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LARAGON – Add phpMyAdmin

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1. Introduction

In a fresh Laragon installation, the default database administration tool is HeidiSQL.

But you can easily add phpMyAdmin to your Laragon installation.

There are 2 possible ways to add phpMyAdmin to your installation :

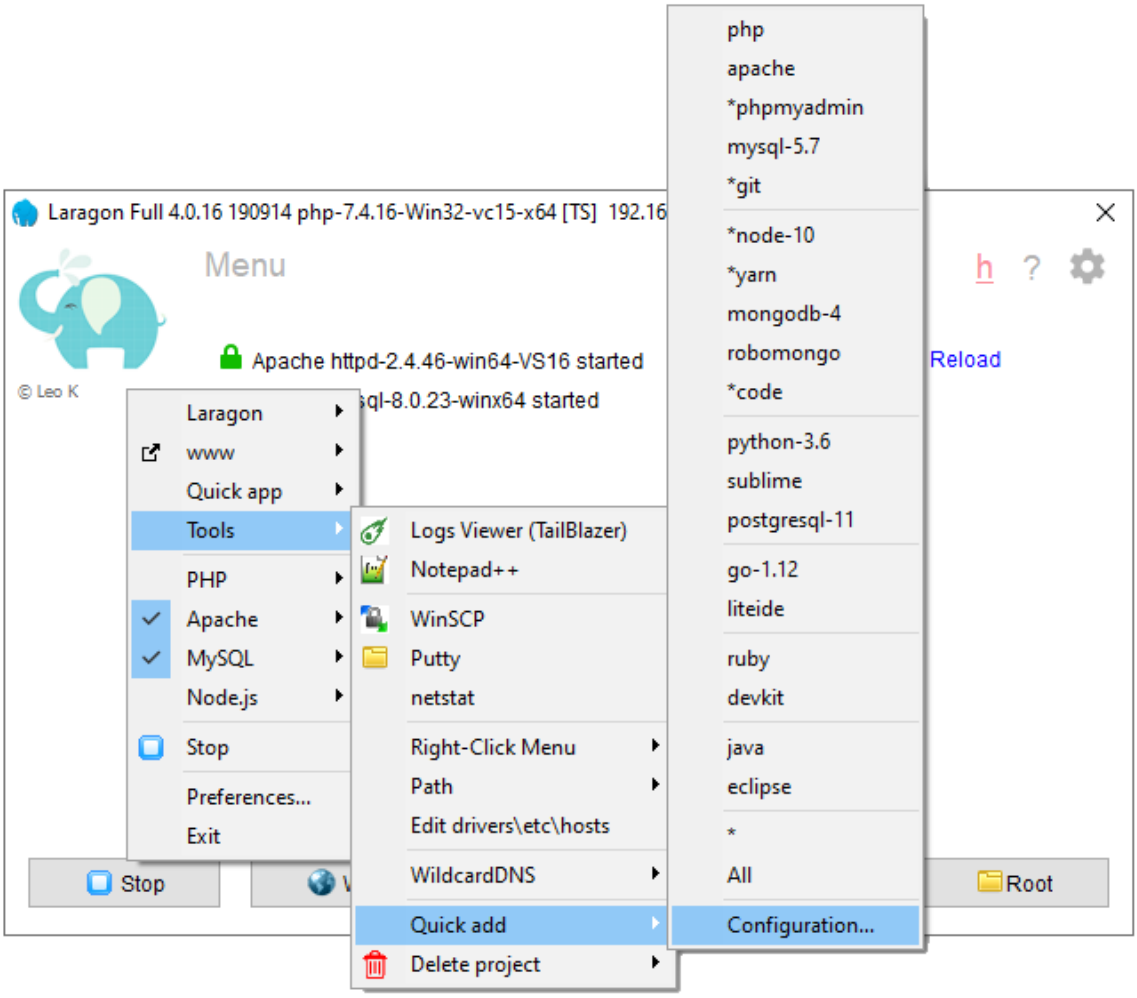
- you could use Laragons build in menu **Tools → Quick Add → *phpMyAdmin**
- you could install it manually

