 2015-2019 installed.

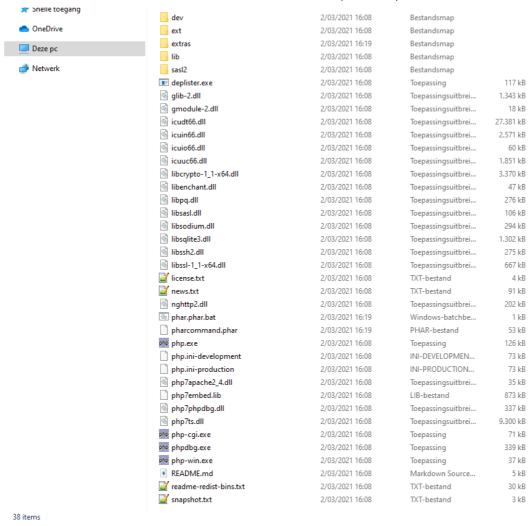
# 3. Laragon - Updating PHP

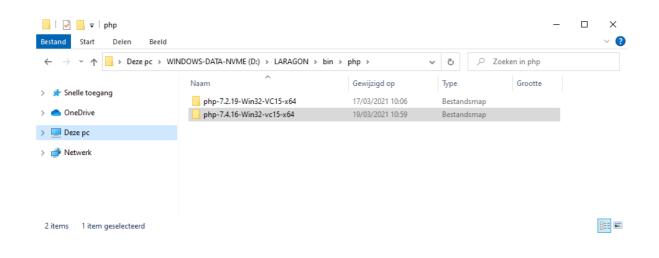
- Download the latest **Win32-vc15-x64** (PHP 7) or **Win32-vs16-x64** (PHP 8) version from windows.php.net into your \Downloads\ folder.
- The packed file is named for instance **php-7.4.16-Win32-vc15-x64.zip**.
- Unpack the downloaded ZIP archive in a folder with the same name, for instance **php-7.4.16-Win32-vc15-x64**.
- Move the complete \php-7.4.16-Win32-vc15-x64\ folder to the \bin\php\
   folder of your Laragon installation.



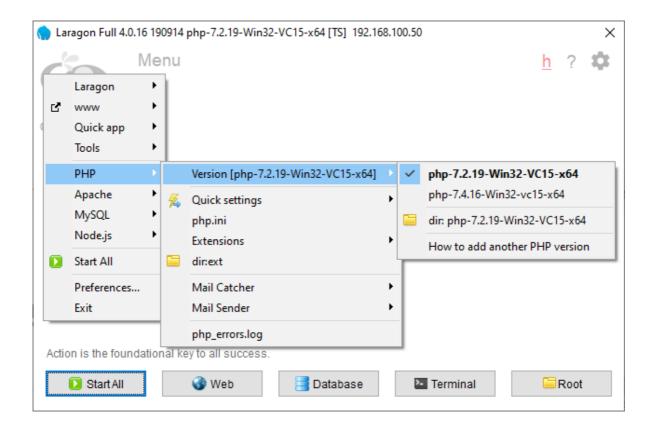


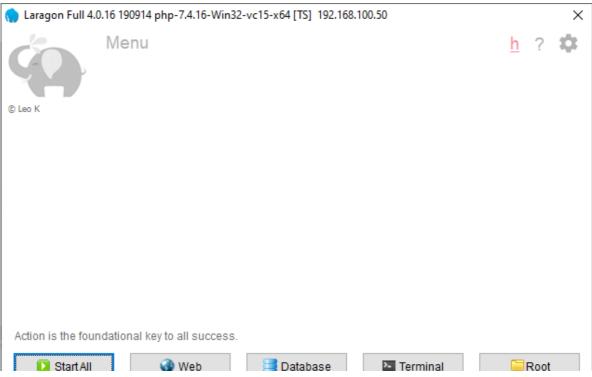
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- In the **PHP** section, select the newly installed PHP version.
- Laragon will restart the PHP Service using the new version.
- Now you can remove any previous versions by removing their folder from \bin\php\.





