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Host a Static Website Locally: Set Up a Local Server Apache and Host a Simple HTML page with your name



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Introduction to Hosting a Static Website Using Apache on Windows

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- Apache HTTP Server is one of the most widely used web servers for hosting websites. It allows you to serve static web pages (HTML, CSS, JavaScript) efficiently on your local machine or a network.
- This guide provides a step-by-step process to install, configure, and run Apache on Windows 11 for hosting a static website. By following these instructions...

Objectives

- Install and set up Apache on Windows.
- Configure Apache to serve your website from a custom directory.
- Start and test the Apache server.
- Troubleshoot common issues.
- Whether you are a beginner learning web hosting or need a local development environment, this guide will help you get started with Apache easily.

Steps to Host a Static Website Using Apache on Windows

1. Install Apache

- Download Apache from Apache Lounge.
- Extract the ZIP file to C:\Apache24.
- Open Command Prompt as Administrator and run:

2. Configure Apache (httpd.conf)

- Open C:\Apache24\conf\httpd.conf in Notepad.
- Update DocumentRoot to your website folder:

```
DocumentRoot "C:/myweb"

<Directory "C:/myweb">

Options Indexes FollowSymLinks

AllowOverride None

Require all granted

</Directory>
```

Set the ServerNameto avoid warnings

```
#ServerName localhost:80
```

• Save and close the file.

3. Start Apache

Open Command Prompt as Administrator and run:

C:\Apache24\bin>httpd -k start

- Open your browser and visit:
- http://localhost/ and after that a default apache page would appear

4. Add Your Website Files

- Place your index.html inside C:\mywebsite.
- Refresh http://localhost to see your page.