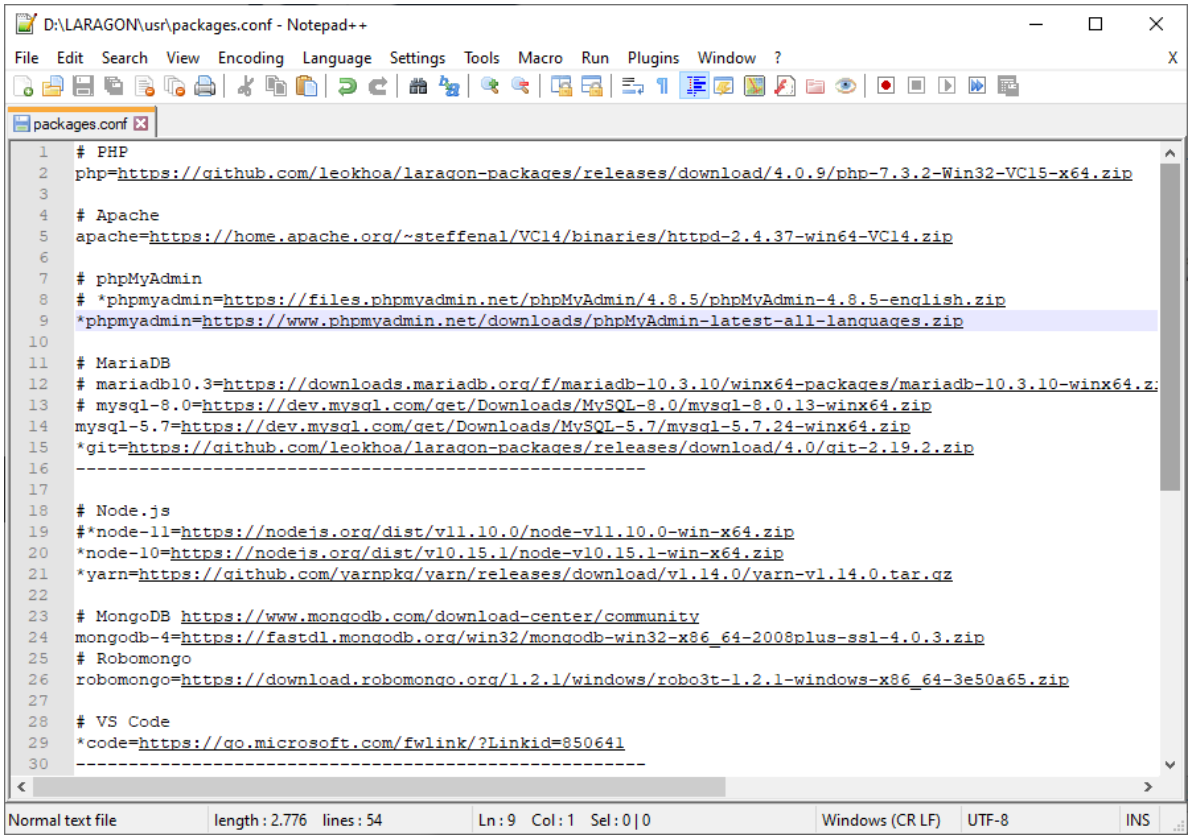
We'll explain both ways below.

2. Laragon - Add phpMyAdmin using Quick add

Before we install phpMyAdmin by using Laragons built-in **Quick add** procedure, we have to make sure it uses the latest version of phpMyAdmin :

- In the menu, select **Tools** → **Quick add** → **Configuration**.
- Replace the line ***phpmyadmin=** by the (more generic) link to phpMyAdmin latest version : **phpmyadmin=https://www.phpmyadmin.net/downloads/phpMyAdmin-latest-all-languages.zip**
- Then save the file and exit the editor.