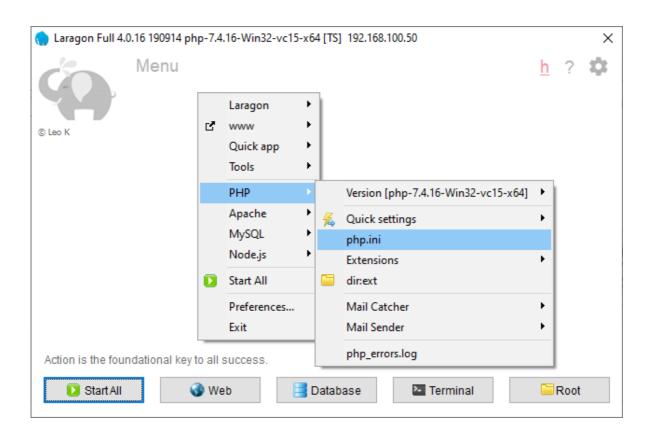
# 4. Configure the current PHP

Sometimes you want to customize your PHP installation. In the PHP section of the Laragon Menu, there are options to :

- quickly set some common PHP settings
- edit the php values in the php. ini file
- enable or disable PHP extensions

In my specific case, I always change these values in the **php.ini** file:

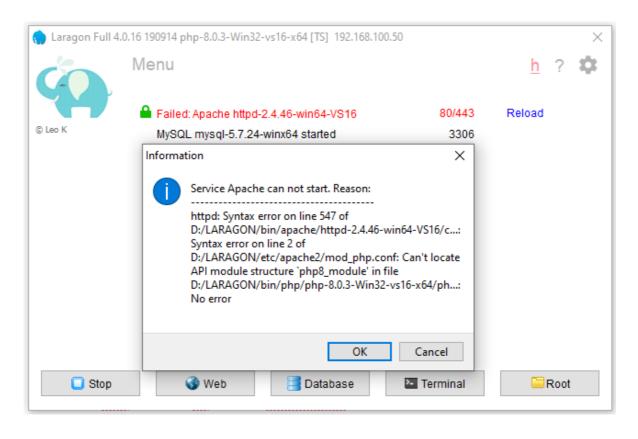
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realpath_cache_size = 10M
date.timezone = 'Europe/Brussels'
memory_limit = 4G
```



## 5. PHP 8.x.x

Since version 5.0, Laragon is now fully compatible with PHP version 8.x.x.

If you are installing PHP 8 in Laragon version 4.x, you'll get an error. Please upgrade to version 5 before installing PHP version 8!





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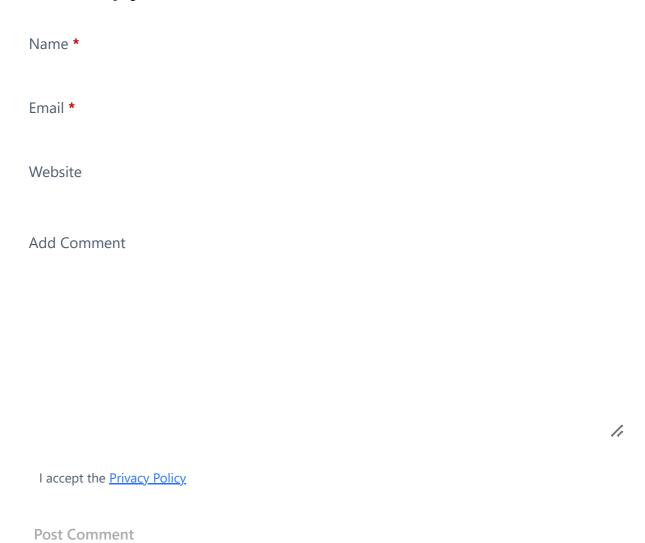
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