



## Exercise 7.3: Create a name-based virtual host

- Create a new host name by adding the original IP address of the server to `/etc/hosts` with the name `namevhost.example.com`.
- Ensure the original web server host still serves traffic as the default vhost.
- Serve this html file on **only** the newly defined name vhost:

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>This is the namevhost</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>This is namevhost</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

## Solution 7.3

1. Create a new name based virtual host definition. Create a new config file with the following contents, replacing the string **DOCUMENTROOT** with the proper DocumentRoot for your system.

- On **CentOS, Ubuntu**:

`/var/www/html/`

- On **OpenSUSE**:

`/srv/www/htdocs/`

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```
<VirtualHost *:80>
  DocumentRoot <DOCUMENTROOT>
  ServerName _default_
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost *:80>
  DocumentRoot /namevhost/
  ServerName namevhost.example.com
  <Directory /namevhost/>
    Options Indexes FollowSymLinks
    AllowOverride None
    Require all granted
  </Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

- On **CentOS** use the file:

`/etc/httpd/conf.d/namevhost.conf`

- On **OpenSUSE** use the file:

`/etc/apache2/vhosts.d/namevhost.conf`

- On **Ubuntu** use the file:

`/etc/apache2/sites-enabled/namevhost.conf`

2. Create the new document root folder, and create the `index.html` file:

```
# mkdir /namevhost/  
# vi /namevhost/index.html
```

3. Verify that **SELinux** permissions (if enabled) are correct.

```
# chcon -R --reference=<YOUR-DOCUMENT-ROOT> /namevhost
```

4. Restart apache

```
# systemctl restart httpd
```

NOTE: On **Ubuntu** and **OpenSUSE** the service name is `apache2`.

5. Test your new vhost as well as the original vhost.