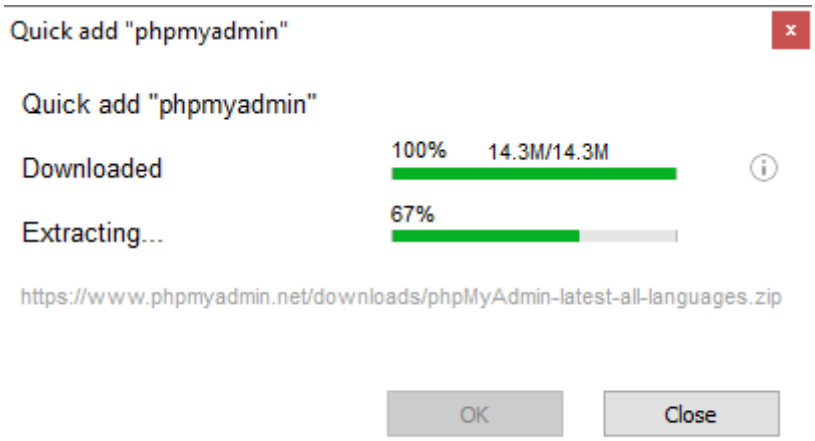


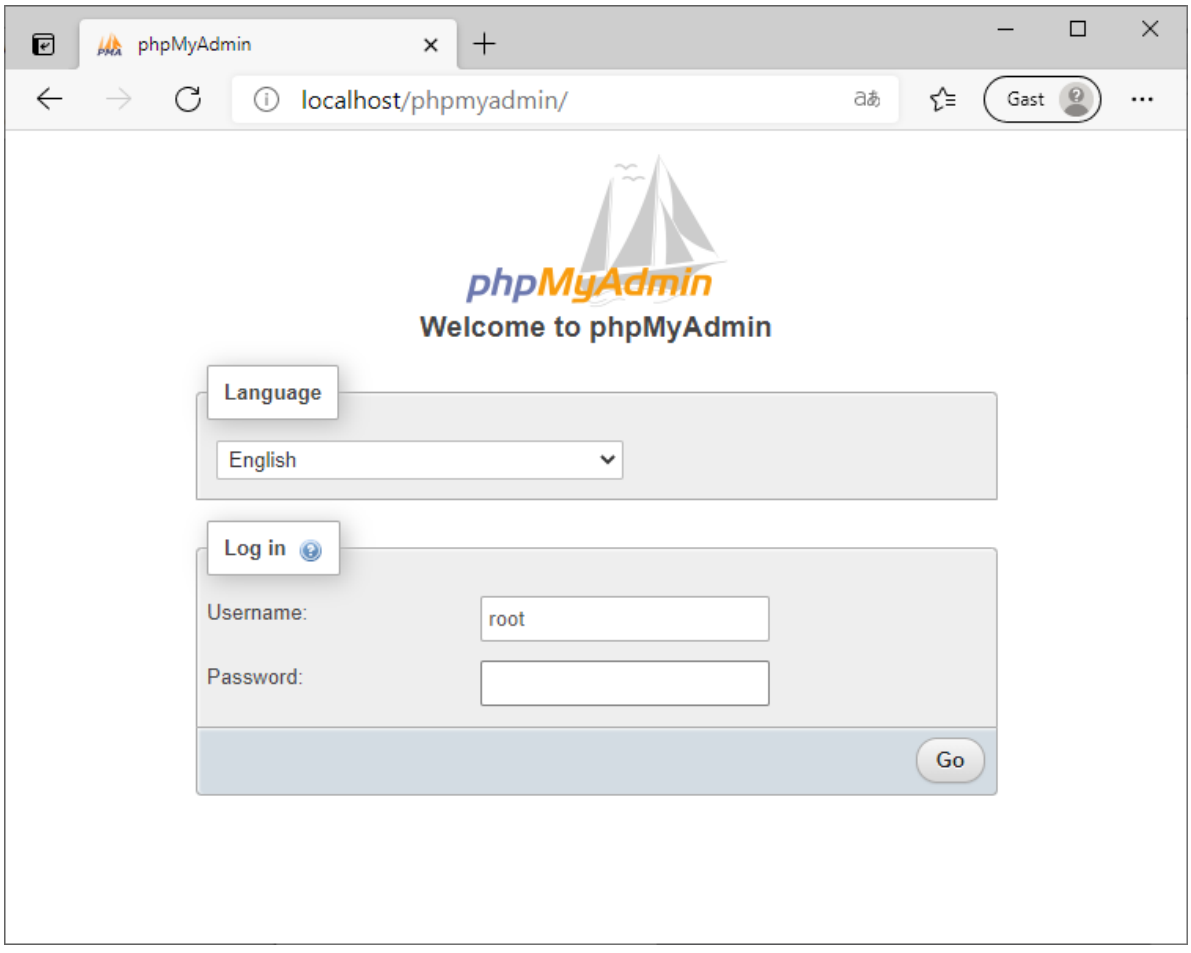


Now we can install the latest phpMyAdmin version.

- In the menu, select **Tools** → **Quick add** → ***phpMyAdmin**.
- After installing phpMyAdmin, http://localhost/phpmyadmin will