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About Apache HTTP Server

Apache HTTP Server is a free software/open source web server for Unix-like systems and other operating systems.

Apache features configurable error messages, DBMS-based authentication databases, and content negotiation. It is also supported by several graphical user interfaces (GUIs) which permit easier, more intuitive configuration of the server.

Installation

There are three ways in which apache can be installed on Linux distributions:

- 1. Compile from source code and install
- 2. Using a low/high level package manger
- 3. From installation media

Since the second method is much more convenient, we use it

Fedroa Core/Cent OS Linux Apache/httpd installation

Type the following command if you are using Fedora / RHEL / Cent OS Linux, run:

yum install httpd

chkconfig httpd on
/etc/init.d/httpd start

Red Hat Enterprise Linux Apache/httpd installation

Type the following command:

up2date httpd OR
yum install httpd

chkconfig httpd on
/etc/init.d/httpd start

Debian Linux httpd/Apache installation

Use the apt-get command:

apt-get install apache2

/etc/init.d/apache2 start

Verification & custom site

After installation is complete, we must verify that the service is running.

We may run the command below or go to http://localhost in our browser to verify the installation.

Task: Verify that port 80(by default) is open

netstat -tulpn | grep :80

Task: Store files / upload files for your web site
The next step is to modify the default index.html file and/or add addition files to your server.

- 1. You need to upload files at /var/www/html under RHEL / CentOS /
 Fedora Linux operating system.
- 2. You need to upload files at /var/www/ under Debian or Ubuntu Linux operating system.

Apache Server configuration

Your server is started, but you need to configure and use Apache as per your requirement. /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf (RHEL/Cent OS/Fedora Core Linux) or /etc/apache2/httpd.conf (Debian / Ubuntu Linux) configuration file. Use a text editor such as vi to edit a file. This file is very well documented or read official Apache configuration documentation for more information