be opened in a new browser tab or window.

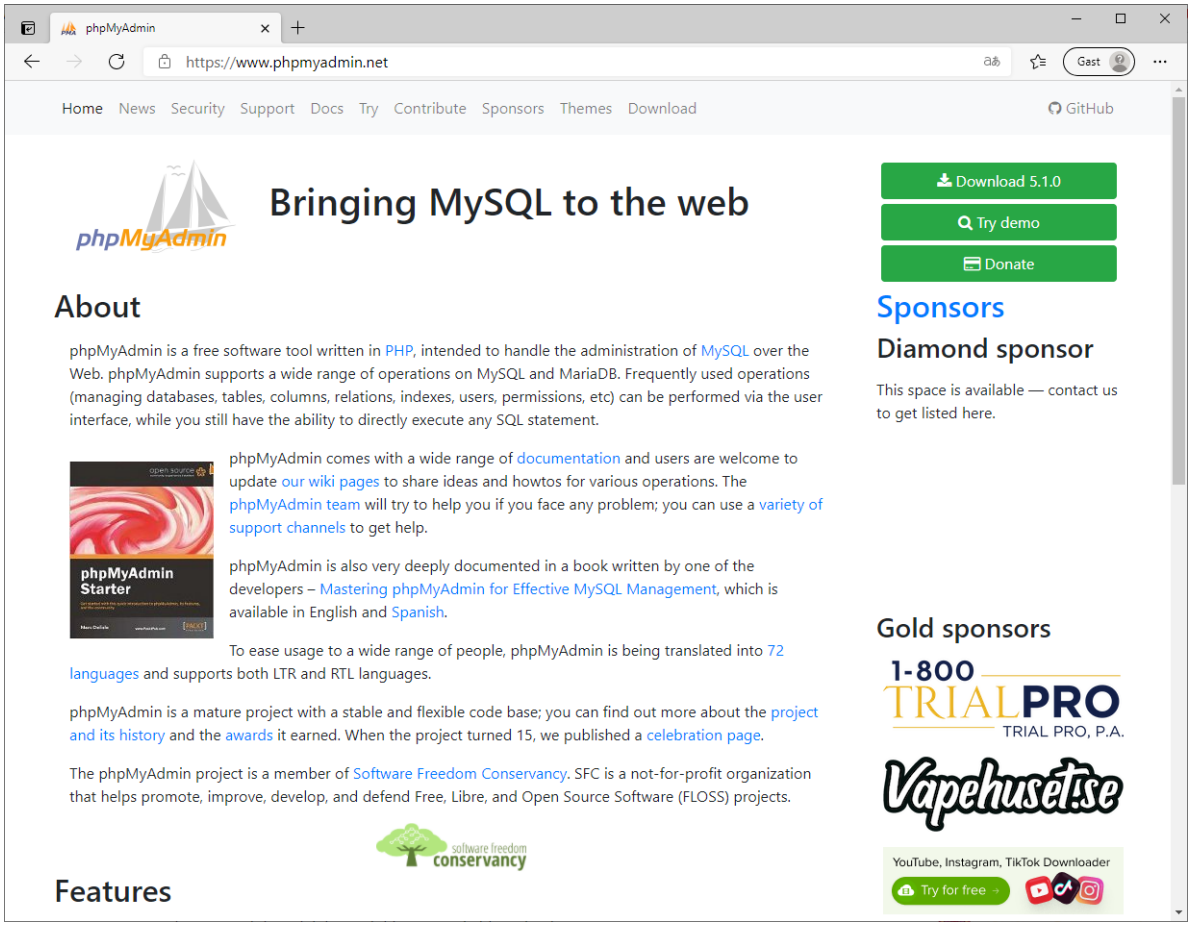
- In a fresh Laragon installation, the default user is **root** and the password is not set.
- Select your preferred language.
- Log in to phpMyAdmin by clicking the **Go** button.

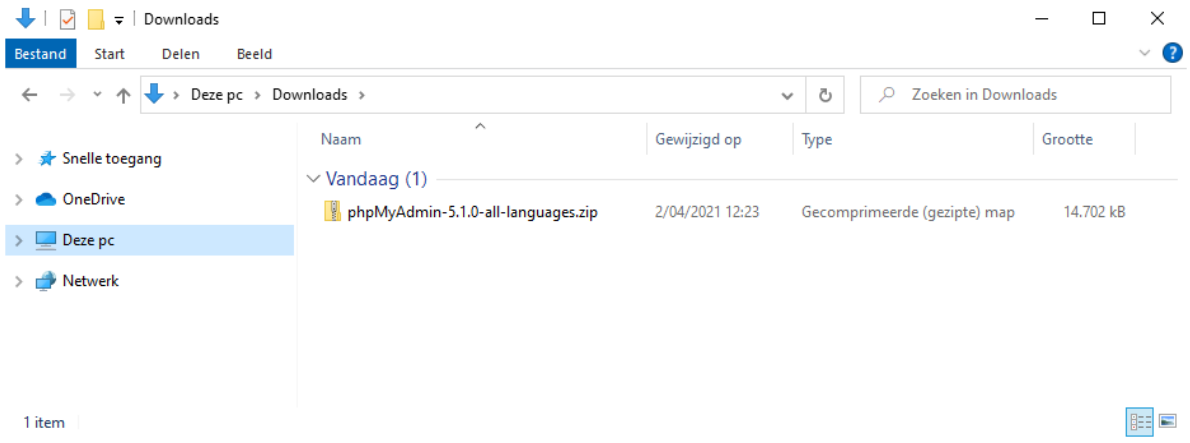


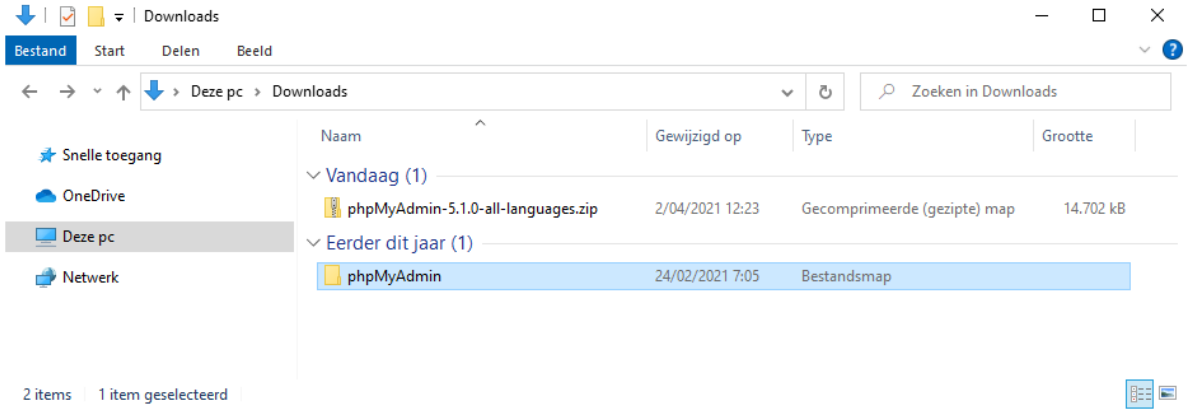


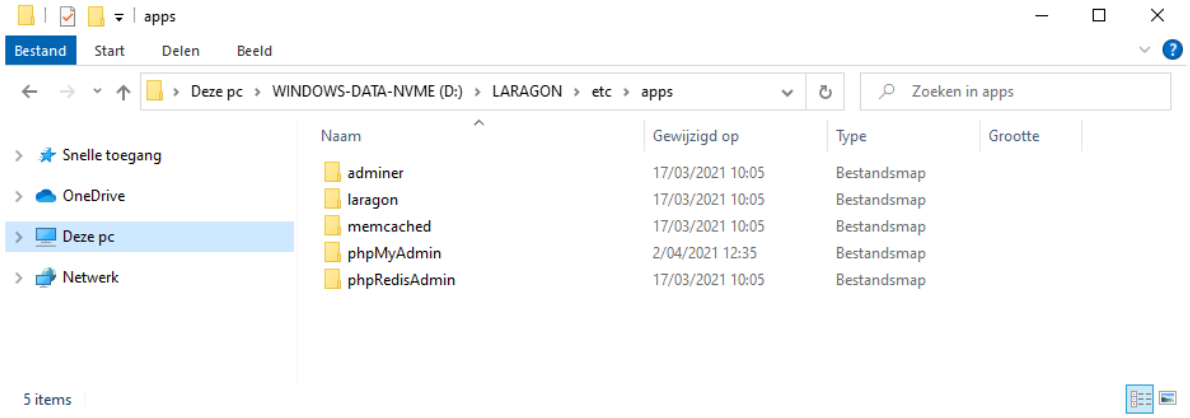
3. Laragon - Add or update phpMyAdmin manually

- Download the latest phpMyAdmin version as a ZIP archive from phpmyadmin.net into your \Downloads\ folder.
- The compressed file is named for instance **phpMyAdmin-5.1.0-all-languages.zip**.
- Unpack the downloaded ZIP archive in a folder with the same name **phpMyAdmin-5.1.0-all-languages**.
- Rename the folder to **phpMyAdmin**.
- Delete any existing \etc\apps**phpMyAdmin** folder of your Laragon installation.
- Move the complete **phpMyAdmin** folder from your \Downloads\ folder to the \etc\apps\ folder of your Laragon installation.

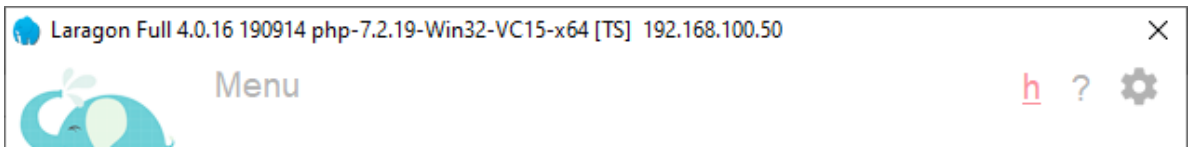


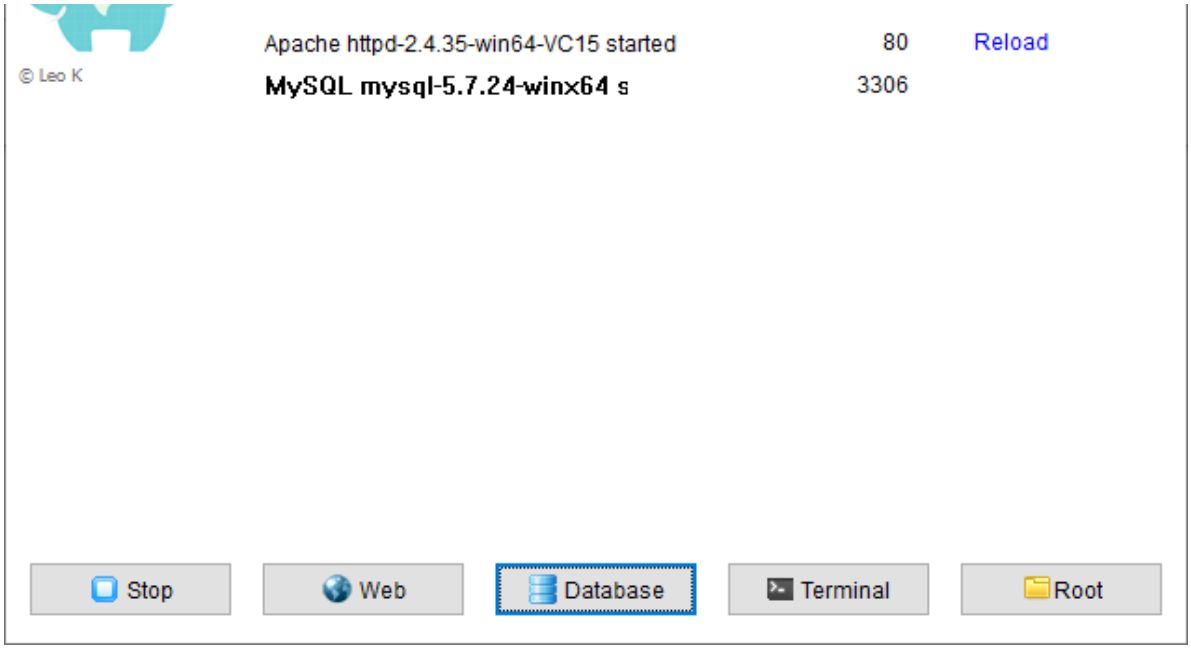






In Laragons horizontal Button Menu, you can now click the **Database** button to open phpMyAdmin.

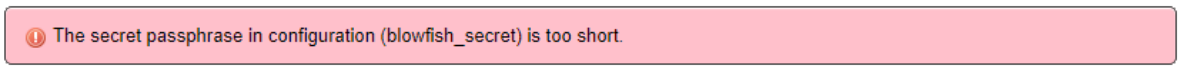


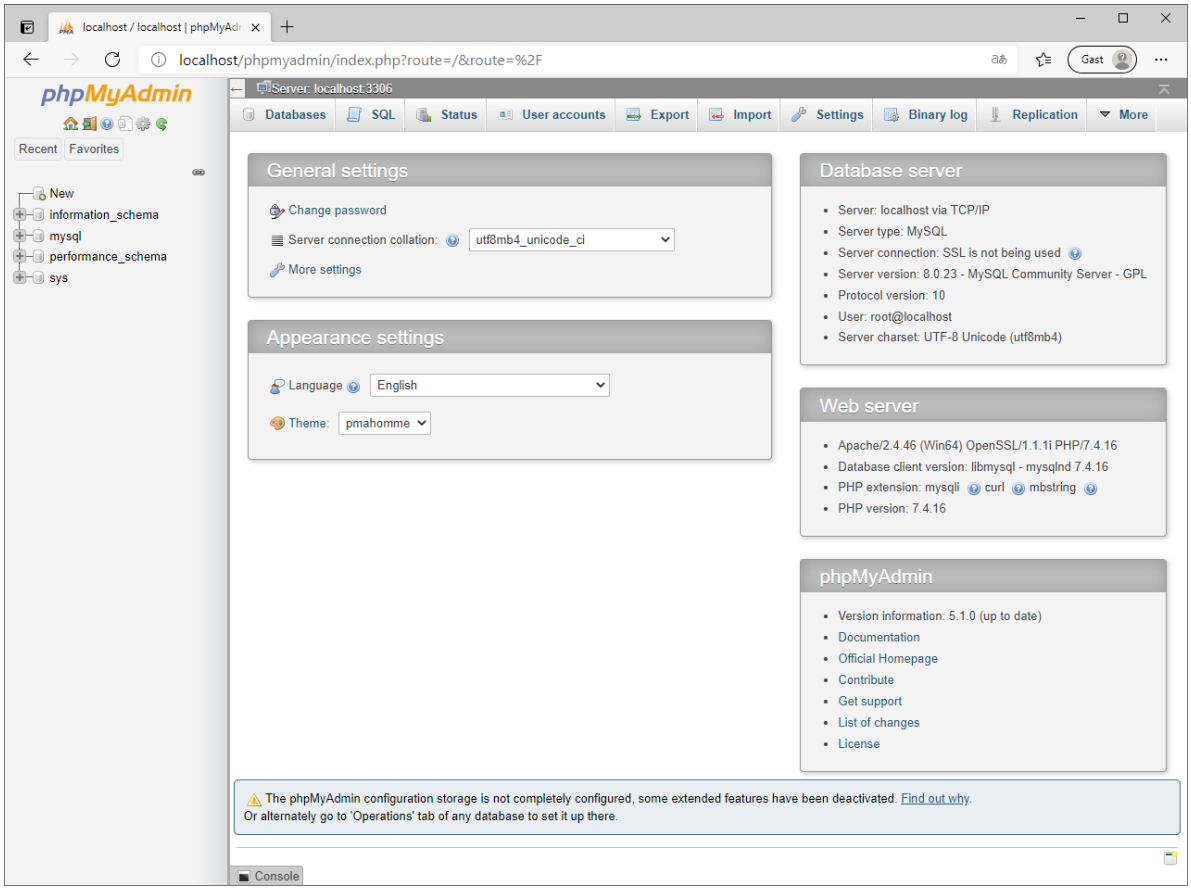


4. Configure phpMyAdmin

In case you installed phpMyAdmin for the first time, it will complain about the secret passphrase not being set in the configuration file :

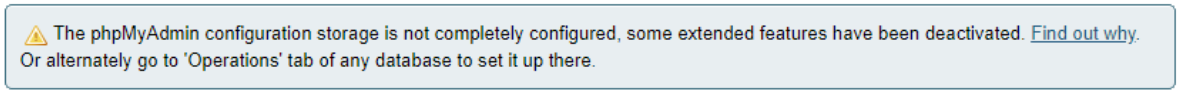
- Open **\etc\apps\phpMyAdmin\config.inc.php** and look for following code (around line 16) :
- `$cfg['blowfish_secret'] = 'mwerhgd-myhVgnvcVEjj'; /* YOU MUST FILL IN THIS FOR COOKIE AUTH! */`
- Replace the secret with a random string that is at least 32 characters long :
- `$cfg['blowfish_secret'] = 'P5DS+radU0TOqI7HX$cH!eb3zwnDDoDr';`
- Save the file and exit de editor.
- Log off and log back on again to phpMyAdmin. The warning should be gone now.

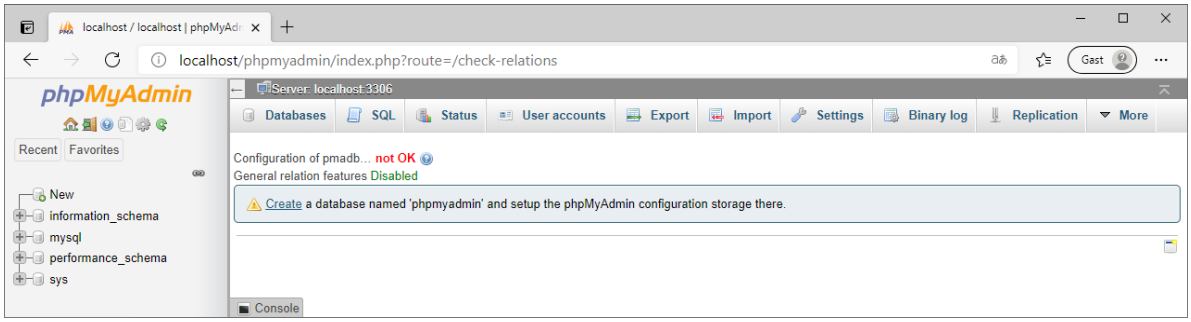


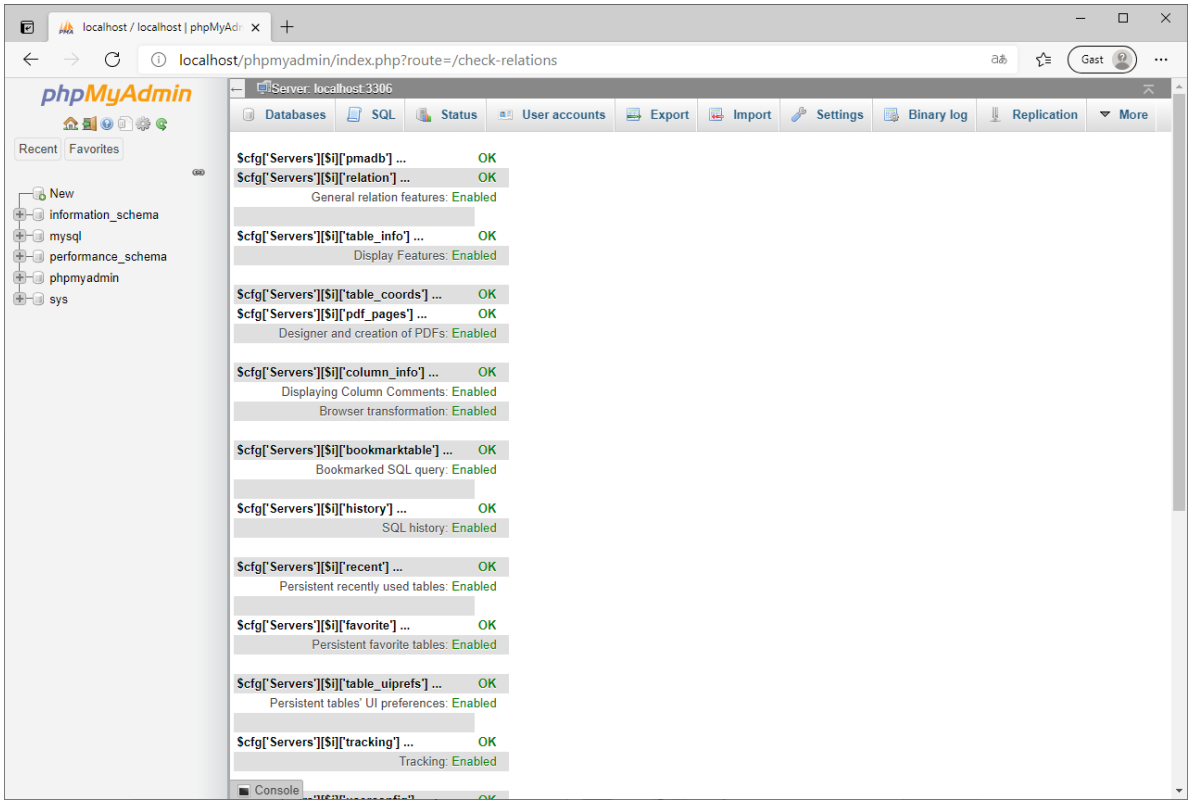


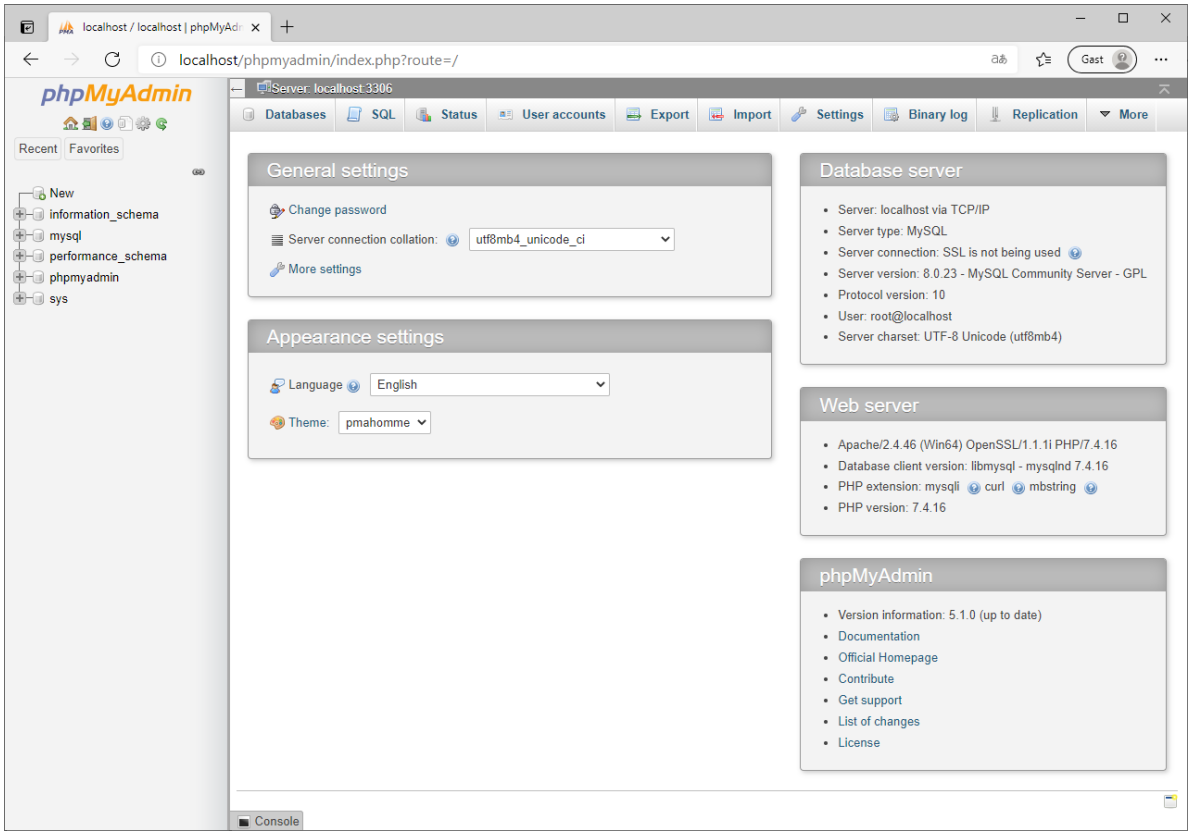
In case you installed phpMyAdmin for the first time, it may also complain about the phpMyAdmin configuration storage not being completely configured :

- Inside the warning, click on the link **Find out why**.
- Inside de next notice, click on the link **Create**.
- phpMyAdmin will now create and configure a database named **phpmyadmin**.
- Click on the **Home** button. The warning should be gone now.









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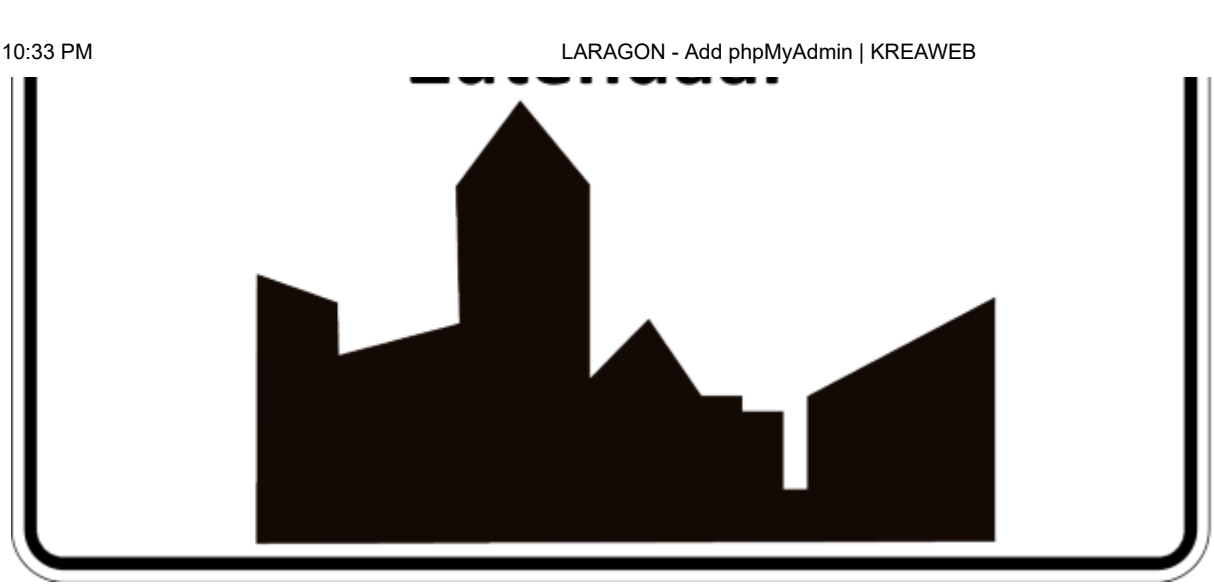

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